

FIRE OF DARDANELLES FORTS SILENCED BY BIG GUNS OF THE ALLIED FLEET

BIG AUDIENCE OF WOMEN COOLLY LEAVES THEATRE AS FIRE BURNS UNDER STAGE

Smoke Fills the Auditorium as 1,200 Persons March Out.

THINK FIRE'S NEXT DOOR

Elsie Ferguson and Her Company Also Flee From Blaze.

A fire under the stage of the Lyceum Theatre drove a matinee audience of 1,200 persons to the street this afternoon and compelled Elsie Ferguson, the star, and her supporting company, who were just about to begin a performance of "Outcast," to flee to the shelter of the dressing room building, which adjoins the theatre in the rear.

The fire was extinguished in short order, but the theatre was so full of smoke the matinee performance was abandoned. A performance will be given to-night.

The show is nearing the end of its run, and the theatre was crowded with an audience 80 per cent. feminine at 2:30 o'clock. Daniel Frohman was in the house.

Just as the signal to ring up the asbestos curtain was to be given, smoke was observed puffing from under the stage. William Walters, the house manager, was notified. He found a lively blaze in the lockers used by the ushers. It was decided it would be best to empty the house.

Stepping to the front of the stage outside the curtain, Mr. Walters held up his hand for silence. The chattering ceased.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "I am sorry to inform you there is a fire in the next street back of the theatre. It is a smoky fire and we fear the house will be filled with smoke. You are requested to leave quietly and wait outside for half an hour, when the performance will be given as usual."

Only the regular exits were used. There was no disorder and the asbestos curtain kept the smoke out of the auditorium until the last of the audience was leaving. As the last persons left the orchestra, clouds of smoke came through the boxes. About 100 women formed in line in front of the box office, in readiness to get their money, should the performance be called off.

In the meantime, the house automatic alarm had brought a detachment of firemen, headed by Chief "Smoky Joe" Martin, who immediately turned in a second alarm. Then, for the first time, the throng in the street learned the fire was in the theatre.

With the aid of the house extinguishing apparatus, the blaze was quickly drowned. Police reserves from the West Forty-seventh Street Station drove the crowd besieging the box office away and off the block. When the fire was extinguished persons wanting their money for tickets were allowed to return.

The news that the Lyceum Theatre was on fire spread up and down Broadway. The report became exaggerated as it spread and immense crowds flocked to Forty-fifth Street and Broadway. Street car traffic in Broadway and Seventh Avenue was blocked and traffic was congested for nearly an hour in Longacre Square.

'520-PER-CENT' MILLER FIGURES IN DIVORCE

"Wizard of Finance" Mentioned in Suit Against Brother-in-Law.

MINEOLA, L. I., March 25.—A divorce action, which recalled William F. Miller, the former Brooklyn wizard of finance and his Franklin syndicate, was tried here to-day before Supreme Court Justice Townsend Scudder. The action was brought by Jane A. Schmidt of Rockville Centre against her husband, Charles Schmidt, a brother-in-law of Miller, who resides at 548 Monroe Street, Brooklyn.

Schmidt defended the action against him, testifying that his wife drove him from their home on Nov. 15 last, after they had quarrelled over Miller, who was staying there.

Miss Dorothy Cowler, a niece of Mrs. Schmidt, testified that on Labor Day, 1912, Schmidt had assaulted her in his home. Schmidt denied the accusation of the young woman, who is about twenty years of age, but Louis H. Miller, brother of the "520 per cent" financier, corroborated her.

William F. Miller was not a witness in the action.

STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION BILLS HALT IN ALBANY

Four Measures Reported Out Two Days Ago Are Sent Back to Committee.

ALBANY, March 25.—Four bills designed to provide State-wide prohibition, local option and other changes in liquor laws were recommended to the Executive Committee in the Assembly to-day. They were reported out two days ago.

The bills include Fish's, to provide for a State-wide referendum on the prohibition question; Howard's, to permit local option in election districts, cities or counties; Wheeler's, to restrict the shipment of intoxicants, and Talmage's, to prohibit the sale of intoxicants to persons under twenty-one years old.

Subway Shooter Held in \$2,500 Bail. Frederick Uimer, a medical student, twenty years old, who shot at Ethel O'Dell, eighteen, in the subway on the night of Feb. 8, at One Hundred and Eighty-first Street and Broadway, and then fired a shot into his abdomen, was held to-day by Magistrate Levy in the Harlem Police Court on charges of felonious assault, attempted suicide and violation of the Sullivan law. He was fixed at \$2,500. Miss O'Dell, who was in court, declined to swear to a complaint.

SAILING TO-DAY.

Panama, Cristobal..... 3 P. M. Patria, Maracillo..... 3 P. M.

The Time and the Place

These are the two great things to consider when taking any important step in the conduct of human affairs.

If you need a position or worker don't put off finding one until to-morrow.

And why look in nooks and corners, since there were printed:

13,381 World "Help Wanted" and "Situations Wanted" Ads. Last Week—

2,072 More Than ALL THE SIX OTHER New York Mornng and Sundar Newspapers COMBINED!

Read World Ads. to Find! Use World Ads. to Offer!

MAN GOES TO JAIL WHO KNEW VICTIM IN "RIPPER" CASE

Gets Six Months for Attacking Another Little Girl on East Side.

SERVED ANOTHER TERM.

No Detectives in Court When He Was Arraigned To-Day.

James Hoey, alias James Hogan, who was arrested Tuesday evening by Policeman Solomon for dragging nine-year-old Nellie Palm toward a dark part of East Thirty-second Street, was sent to Blackwell's Island for six months by Magistrate Ten Eyck in the Yorkville Court this afternoon. No detective was in court, and there was much comment by the uniformed policemen about the lack of interest displayed in the case.

Hoey is a laborer, thirty-three years old, of powerful build, with heavy features and general appearance of deficient mentality. Probationary Officer John T. Coffey reported to the Magistrate that Hoey had served six months in the penitentiary for criminal assault on a woman. He also swore that Hoey admitted to him that he is a degenerate.

The most astonishing part of Coffey's report is that Hoey had ample opportunity to become acquainted with little Leonora Cohn, the five-year-old child murdered by a degenerate last Friday evening at No. 352 Third Avenue.

When Hoey was arrested he gave his address as No. 209 East Thirty-second Street, but Coffey found that he had left there long ago and had lived during the last two weeks in a furnished room belonging to Mrs. Michael Flood, whose husband keeps a saloon at No. 79 Lexington Avenue. This is at the corner of East Twenty-sixth Street and is only a block from Leonora Cohn's home.

"Mrs. Flood told me," Coffey reported, "that she knew little Leonora Cohn very well; that the child used to play on her doorstep every day. She thought Hoey might easily have seen her there. The man was lodging with her for ten days before the murder. He was out of work and was idling about the neighborhood."

Hoey, Mrs. Flood added, is half-witted. He has been idle since last December, though before that he has worked for various construction companies. When he was arrested he had fresh scratches on his face, as well as a black eye. These injuries he explained by saying he had fallen from a barroom chair in which he was sleeping. He gave the date as March 18, though the injuries look as if they had been inflicted much later.

Hoey, according to Coffey, has been arrested five times for drunkenness and fighting.

Anna Pihodna, servant of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Spengler, who live on the first floor of No. 352 Third Avenue, where little Leonora Cohn was murdered last Friday evening, was taken to-day to the District Attorney's office to be questioned.

The maid was interviewed by Assistant District Attorney Follette. After she had spent more than half an hour under examination, Mr. Follette told a reporter for The Evening World she was greatly disappointed.

"I had heard," he said, "she was going out of the Spengler flat at the time the murder was committed and that she had seen the man who did it. But there is absolutely nothing in

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Girl in Osborne Case Held In \$5,000 on Charge of Fraud

U. S. Commissioner Criticizes Story of Clerk Who Identified Lawyer.

ROW AT THE HEARING.

Girl's Counsel Assails U. S. District Attorney and Is Scored.

Charges of perjury were made by both sides in the hearing before United States Commissioner Houghton to-day of Rae Tanager, the young factory forewoman who was arrested on a charge of using the mails in a plan to defraud James W. Osborne after she had filed suit against him for \$50,000 for breach of promise to marry. The Commissioner told the girl in \$5,000 bail to await the action of the Grand Jury and although the bondsman who put up \$5,000 cash for Miss Tanager's freedom last week withdrew, David Slade, her lawyer, said he would get another bond.

Mr. Slade, in his argument, charged that Mr. Osborne used the powers of the office of his friend, United States District Attorney Marshall, in a plot to besmirch the character of Rae Tanager, the plaintiff in a civil suit against him. Mr. Marshall, in his argument, called the identification of Mr. Osborne yesterday as the man who spent the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 18, 1911, in the Kensington Hotel at Plainfield, N. J., a "fake and a humbug." He intimated that certain persons who have been active in the case will figure in future proceedings.

"Oh, yes," shouted Lawyer Slade, "there will be future proceedings and they will carry from here to Washington and back."

LAWYER SAID INSPECTOR WAS FALSIFYING.

At the conclusion of the case the Government put on Post Office Inspector Mayhew to corroborate another Post Office Inspector who had testified that Mr. Osborne was pointed out in the courtroom to the hotel clerk who identified him. Lawyer Slade threw the proceedings into disorder by charging in open court that Mayhew was falsifying.

Mr. Slade was continually clashing with the Commissioner and the United States District Attorney. He charged that Mr. Marshall had used a "fictitious" Grand Jury to compel him to give up letters signed "Olive Osborne" which had been given him by Rose Helen Kaiser. When reproved by the Commissioner he modified his statement by saying that he did not mean any fraud had been practiced, but it did seem to him that the District Attorney had called a special session of the Grand Jury for the sole purpose of procuring from the defense evidence which might be favorable to Mr. Osborne.

The climax came when Mr. Slade and Assistant District Attorney Wood were arguing about the amount of bail that should be demanded. Slade made the flat statement that the United States District Attorney's office was persecuting Rae Tanager in the interest of James W. Osborne.

"If you say that out in the corridor," yelled Wood, shaking his fist under Slade's nose, "I'll—"

He didn't get a chance to tell what he would do, for the Commissioner shut him off. Then Commissioner Houghton said to Slade:

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MRS. KATHERINE LYALL SHAW... Shaw's "Stolen Wife," Whom, Husband Says, Darling Lured Away.

DESCRIBES TANGO FEATS OF DARLING AND "STOLEN" WIFE

Prosecutor Tells of Doings of Pair While at Gedney Farms Hotel.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 25.—Richard S. Darling, well known in the younger society set of Manhattan, who is under indictment for a felony that involves "stealing" the wife of Robert Marson Shaw, a New York banker and broker, and entertaining her at the Gedney Farm Hotel, on the outskirts of White Plains, in January, 1914, was placed on trial to-day before County Judge Platt and a jury.

The court room was crowded with spectators, many of them women. Darling, who came in dressed in a natty blue suit and carrying a cane, was represented by former District Attorney George C. Andrews and Richard N. Norris, while Assistant District Attorney William J. Fallon looked after the prosecution.

The District Attorney was unable to subpoena J. E. Sherrard, who was manager of the hotel when Darling and Mrs. Shaw stayed there, as he is in Cuba, and his son was subpoenaed to prove that Darling paid Mrs. Shaw's hotel expenses.

Mrs. Shaw did not appear at the trial, as it was said she was indisposed. Mr. Shaw was on hand, however, to prosecute Darling for running away with his wife.

Late in the day Mr. Andrews and

he would prove that Shaw was cruel to his wife, and that she left him of her own account.

Jerome Kennedy, for the defense, said he met Darling, Joseph Watson and Mrs. Shaw at the Robin Hood Inn at Larchmont on Dec. 31, 1914, at 11:30 P. M., and that they remained there until 1:30 o'clock in the morning.

Kennedy said Mrs. Shaw had sent the following telegram to her mother that night:

"Dear Mother: I am in the country with friends. I have left Bob for good. Don't worry."

The witness also said:

"Mrs. Shaw told me that her husband told her he did not care with whom she went around, so long as she had money, and that Darling looked like a live one. She also said that her husband told her she had been traveling around with 'cheap skates,' and he thought Darling was a live one."

Shaw, who sat within six feet of Darling, glared at the defendant when this testimony was given.

It took but ten minutes to select the jury. Assistant District Attorney Fallon, in his opening, said that he would prove that Darling had frequently telephoned to Mrs. Shaw at her home in Morristown and on Dec. 31, enticed her to New York. Subsequently, he said, he took her to the Gedney Farm Hotel, where they stayed until Jan. 6, 1914.

He said Darling and Mrs. Shaw tangoed until midnight in the hotel. Two highballs were served to them.

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River Steamer Wrecked on Hook. GALLUPOLDS, O., March 25.—The Pittsburgh and Cincinnati packet steamer City of Parkersburg struck a rock near Racoon Island to-day and was badly damaged. Her passengers were taken off safely and the vessel in a sinking condition, was towed to shore.

IMPORTED LA CAROLINA Cheroots, 10c. Equal to the best Havana cigar.—Advt.

WARSHIPS FORCE WAY THROUGH THE NARROWS PAST TURKISH FORTS

Two British Destroyers Under Heavy Fire While Sweepers Remove 20 Floating Mines Like Those That Blew Up Three Battleships.

GERMANS BURN A TOWN IN NEW WAR WITH TORCH

LONDON, March 25.—The Anglo-French fleet has again entered the Dardanelles and has opened a violent bombardment of the Turkish forts near the narrows, according to a despatch from the Island of Tenedos this afternoon.

Several forts stationed near Kilit Bahr replied feebly as the warships steamed into action, but soon ceased their fire. The bombardment was continuing when the last word was brought to Tenedos.

CRUISER KARLSRUHE WRECKED UPON REEF

American Seaman Says Crew Who Escaped to Bremerhaven Confirmed Tale of Loss.

James Boyd, second mate on the American steamer Carib when it was sunk by a mine in the North Sea, returned to-day from Rotterdam on the Holland-America steamer Rotterdam.

Boyd brings verification of the loss of the German raider Karlsruhe, reported as having gone on a reef in the South Atlantic two months ago.

"I met a number of the former crew of the Karlsruhe while I was in Bremerhaven," said the sailor. "They told me that the raider had been lost on a reef, but that all hands had been saved and were successful in getting nearly all of their stuff off and on to a prize steamer they had captured."

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