

ment. That condition has changed. The defendant will be admitted to bail in \$50,000.

PETERS' REVOLVER TRACED TO SAVANNAH. The revolver which Walter S. Ward turned over to Sheriff Werner of Westchester County as the weapon with which he says Clarence Peters shot him, thereby justifying himself in killing the boy, was shipped out of the Smith and Wesson factory Sept. 21, 1908. The Evening World learned to-day that it was consigned to J. W. Weed & Co., hardware dealers of Savannah. The number of the revolver is 274,678.

The Marine training base at Paris Island, S. C., where young Peters went late in April as a tentative recruit, is but thirty miles from Savannah; marines on liberty make for Savannah for their fun. Friends of the son of the millionaire baker, who say he killed Peters when his own life was threatened, will contend that this tracing of the weapon given to the Sheriff by Ward tends to confirm the truthfulness of his story.

More and more indications have been encountered to support the rumor that young Ward was not doing his own reputation but that of another man to whom he was under heavy obligations and who trusted in his nerve and intelligence. The man named as the actual object of the blackmail threats was given to secretive diversions on Broadway long before the days of Prohibition. He frequented Billy Gallagher's at Broadway and Seventh Avenue and Joe Callahan's after Callahan ceased being head waiter for Gallagher and went into business for himself. He was a "wise buyer" and he never added up his checks before paying them. He was particularly cheerful in accepting opportunities to entertain new acquaintances who would introduce him to their women friends.

HIS VISITS CEASED WHEN IDENTITY BECAME KNOWN. He had frequented Gallagher's for years before his identity as a man of wealth had become known. He never came to the place in his own car; he always called for a chauffeur who had a big Packard car on livery in Times Square. This man drove him to an uptown subway station and his own car met him at another station on a telephoned order. His visits to the Broadway spending parlors slackened and ceased after his identity was known, but he still kept up acquaintance with some of the persons he met in them.

There is not the slightest ground, investigators find for believing that Walter Ward had any such acquaintances as were to be found in all-night drinking resorts or had any liking for that sort of society. But with the high regard and obligation existing between the athletic Police Commissioner of New Rochelle and the man who was preyed upon by blackmailers it was entirely natural that the victim should turn to Walter Ward to help him out of his trouble. Last night was Ward's second in jail. He spent most of yesterday and part of the night in the Sheriff's office. While he is supposed to have a cell in the work house, Harry Thaw was once a prisoner, there was a rumor he might have occupied a private room next to Warden Hill's. Reporters thought they could see him in the room when the wind blew aside a curtain occasionally. It will not be necessary for Ward to attend the Newburgh hearing to-day, and it is understood he will not be taken there.

A "clue" of a playing card found in the road near Ward's home by an enterprising amateur investigator came to nothing to-day when it was found that the pack of playing cards found in the coat of Peters had the full number of fifty-two cards when taken from his pocket. The discovery of fragments of glass of the thickness of automobile window glass near Ward's garage was held to be of importance only when it can be established how long they have been there. Ward's attorneys say the shot fired at him by Peters shattered a window of his car. No broken glass was found at the scene of the shooting. The windows of Ward's car were unbroken when he gave himself up as the killer of Peters. No statement has been made as to where or when a new window was put in. The Westchester authorities say they have heard nothing of the lawyers and private detectives supposed to have been engaged to represent the Peters family. Michael J. Sullivan of Salem, Mass., retained William J. Fallon, a lawyer of No. 152 West 42d Street, to look after the local legal end. Mr. Fallon engaged a private detective agency for investigating work. Mr. Sullivan, after looking over the ground, returned home leaving James J. Ronan, his partner, at the Waldorf to represent him. LAWYER FOR PETER'S FAMILY HAS HIS SAY. Mr. Sullivan, of the Salem, Mass., lawyer, said he had been asked by the slain man's father to take up the case. The father's half-brother was the late Scott Peters, well known Bay State lawyer. As Mr. Sullivan explained: "Sometimes we do things which we feel it right to do, without consideration of money—down there in Massachusetts."

Asked if this altruism as to fee would extend to Mr. Fallon, he replied: "A satisfactory arrangement has been made."

"Why haven't your newspaper men found this Charlie Ross and 'Jack' who are so much mentioned in the case?" he asked. "Are you sure they have ever existed?" was inquired. "For a while I did doubt it," he said deliberately, "but now I am inclined to think that a Ross does exist."

"Was he involved in the killing?" "I would not say so," replied Mr. Sullivan. Asked concerning the character of young Peters, Mr. Sullivan said that he knew nothing about it except what the father had told him. "But I would say he was not vicious," he said slowly and reflectively. "Not vicious," he repeated. Later, in the law office of William J. Fallon, at No. 152 West 42d Street,

# World's Champion Landlord Who Insists On Children in His Jersey City Apartments



John Swanson and Some of the Kiddies for Whom He Provided a Baby Carriage Garage.

a reporter found Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Ronan and Mr. Fallon in conference. He laid before them the rumor that they had been engaged by the Ward family. Mr. Fallon rose with a shout of indignation. He would like to meet the man who thought that one out, no mid.

RECORD OF PETERS FURNISHED TO POLICE. The police of Haverhill, Mass., have furnished the following record of Clarence Peters in contrast to the statement of Eldridge Peters, the father, that the boy was not one who would associate with blackmailers or other criminals:

Oct. 26, 1918, arrested for stealing a bicycle and put on juvenile probation. Nov. 5, 1918, arrested for rifling Red Cross donation boxes and sent to the Shirley School for Minors. May 22, 1919, four days after being paroled from Shirley School, arrested in Haverhill for stealing two letters, one containing a check, and returned to Shirley School. May 20, 1920, after being paroled the second time, sent back to the institution for stealing; paroled a third time. June 8, 1921, sent back again for stealing. Jan. 23, 1921, arrested for the theft of an automobile, sentenced to thirty days in the House of Correction. Released on bail pending appeal. Nov. 21, 1921, arrested for the theft of an automobile and sentenced to the reformatory.

Peters, according to the Navy Department, was dishonorably discharged from the navy for stealing. This barred his enlistment in the Marine Corps from being accepted at Paris Island.

ACCUSED OF BIGAMY, CHINAMAN TRIES TWICE TO KILL SELF. Arrested because his father-in-law accused him of bigamy, Harry Chung, thirty-five, a Chinaman of Grantwood, N. J., twice attempted to commit suicide. The first time his young wife, Eva Lem Chung, knocked a bottle of iodine from his grasp. Later a warden in the Hackensack Jail took away a fountain pen he was attempting to drive into his temple, using a shoe as a hammer.

Chung, an engineer employed by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, was married Nov. 7, 1920, to Eva Lem, daughter of a wealthy restaurant supply merchant. Recently she heard tales of another wife with two children in China. He explained that, according to Chinese custom, the other woman had been picked as a bride for him, but he had never lived with her. The children, he declared, were adopted orphans.

Mrs. Chung returned to her father's home. Chung followed yesterday and while trying to induce her to return, the father-in-law called the police. Chung went to the bathroom and had a bottle of iodine to his lips when his wife thwarted the suicide attempt. Late last night he made the second futile attempt. He is held under \$5,000 bail.

FOUR BIG QUAKES CLOSE TO ROME. Violent Tremors Bring Terror in Vicinity of Terni. ROME, May 27 (Associated Press).—Four violent earthquakes occurred to-day in the vicinity of Terni, about fifty miles north of Rome, causing terror to the population over an area of several miles.

No reports of damage had been received here this afternoon.

SHAY OF NEW YORK HEADS STAGE EMPLOYEES. CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 27.—Charles C. Shay of New York, was elected President of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators to-day.

## Installs a Garage for Perambulators and Appoints Custodian to See That Each Infant Gets Its Own Carriage.

John Swanson was born in Ireland of Swedish parents and made his pile as a ship builder in the United States. Recently he purchased the six-story apartment house in which he lives at Van Vorst and York Streets, Jersey City. There are thirty-five families in the three and four-room apartments in the house and more than one hundred children. The first act of Mr. Swanson after becoming landlord was to tell every family in the building their rent would not be more than \$35 a month. Then he said that only families with children could stay and only those with children need apply. He has children of his own and he likes all children. He wishes to encourage them.

## FOUR MAYORS RULE TOWN IN ONE NIGHT

Record in Political Manoeuvring Set by Ohio Municipality. CONNEAUT, O., May 27 (Copyright).—A world's record for political manoeuvring is believed to have been established here last night. Three men held the office of Mayor within ten minutes. One was Mayor twice, while three were at various times Mayor, Council President, President pro tem, and Councilman-at-Large. The Ohio Supreme Court held that officials of municipalities of more than 2,000 population who were nominated by petition on an independent ticket held their offices illegally. A special session of the council was called. The President pro tem, S. R. Findlay, resigned. Then Mayor Braes quit. This automatically made Councilman Kaufman Mayor. Councilman Kaufman was named to succeed Findlay. Then former Mayor Braes was named to succeed Kaufman. O'Connor resigned and Kaufman became Mayor. The game proceeded until finally all the officials had been manipulated back into their former posts. But before this could be accomplished it was necessary that Braes be Mayor twice.

## WILSON SEES SIGNS OF REVIVING IDEALS, WIRES WOMEN HERE

Thanks Democratic Union for Affirming Belief in His Principles. The Democratic Union of Women of Manhattan, which yesterday sent a telegram to Woodrow Wilson affirming its belief in his ideals, is to-day in receipt of the following telegram from the former President: "Your message on behalf of the Democratic Union of Women of Manhattan is deeply appreciated, particularly as one of the many signs of the reviving idealism of the country. Please extend my warm thanks to all those who participated. (Signed) Woodrow Wilson." The telegram sent to Mr. Wilson yesterday by the women follows: "The Democratic Union of Women of Manhattan wishes to affirm its belief in the abiding inspiration of the Democratic principles as enunciated by you for our country and for the world."

## READING 1920 LOSSES FOR SIX MONTHS \$9,506,060

Government Has Paid All of It but \$1,456,060. WASHINGTON, May 27.—Total payment which the Government is obligated to make to the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad on account of losses sustained by it during six months in 1920, after Government control, was set at \$9,506,060 to-day in a final accounting approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Advance and partial payments have been made and a Treasury remittance of \$1,456,060 would close the account.

## REACH AGREEMENT ON MUSCLE SHOALS

House Development Plan Follows Terms Offered by Ford. WASHINGTON, May 27 (Associated Press).—A proposal for development of the Government's nitrate and power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was finally agreed upon to-day by the House Military Committee after more than three months' continuous investigation and study of the offers made by Henry Ford, the Alabama Power Company, Frederick Engstrom and Charles L. Parsons. While the proposal was held in strictest confidence by the committee with regard to its various provisions relating to development of the projects, it was learned that the Gorgas, Ala., steam plant, was eliminated from the property to be disposed of with Muscle Shoals. The committee plan in other respects follows closely to the terms offered by Henry Ford.

## MANUAL TRAINING HIGH BEATS ERASMUS HALL

Teams Tied for School Championship Play Off Thursday. Manual High won from Erasmus Hall to-day in eleven innings at the Parkville Oval by two to one. Each team has now won eight games and lost one for the high school championship of Brooklyn. Each has won a game from the other. The decisive game will be played Thursday at the Parkville Oval. In to-day's game Weber and Marks were the battery for Manual Training. Erasmus used Bishop and Maxwell in the box and Chipurnol and Tweedy behind the bat. Goldman's home run was the only tally scored by Erasmus. A single by Fusco with one on base brought in Manuel's first and a triple by Nicollino in the eleventh with Steve on base scored the winning run. Manual had ten hits and four errors. Erasmus four hits and two errors.

## TWO-GUN THUG NEARLY SMOTHERS MEN IN CLOSET

Holds Up Four While Confederates Steal \$5,000 Worth of Furs.

While one thug, armed with two revolvers, held four men prisoner in a closet so small that one of them almost suffocated, two other robbers this morning at 8.30 stole \$5,000 worth of fur skins from the establishment of Rubin Fessler, No. 984 Westchester Avenue, the Bronx. The thieves, who doubtless took advantage of the fact that the trains of the Bronx Park subway were rumbling overhead and thus drowned any disorder they might make, got away with their plunder. Fessler was arranging his window display for the day when the first of the thugs entered the shop. He wanted skins. As Fessler opened the safe where the expensive skins were kept he felt two points dig him in the back and heard the "customer" say: "Don't turn around. Keep on walking, if you know what's good for you!" In the back room of the shop were Abraham Bernicker, Joseph Freedman and Jacob Fessler, cousin of the proprietor, all busy on fur garments. They had no idea what was going on in the front part of the store. For the fraction of a minute Fessler did look back at the man who had given him the peremptory command, and the thug at once poked the two revolvers against his body with a reiteration of the order. "Go on into the back room, and be quick about it."

Fessler obeyed and as soon as he entered the room the robber commanded the three men there to put up their hands. Then he drove them into a closet which would have been crowded with two people, but he forced the four into it. As they went in he saw a watch and chain hanging from Bernicker's waistcoat, and instantly appropriated it. With that, he jammed the closet door shut, telling the prisoners that he would shoot if one of them tried to get out. After that there was the noise of feet in the shop and enough was heard to indicate that two men had come in and were clearing out the safe. The men in the closet waited until all noise in the shop had ceased and then ventured out. By this time Freedman had almost collapsed, for there was no air in the closet. He was helped out and an alarm sent to the police.

## SAYS ONLY U. S. AID CAN CURE EUROPE

World Cannot Recover if We Remain Aloof, Ship Magnate Asserts. The nations of Europe need a good spanking and the United States should administer it, in the judgment of Alva Bradley, of Buffalo, Great Lakes shipping magnate and director in many corporations, who returned to-day on the France from a four months tour of the continent. This country, he said, will have to mix in European affairs. "France, Italy, Great Britain and Belgium," said Mr. Bradley, "are acting like a gang of sulky schoolboys. Only one influence can set them right and that is the influence of the United States."

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Attorney General Declares He Didn't Deny Connection With Morse. WASHINGTON, May 27.—Denial by Attorney General Daugherty, in a letter read to the Senate, that he told Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, he had no connection with the procuring of a pardon for Charles W. Morse, was the latest development to-day in connection with the exchanges that have ensued. Expressing regret that Senator Watson evidently had misunderstood him, the Attorney General said he had "no disposition to deny" his connection with the case. He added that for his services he "never received anything from Mr. Morse personally" and that a total of "about \$4,000" received from Thomas B. Felder "was about half enough to pay my necessary expenses and disbursements."

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Special Vintages Served to Party Touring France.

BORDEAUX, May 27. The party of American bankers who are touring France were entertained at luncheon by the Winegrowers' Syndicate of Saint-Emilion and Pomerol. The wine list comprised twenty-six wines of special vintages. The bankers were given a dinner here last evening at the Hotel De Ville, where they were guests of the city and of the Chamber of Commerce.

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## WHISKEY SCHOONER FREED AFTER ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ASSOCIATE GETS BUSY

Relating to the assertion on the floor of the Senate by Senator Watson of Georgia that Thomas B. Felder, associated with Attorney General Daugherty in obtaining the release of Charles W. Morse from Atlanta Penitentiary, used his influence with the Attorney General in securing the release of a British schooner seized in this port on a charge of smuggling whiskey, John Holley Clark, assistant United States District Attorney in charge of Prohibition matters issued a statement to-day. He stated that the schooner, the J. B. Young, was disabled by a storm outside this harbor on Nov. 1, 1921 and was abandoned by her captain. She was towed into New York Bay and 200 cases of whiskey were found on board. Before Felder was retained by the owners the British Consul General demanded the release of the vessel, inasmuch as her papers showed she was bound for Nassau and she came into port disabled. Eventually, according to Mr. Clark, the State Department ordered the release of the vessel, the Consul General supplied a commander, and she proceeded to Nassau. The Attorney General had also ordered the release of the vessel in bond, but the order of the State Department superseded his ruling. Felder, Mr. Clark said, actively interested himself in the case and made one trip to Washington in connection with it.

## 35 SHOTS FIRED IN 3-MILE CHASE OF STOLEN TAXI

Alderman's Son One of Two Men Caught in Crash—Three Escape.

Residents along three miles of Brooklyn streets were aroused at 1 A. M. to-day by thirty-five shots fired by policemen in three automobiles chasing a stolen taxicab containing five alleged hold-up men, one of the latter said to be the son of a Brooklyn Alderman. Three of the fugitives escaped by jumping along the route of flight, and the other two were caught after they had wrecked the taxi against a billboard in trying to turn a corner. One prisoner, Joseph P. Larney, twenty, a printer, living at No. 446 Lincoln Avenue, is the son of Alderman Patrick H. Larney of No. 253 High Street, Brooklyn, representing the 33d District. The other man at first gave the name of Fred Ward, but according to the police admitted later he was William O'Connor, twenty-four, No. 50 Vanderbilt Avenue. The police say he was recently released from Elmira.

Thomas Perso of No. 481 Gates Avenue was in his taxicab at Myrtle Avenue and Skillman Street at 1 A. M. when five men got in and ordered him to drive to a store in Skillman Street, near Park Avenue. They remained in the store a few minutes, came out and ordered him to drive along Myrtle Avenue. Suddenly they ordered him to get out, and when he hesitated attacked him with their fists, he says. One took \$4 from him. They threw him out and drove rapidly up Myrtle Avenue. Perso ran to Policeman James Sterrett of Myrtle Street Station at Myrtle and Bedford Avenues, and Sterrett commanded a passing automobile and gave chase. He fired ten shots without causing the taxi to slow up, but saw three of the men jump out and run. At Myrtle Avenue and Broadway Police Sgt. William Schaefer of Myrtle Avenue Station, who was in a department car, saw the two machines flash past and followed. When he got abreast of Sterrett's car and was told what was up, he joined the chase and fired five shots.

At Myrtle and Bushwick Avenues, Ridgewood, Detectives Leonard Woods and James Dalm, in a department car, joined the procession and each fired ten shots. At Myrtle and Greene Avenues the driver of the taxi tried to turn but was going so fast the car climbed the curb and smashed against a billboard. An examination of the taxicab showed the back filled with bullet holes and it is believed one or more of the three who escaped may have been wounded. The two arrested were charged with assault and robbery and operating an automobile without a license. The store entered by the five men is a grocery store kept by Mrs. James Musto. She said that the men drove in a motor car and that her son James started to give them a battle and that she screamed at which they ran out. To-day the men were held by Magistrate Dale in the Williamsburg Plaza Police Court until next Friday. Larney was released in \$5,000 bail, but bail was refused O'Connor on account of his previous criminal record.

Alderman Larney attributes the trouble of his son to bad luck, to which he says his son is not addicted, but in company with some of his friends last night found a "place" where, after two or three drinks, he lost his memory. The Alderman is the father of eleven children and had fourteen, three having died. He says that Joe has always been a home-loving and church-going boy, that he married, used his influence with the Attorney General in securing the release of a British schooner seized in this port on a charge of smuggling whiskey, John Holley Clark, assistant United States District Attorney in charge of Prohibition matters issued a statement to-day.

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