

HEAT GOES AFTER 7 DIE

Lightning Damages Property as Storm Cools Panting City.

After the heat had killed seven persons and prostrated thirty-six in greater New York yesterday a cooling thunderstorm blew up suddenly from the southwest in the afternoon, bringing rain and much relief from the terrific heat and humidity that prevailed up to 3:45 p. m.

The storm was perhaps the most effective as a heat reducer the city has had this summer, and although the lightning struck about frequently little damage was reported. A remarkable feature of the storm was the fact that it reduced the temperature 7 degrees in twenty minutes.

The entire Upper Bay was thrown into darkness as the thunder clouds rolled over the city. Steamers at anchor tugged at their chains and tossed about as if a fleet of fast Sandy Hook boats had sped down the bay, throwing up a succession of heavy combers. Several schooners and square riggers outboard shortened sail off the Hook until the squall abated.

Battery Park was full of gasping heat sufferers ten minutes before the storm came up, and within five minutes the benches and lawns were deserted. Paper bags and debris blew across the park and turned Whitehall street into a temporary dump heap.

James S. Clarkson, Surveyor of the Port, who was out looking for steamboat violations in the Treasury Department's boat Timmins, was off Sandy Hook when the storm caught him. He ordered the pilot to put out in the direction of several small sailboats and launches, believing that they might not possibly weather the squall.

The storm passed over Manhattan without incident, but before going over the Sound into Connecticut the lightning split the historic flagpole at Flushing and Tompkins avenues, Williamsburg, sending splinters in all directions. The oldest man in Williamsburg and some of those who were not far behind him in years almost shed tears when they found the pole was rent. It was said by the oldest man that the pole was planted when Williamsburg was a wheat hill.

A bolt of lightning struck the home of Frank Jewel, of Southold, Long Island, shattering the garage into splinters. The bolt ran down through the house into the kitchen, where Mrs. Jewel was preparing a meal, and striking a bucket of water, absorbed its contents in an instant. Mrs. Jewel was not injured by the lightning, but the shock caused by the sudden evaporation of the water unnered her, and a physician was summoned to treat her.

The storm left a slight remembrance in Ossining, the lightning tearing a big hole in the barn of Charles G. Washburn. A bolt also struck a wagon with four horses driven by an Italian. Three horses were killed and the fourth horse and the driver were stunned.

The highest temperature yesterday was 89 degrees at 1 p. m.; the lowest 74, at 8 p. m. The highest percentage of humidity was 91, at 8 p. m.; the lowest 84, at 8 a. m. Fair weather, with south to southwest winds, is predicted for to-day.

DEATHS. DONLON, John, seventy-seven years old, of No. 82 South 2d street, Brooklyn, died at Berry and North Kent street, Brooklyn, at his home. DELANO, Giovanni, fifteen months old, of No. 126 30th st., Brooklyn, died at his home. KILPATRICK, James, three years old, of No. 88 Grand avenue, Long Island City, died of the heat at his home. FAY, Matilda, forty-four years old, of No. 282 Conderk avenue, Brooklyn, died at No. 22 Gerry street, Brooklyn. URSER, Benjamin, fifty years old, living at No. 117 West 134th street, Manhattan, died at his home. WALKER, Edward, three months old, of No. 74 West 134th street, Brooklyn, died at his home. WALSH, Thomas, forty years old, address unknown, died on a large in Newtown Creek, Long Island City.

PROSTRATIONS. ABERN, Alice, fifty years old, of No. 226 East 88th street, was overcome at her home; taken to Presbyterian Hospital by Dr. Evans. BERENFELDER, Peter, thirty-seven years old, of No. 243 East 4th street, was overcome at Second avenue and taken to Bellevue Hospital. BOLENDER, thirty-nine years old, of No. 329 East 22d street, was overcome at Third avenue and 16th street; taken to Bellevue Hospital. CHILL, Frederick, forty years old, of No. 501 East 47th street, was overcome at 23d street and Third avenue; taken to Bellevue Hospital. DEMPSEY, Helen, twenty-six years old, of No. 261 24th street, was overcome on the elevated station at Fulton street and Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, and removed to the Brooklyn Hospital. DOTLE, Edward, fifty years old, no home, overcome at 82d street and First avenue, taken to Bellevue Hospital. DUMPREY, Margaret, twenty-six years old, of No. 48 E. 12th street, was overcome at the Cumberland Street Hospital, and removed to the Eastern District Hospital. ELKOVITCH, Andrew, forty years old, of No. 85 Conderk street, was overcome at No. 148 Allen street, taken to Gouverneur Hospital. FOX, William, thirty-one years old, of No. 88 Grand street, Brooklyn, was overcome at 11th avenue and 11th street, taken to the Eastern District Hospital. GLETSKY, Mary, twenty-nine years old, of No. 259 Avenue B, taken from her home to Bellevue Hospital. GOLDSTEIN, Jacob, nineteen years old, of No. 63 Street street, was overcome at Vinograd's Hospital from Bleeker street and West Broadway. HASTINGS, John, twenty-one years old, of No. 118 11th street and Ruff avenue, Coney Island, was overcome and removed to the Coney Island Recepton Hospital. HERMANN, Louis, fifty years old, of Tenth avenue and 17th street, was overcome at East 11th street; taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. HARRIS, Morris, thirty years old, of No. 77 Eldridge street, was overcome at No. 25 West 27th street; removed to Roosevelt Hospital. KOLLER, Charles, sixty-two years old, of No. 335 East 1st street, taken to Roosevelt Hospital. KRISTOJK, John, forty-seven years old, of No. 333 East 26th street, overcome in front of his home, removed to Bellevue Hospital. KENNY, Bernard, thirty-five years old, of Maple avenue, Morrisania, N. Y., overcome at No. 4 East 23d street; taken to New York Hospital. KELLY, Kate, twenty-four years old, of No. 211 West 82d street, overcome at No. 85 University Place; attended and sent home. LIBORIO, Livio, twenty years old, of No. 136 Cherry street, overcome at his home, taken to Gouverneur Hospital. LACEY, Stella, eighteen years old, of No. 964 Amsterdam avenue, fell unconscious at 110th street and 6th ave., West, taken to J. Wood Wright Hospital. LEONETTA, Max, eighteen years old, of No. 291 Fulton street, Brooklyn, overcome at Cropsy avenue and Bay 22d street, Bath Beach; removed to the Coney Island Recepton Hospital. LAFFERTY, Michael, forty-two years old, overcome at 116th street and Third avenue, removed to the Harlem Hospital. MALONE, Andrew, thirty-two years old, of No. 145 West 11th street, overcome at East 51st street station, when taken to Bellevue Hospital as a prisoner; taken to the Flower Hospital. MCCULL, Philip, forty-five years old, of No. 133 2d street, Brooklyn, overcome at his home and removed to the Cumberland Street Hospital. METCOE, Lena, forty-six years old, of No. 239 Cherry street, overcome by the heat at her home; taken to Gouverneur Hospital. MARENS, Emil, thirty-seven years old, of No. 656 East 154th street, overcome by heat at 149th street and Broadway; taken to Washington Heights Hospital. NORSE, Joseph, seventeen years old, No. 450 West 8th street, overcome at No. 129 Centre street; taken to the Hudson Street Hospital. PAUL, Maurice, eighteen years old, of No. 27 Waverly avenue, Rockaway, overcome near the 11th Adams street police station and removed to the Brooklyn Hospital. ENIGER, Frank, thirty years old, of No. 107 West 40th street, from 6th street and Central Park West; taken to Bellevue Hospital. SULLIVAN, John, thirty years old, no home, in front of No. 152 East 88th street, taken to Presbyterian Hospital. STEVENS, Patrick, thirty years old, No. 315 East 52d street, overcome at home; Bellevue Hospital. SCHNEIDER, Isaac, thirty-four years old, of No. 104 East 11th street, overcome at 46th street and 10th street; taken to Bellevue Hospital. WILKINSON, Helen, forty-five years old, of No. 616 Pike street, overcome at home; Bellevue Hospital. SULLIVAN, Mary, twenty years old, of No. 225 East 123d street, overcome at her home; taken to Harlem Hospital. Unidentified man, about forty-five years old, overcome at crossing of 24th street and Fifth avenue, to St. Vincent's Hospital.

SEVERE STORMS UPDATE.

Jamestown, N. Y., Aug. 5.—A terrific wind, rain and electrical storm passed over the Chautauque Lake region last night. A gasoline launch in which a dozen young men and women were sailing was driven ashore, and while all the members of the party were rescued, there was no shelter and they were obliged to walk to Bemus Point, four miles, through the storm, several of the women complaining on their arrival at the hotel. More than a dozen trees were blown across the Erie Railroad, and a passenger train was derailed by one of them, but no one was injured. Several

buildings along the lake were struck by lightning and burned.

Interlaken, N. Y., Aug. 5.—A terrific electric storm visited this section last evening. It was accompanied by a high wind, reaching a gale, which levelled corn, oats, barley and other standing grain in the fields, and blew down a great quantity of apples, pears and peaches, doing a large amount of damage. The temperature during the day was above 90 in the shade, and the humidity very high.

CONNECTICUT HIT BY HARD STORM.

Series of Thunder Showers Keeps Towns in Northern Part of State Busy.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Hartford, Conn., Aug. 5.—Not even the oldest residents can recall such a long continued terrifying and destructive series of thunder storms as has smitten Northern Connecticut for the last twenty hours, beginning at midnight. The fire department has been busy on the number of extinguishing small blazes. The steeple of the Immaculate Conception Church was struck twice, and all around this section dwellings, business buildings and trees have been.

Williamant, Windsor Locks, New Britain, Putnam, Jewett City and other cities have suffered severely, but the number of people were shocked none was killed. Rockville has been cut off from communication most of the day. There have been ten distinct showers, each seemingly harder than the previous one.

TROY WOMAN KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Troy, N. Y., Aug. 5.—During a severe electric storm this afternoon Mrs. Thomas McCabe, of Green Island, was killed by a lightning bolt which entered the house. Her body was found on the kitchen floor by her husband on his return home.

LIGHTNING STRIKES GAS HOLDER.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 6.—Lightning this afternoon struck a gas holder of the Springfield Gas-light Company, containing 240,000 cubic feet of gas. The holder exploded, and in the fire that followed the building containing it was consumed. Debris from the holder smashed in the roof of the boiler house. One man was injured.

SWEETHEARTS WED AFTER 40 YEARS.

Meet by Accident on Hudson River Steamboat—Each Had Married in Mean Time.

Kingston, N. Y., Aug. 5.—The marriage in this city on Monday night of George Faulkner, sixty-two years old, and Mrs. Sarah E. Seymour, sixty-one years old, both of Schuyler, Neb., it was learned to-day was the culmination of a romance begun in Ulster County, more than forty years ago. Faulkner was a native of Kingston and Mrs. Seymour was a native of Saugerties, twelve miles from Kingston. They became engaged in their youth, but a quarrel separated them and each married some one else.

The wife of Mr. Faulkner and the husband of Mrs. Seymour both died within three years, and the survivors moved to different parts of the United States. Recently each moved to Schuyler, Neb., and last week came East, by different routes. They met on a Hudson River steamer as she was landing at Kingston Point on Monday, and after a brief talk at Kingston Point, procured a marriage license at Kingston City Clerk's office and were married by the Rev. Wilbur F. Stowe, Mrs. Faulkner's first husband was a cousin of Governor Horatio Seymour.

MYSTERY FOR CHICAGO POLICE.

Fragments of Boy's Body Found in River Point to Brutal Murder.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—A murder mystery which promises to be one of the most baffling with which the police have had to deal in some time was brought to notice to-day by the discovery of the dismembered body of a boy in what is known as "Mud Lake," a part of the Chicago River, near the stock yards.

The finding of the legs, severed at the hips and at the knees, this morning was followed this afternoon by the discovery of the decapitated and armless torso, which had drifted some distance. The legs were wrapped in a newspaper and part of a shirt bearing the initials "C. W." and at first were supposed to be those of a young woman. Examination of the torso disclosed that the heart had been cut almost in two. Another discovery which may have some bearing on the case was a battered suitcase which was found near the place where the body was discovered. The suitcase contained only a boy's cap and a pair of suspenders.

TAMMANY HAD NO LIFE PRESERVERS.

Not Mr. Murphy's Organization, but a City Official's Motor Boat.

The motor boat Tammany, with James J. Hagan, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, on board, was stopped by the Narrows yesterday afternoon and searched by Surveyor Clarkson and Deputy Surveyor Conroy, who were looking for violations of the marine laws.

Surveyor Clarkson said he found that the Tammany had neither life preservers nor bells, and that her occupants were ignorant of the laws affecting motor craft and steamers. Upon Hagan's promise to obtain the necessary articles of equipment and to look into the law the Tammany was allowed to proceed.

Deputy Surveyor Conroy reported to his chief yesterday that 256 craft had been inspected so far this season and that 156 violations of the law had been found.

DINNER FOR CHARLES H. MURRAY.

Half a hundred of the former associates of Charles H. Murray, who has resigned as private secretary to Controller Metz, to re-engage in newspaper work, gave him a dinner last night in the East Room of the Waldorf-Astoria. Mr. Murray sails for London in a few days to confer with Lord Northcliffe before taking up the duties of editor in chief of the Paris edition of "The London Mail." He gave up his \$3,000 place with the Controller to accept \$2,000 for his editorial work.

The closest approach to a speech came when Controller Metz, on behalf of the men in his department, presented to Mr. Murray a handsome silver loving cup. The address of presentation was brief, but in the course of his remarks the Controller paid a warm personal tribute to his former secretary.

In responding, Mr. Murray thanked his former chief and all his former fellow workers in the Finance Department.

Some of the other diners were called upon to speak, and they added their voices to the general congratulation of the young editor.

Among those who were present were Patrick F. Keenan, Jeremiah T. Mahoney, Thomas M. Mulry, George W. J. Angell, James Bartol, Rudolph Block, Samuel Brock, Mortimer J. Brown, John F. Gouldsbury, Paul Frout, Charles Harvey, John J. Hobbs, Joseph Johnson, Joseph P. Kenny, Louis La La, John Leary, Paul Looser, George A. Logan, John H. McCooey, Duncan MacIntines, Robert M. McIntyre, Daniel Moynahan, C. M. Patterson, N. Taylor Phillips, Daniel C. Potter, Frank J. Prial, Patrick B. Quinn, Wilfred H. Roberts, Edgar W. Schif, Frank H. Sigerson, Robert L. Smith, Frank W. Smith, Oliver E. Stanton, Henry J. Frank W. Seldon, Timmerman, Louis J. Waldman, John H. Waldman and Chandler Withington.

TAKE GAS JETS FROM EBERHARD'S CELL.

Hackensack, Aug. 5.—Sheriff Tribune to-day had the gas fixtures taken out of the room in the Hackensack jail, occupied by Gus Eberhard, who is awaiting trial on a charge of slaying his aunt, Mrs. Ottile Eberhard. The prisoner had said that if the grand jury indicted him for murder he would commit suicide. Eberhard is guarded night and day.

EXCITING CHASE FOR YACHT PIRATES.

A gang of river pirates who have robbed a dozen yachts along the Kill from Kull and New York and Newark bays, were chased in a rowboat early yesterday morning by Detective Sergeant E. M. Griffin, of Bayonne. He followed them along the Kill to Buckhead Island, near Elizabeth, where they had headquarters. A number of shots were exchanged, but the gang got away. Several articles stolen from yachts were recovered on the island by Griffin.

DENHAM CAST OUT

Official Board of His Church Finally Expels Him.

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Q. Denham no longer has even the official confidence of the First Church of the Disciples of Christ, in West 64th street. The confidence of his friends survived his arrest and arraignment in a police court on a charge involving Florida. He managed to arrange for a flight to his home in New York, and he even survived the tales of his relations with Emma K. Hall.

But when the joint board of the church, consisting of the elders, deacons and trustees, saw the report of the detectives who have followed him and Mrs. Hall, and even saw photographs of the pair together, they had to decide last night that Mr. Denham was not to be connected in any way with his church, and that the congregation of the Missouri church, where he is now preaching, was warned of his character and actions.

Francis M. Applegate, who has fought valiantly for Denham ever since the first charges were made against him, three years ago, by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Grannis, himself introduced the resolution which was adopted at a special meeting of the joint board precipitated by Mr. Denham being named as co-respondent in the suit for divorce of E. Bartol Hall, Jr., against his wife, with whom Denham travelled for months before he rejoined his wife in Missouri.

Although the adoption of the resolution which practically expels Mr. Denham from the Disciples of Christ Church was adopted unanimously, there was a good deal of discussion before its adoption. J. H. Banton, one of the staunchest supporters of Mr. Denham, had with him a copy of the report of the detective who followed the clergyman and Mrs. Hall for weeks. He had also copies of photographs of the pair together, and there was also evidence tending to show the clergyman's duplicity in many other ways.

While he was travelling about with Mrs. Hall he had all his mail sent to a town in Iowa, and when talk became common about their relations the clergyman said that he had been in this Iowa town all the time and not in the places where he was reported to be by the newspapers. The untruth of this was discovered, and Denham tried to explain it away by saying that some of his friends done simply to play a joke on some of his friends.

Resolved, That the joint board recommends to the church the withdrawal of confidence and the expulsion of Mr. Denham from the church here to the church at Pleasant Hill, Mo., and our other churches through the proper channels of our brotherhood.

About three years ago, when Mr. Denham first left the church under a cloud, a silver loving cup was presented to him. Then he became overseer for an orange plantation near Jacksonville for a woman parishioner. While there he met Mrs. Hall. About the time last April when he was recalled to the church by an angry meeting at which she was present, he was arranging to come North with Mrs. Hall, her father having discovered their relations, but suddenly disappeared to the West. He accepted the call, or so the congregation thought, and preached at the church on May 2 and 8.

Then he told Mr. Pearce, with whom he had been staying, that he would never attend another pulpit, and was going West. He left the home which had sheltered him for weeks on half an hour's notice and went West to join Mrs. Hall. Their subsequent travels, in which Denham sometimes preached, with Mrs. Hall as one of the audience, have been fully traced by detectives up to the point where they were met by a court clerk, who made an application to take testimony, but the evidence lent by the complainant last night to the church authorities shows that the action has progressed beyond that point. All the court officials at Mineola made great efforts yesterday not to reveal the least thing about the suit.

Bartol Hall, Jr., is the son of one of the wealthiest residents of the Red Spring Colony at Glen Cove. It is only a few years since he was married to Miss Mabel Kirk, who was then very young. They lived happily until Denham met them in Florida. Denham has an almost hypnotic fascination for women, to which is ascribed his influence over Mrs. Hall, and the willingness of his wife to take him back, despite the stories current of his actions.

BREAD LINE MARCHED TO JAIL.

Police Break Up Homeless Women's Practice of Feeding Homeless Men.

"Form line—double column—bust face—march," and seventeen wondering "T. M. C.," obediently swung off last night with Sergeant Donnan in the lead and Patrolman Coney acting as rear guard. The new drill, known on the upper East Side as the Bread Line March, ended in the East 51st street police station, where the seventeen were charged with having been conducting a "bread line."

Captain Lantry had received many complaints from the vicinity of the St. Rita Home for Homeless Women, in East 52d street. The women there have been feeding homeless men, who formed a "bread line" every night at 6 o'clock. They received bread, coffee and soup, which the homeless women collect from the hotels during the afternoon.

Though approving thoroughly of the charity, residents have been annoyed by the gathering of the men, and the complaints finally became so insistent that Captain Lantry reluctantly ordered the breaking up of the "bread line."

Sergeant Donnan and Patrolman Coney saw that they might have their hands full in taking care of seventeen men, and to avoid calling out the reserves, they ordered the men to form in line, but when the "bust face order" was given the seventeen almost threatened mutiny. One man stopped all thought of that by saying: "We're sure to get something to eat, anyway."

The night court, Magistrate Harris fined each prisoner \$1, and as none was able to pay all were sent back to the "pen."

SHOT BY "EMPTY" REVOLVER.

George Vayda, six years old, of No. 466 Broadway, Bayonne, was shot in the abdomen and probably fatally hurt yesterday by his brother, Andrew, fifteen years old, who was cleaning a revolver he didn't think was loaded. The injured boy was removed to the City Hospital.

ARTHUR BRISBANE'S TIMBER AFIRE.

Asbury Park, N. J., Aug. 5.—Fire, which is believed to have been started by sparks from a Pennsylvania Railroad engine, burned over three hundred acres of the estate of Arthur Brisbane, at Allaire, this afternoon. Some of the land was covered by a fine growth of heavy timber, and the estimated damage is \$5,000. The fire was beyond the control of sixty-five fire fighters when a heavy rain fell and extinguished it.

THE REV. DR. MANN MAY BE BISHOP.

Orange, Aug. 5 (Special).—The Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, for many years rector of Grace Church here, and now rector of Trinity Church, Boston, is mentioned as a probable successor to the late Bishop Henry V. Batterlee, of Washington. Dr. Mann was a leading candidate for Bishop of Newark after the death of Bishop Thomas A. Starkey, and was recently the choice of the laymen in convention to meet here in majority for the clerical vote. The convention adjourned without making a selection, but in the fall, when a special convention was held, Dr. Mann requested his friends not to vote for him, and the Rev. Dr. Edwin S. Lines, of New Haven, was chosen.

KLAW'S CRITICISM OF MAGISTRATE.

Corrigan Refuses to Discuss Theatre Manager's Statement about Speculators.

Magistrate Corrigan refused to discuss yesterday Marc Klaw's comment concerning "small politics" and "ticket speculators." The day before, in the West Side court, the magistrate, in discharging a speculator, was reported to have remarked that the speculator "didn't stand in with the management." Now, the speculator was arrested at the New York Theatre, and that playhouse is owned and conducted by Klaw & Erlanger.

If there is anything that makes Marc Klaw and "Ab Erlanger" any things, it is the imputation that they in any way derive profits from the operations of ticket speculators. Mr. Klaw thought it well to start the season of 1908-'09 by emphasizing his opinions of those citizens who imagine they know that certain managers are not above encouraging the poor speculator's "grat." Mr. Klaw told a Tribune reporter yesterday that he meant all he said, "and more." This is what Mr. Klaw said:

If Magistrate Corrigan is accurately quoted in the hysterical utterances with which he is credited in yesterday's newspapers, it is interesting. It shows that the same schemes and same policies of small politics, which do not wait for the facts before giving verdicts, are being carried out directly or indirectly profited one penny by the sale of tickets in the theatre of New York, and a statement to the contrary is of necessity a falsehood. The heat has evidently affected Mr. Corrigan's wisdom.

JURY TO DECIDE HER VERACITY.

Mrs. Loring, Who Sold Property to Felix Isman, Loses on Demurrer.

The demurrer interposed by Mrs. Isabella M. Loring, a dealer in real estate, to the complaint filed against her by the Philadelphia real estate operator, in his action to recover \$15,000 for alleged false representations with reference to the purchase of the property at No. 194 West 23d street, was overruled by Justice Greenbaum in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Isman, prior to the completion of the plans for Pennsylvania Avenue, made extensive purchases of property in the vicinity of the proposed terminal. Among other parcels, he was interested in Mrs. Loring's property, but when he asked her to sell to him she informed him, he alleges, that she was negotiating with the New York & Jersey Railroad Company, which desired to purchase it.

Isman averred that he offered Mrs. Loring \$5,000 in advance of any bona fide offer she might receive from any railroad company, and was told by Mrs. Loring's agent that the New York & Jersey company had offered her \$70,000. He then bought the property for \$75,000, after he had taken title he asserted the company's offer was only \$55,000. He then brought suit to recover the difference between \$50,000 and the \$75,000 paid by him.

Justice Greenbaum held that the complaint clearly alleged fraudulent representation of existing facts, and not of opinions, on the part of the defendant, and that the plaintiff was entitled to her judgment's authorized agent, upon which the plaintiff relied, and that the alleged representations referred to facts peculiarly within the knowledge of the defendant, and that she was not of such character as to develop an active duty upon the plaintiff to ascertain their truthfulness.

The case will now be tried before a jury, the question to be submitted being whether the representations of Mrs. Loring were true or not.

BREAKS UP HIS OWN FUNERAL.

Relatives Gather for Ceremonies, but the "Corpse" Is Getting Well.

After all preparations had been made for his funeral, John Lawler was found yesterday morning by his loving nephew very much alive and peacefully munching buttered toast in his cot at St. Peter's Hospital, Brooklyn. Lawler's nephew keeps a newspaper stand at No. 715 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, and he had understood over the telephone that his uncle was dead.

Lawler had been in the hospital three months fighting off an attack of blood poisoning which came from stepping on a rusty nail. His nephew visited him only Sunday afternoon and found him on the high road to recovery. He was much surprised to be called up that night and told his uncle was dead. Nevertheless he directed an undertaker to go to the hospital and get everything ready for the funeral, and went himself over Brooklyn and Manhattan informing relatives.

When the funeral party was about to gather, the faithful nephew took a last look at his uncle and found it was another man. A hurried investigation proved his uncle was still alive, and also that the dead man's name was Lawler after all, but Patrick Lawler and not John. He had died at St. Peter's Hospital, but was in no way connected with the other man.

TWO BROOKLYN GIRLS RUN AWAY.

One Sends Word to Her Mother That She Will Never Return.

Because they were chided by their parents for receiving attentions from young men, two young Brooklyn girls have disappeared from their homes and no trace of them has been found since Tuesday night. One of the girls is Jennie Harrison, seventeen years old, who lives with her father, Abraham, a policeman, at No. 319 Nostrand avenue. Her mother is dead. Miss Harrison is pretty and attractive. She recently met a young man employed by the same firm as herself, a wholesale drug house in Manhattan. The father objected to the attentions of this young man, and on Tuesday night gave his daughter a "laying out," as he expressed it. A few hours later the girl disappeared, and yesterday Mr. Harrison reported the matter to the police.

The other girl is Mary Healey, who lives with her mother at No. 174 Sands street, and she disappeared last Saturday after drawing what may be coming to her from her employer, a lawyer named Harrison in the St. Paul Building, at No. 220 Broadway, Manhattan. On Saturday night Mrs. Healey received the following note:

Dear Mother: I am not coming home any more. I will never see your face again, because John (her brother) told Uncle Tom that I was going out with him. This is too much for me. Your daughter, MARY.

The girl is about sixteen years old.

CITY'S NEWEST BRIDGE.

Manhattan Structure Most Advanced of Its Type.

Twenty-five years ago the first Brooklyn bridge gave the engineer's earliest answer to the traffic problem of which the ferries were no longer adequate, and became one of the modern wonders of the world. To-day there are four bridges built of building, each of the new ones far surpassing in size and capacity that pioneer structure, and there is, besides, the tunnel under the East River, which was opened to the public early this year.

Of the bridges, the newest and the greatest in traffic capacity is the Manhattan Bridge, which is being built to a depth of 92 feet below the river, and is the longest of any bridge in the world, and that of the Brooklyn Bridge is 1,586 feet.

The Manhattan cables are slung from steel towers which stand 228 feet in height above the high water level of the East River, 90 feet higher than the Williamsburg towers. They contain together 12,500 tons of steel. The structure begins at a point 32 feet above water level. Below that the masonry foundation goes to a depth of 92 feet below the river level. If not the longest of New York's bridges, the new one is at the least the highest, for the bridge floor is 635 feet (approximately) one and one-half feet above the river, two and one-half feet higher than the Williamsburg Bridge.

The Manhattan structure stands as the latest and most advanced embodiment of the suspension bridge, while as a traffic channel it possesses, or will possess, when completed, the greatest capacity of all bridges yet built. That is the main purpose for which it has been designed: to allow the passage of all kinds of cars, vehicles and foot passengers as engineering skill can make room for within the limits of the approved design.

The total length of the Manhattan approaches, from Canal street, in Manhattan, to Nassau street, in Brooklyn, the Manhattan Bridge measures 6,855 feet (approximately) one and one-half miles) as against the 7,300 feet of the Williamsburg Bridge. Its main span is 1,460 feet long and the two side spans are each 725 feet. The total length of the spans is thus 2,910 feet. The main span of the Williamsburg Bridge is 1,600 feet, the longest suspension span in the world, and that of the Brooklyn Bridge is 1,586 feet.

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WOULD PUNISH BERMEL.

District Attorney to Bring Contempt Charge—No Kissena Action.

District Attorney Darrin of Queens County will move for the punishment for contempt of court of former Borough President Joseph Bermel, at the opening of the next term of the county court. The ground upon which he will ask for Bermel's punishment is that he ran away from a subpoena on April 30. The subpoena directed him to return on the afternoon of that day to give further testimony before the grand jury. Instead Mr. Bermel went to Europe, returning on Tuesday.

"Assuredly, I shall move at the first term of the county court for the punishment of Mr. Bermel for contempt," said Mr. Darrin yesterday. "He disobeyed a subpoena to attend upon the grand jury. The subpoena was issued by my office, but it was a court command, and disobedience of its mandate means contempt of court."

"As for hiding Mr. Bermel goodby, I did. That was about two hours before he left. I was not conducting the examination of witnesses before the grand jury. Assistant District Attorney McKenna had that in charge. My adieu, however, was given before the subpoena was issued, and had no bearing whatever upon its issuance or the actions of Mr. Bermel."

"Will you endeavor to make Mr. Bermel tell what the April grand jury wished to learn?" Mr. Darrin was asked.

"Not unless ordered to do so," he replied. "The Kissena incident is closed, so far as this office is concerned, unless I am directly ordered to prosecute further, or in the event of evidence that will hold water being presented to me by any person whatever."

FILE \$1,043,940 CLAIMS AGAINST STATE.

Albany, Aug. 5.—Interests using hydraulic power on the Oswego River at Fulton, Oswego County, today filed against the state claims aggregating \$1,043,940. The state, it appears, has appropriated the water at that point for the new barge canal. The character of the damage is similar to that involved in a claim of the Fulton Light, Heat and Power Company for \$3,000,000, which is now pending before the State Court of Claims. The new claimants are the Volney Paper Company, the Hunter Arms Company, F. A. Gage, F. B. Dills, B. W. Bennett and Charles M. Allen.

ADMITS KILLING HER HUSBAND.

Buffalo, Aug. 5.—Mrs. Alexander Sutherland, whose husband was shot and fatally injured yesterday morning at their home, on Niagara street, to-day admitted that she had shot her husband. Mrs. Sutherland claims that there had been many family quarrels, that her husband had been very