

MADE MANHATTAN HOTEL A BEDLAM

Trip to Bellevue for Strenuous Guest from Paris After Lively Time.

CAPTURED BY WOMAN'S AID

Albert H. Thomas, Described as a Poet, Quiets Down at Threat of Strait-jacket.

The only period during which a man who registered at the Hotel Manhattan on Saturday as Albert H. Thomas, of Paris, was quiet yesterday when he was being taken to Bellevue Hospital for observation, after he had made life miserable for the employees of the hotel all day long.

Before they could reach him he picked up a tray holding the dishes on which his breakfast had been taken and hurled it through the window, narrowly missing Miss Hennessy.

Quiet First Twelve Hours. Thomas appeared at the hotel shortly after 11 o'clock on Saturday night. When he registered and was shown to a room he appeared perfectly rational, and for twelve hours there was nothing but the records of the hotel to show that he was in the building.

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Young Woman Agrees to Help. At this point Miss Hennessy appeared and talked with Thomas through the door. Mr. Schenck suggested that she enter the room from the fire escape and direct the attention of Thomas until he could effect an entrance to the room.

POET DIES A PAUPER

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TWO HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Assistant Postmaster Murphy Rendered Unconscious.

While speeding along a level stretch of road near Hicksville, Long Island, yesterday afternoon, an automobile containing Thomas F. Murphy, assistant postmaster of New York City, George Robbins and a chauffeur, crashed into a motorcycle ridden by William Hochtsprung, of Jamaica.

As the two machines came together Murphy was hurled out, landing on his head and shoulders. He was unconscious when picked up, but soon revived. The occupants of the automobile then turned their attention to Hochtsprung, who was lying in the road.

SHOOTS BROTHER IN PLAY

Eleven-Year-Old "Bandit" Fires When Hands Don't Go Up.

George Butler, fourteen years old, and his brother, William, eleven, who live with their parents at No. 255 Reid avenue, Brooklyn, were forced to play in the house last night because of the rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler, who were on the upper floor, rushed down the stairs and found their elder son lying on the floor, blood pouring from a wound in the roof of his mouth.

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Mrs. Hodes, Awake for Fifty Hours, Slumbers Again.

NO PARALLEL SINCE 1777

Neurologists Studying Strange Case—Woman Sees Dead Children in Dreams.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hodes, of No. 914 Blake avenue, Brooklyn, who has been the victim of a baffling sleeping sickness for eighteen months, returned into a state of narcolepsy yesterday, after she had been awake for fifty hours.

The case was reported to Dr. John D. Quackenbos, who made a careful research of similar cases and found that the disease which has afflicted Mrs. Hodes has no parallel in the history of medical science since 1777.

While I have not had an opportunity to make a close study of the condition of Mrs. Hodes, it may be due to the absorption of toxins, as from a decayed tooth or intestinal fermentation.

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BLAME FOR MUTUAL LIFE

Hotchkiss Criticizes Settlement of McCurdy Suits.

MORE PAID THAN RECEIVED

Committee's Statement Called Deceptive When Not Untrue—Evasion of Law.

Superintendent Hotchkiss of the State Insurance Department severely criticizes several matters in the affairs of the Mutual Life Insurance Company in the report to be filed to-day of his first extensive examination of any life insurance company since taking office, and the first examination accorded the Mutual since the Armstrong code went into effect.

The examination was on the company's statement of December 31, 1908, and it deals with the Mutual's affairs for the years 1906, 1907 and 1908.

Close to a quarter of a million dollars, the report states, was paid out by the Mutual over and above the amount received in the final settlement of the McCurdy suits, and in this echo of the life insurance investigation the present Superintendent finds his chief criticism.

These suits, instituted for the purpose of getting back some portion of the vast sums of money which the Hughes investigation disclosed had been used for lobbying at Albany, were put in the hands of a distinguished committee of trustees.

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DR. WILSON AN ALARMIST

Princeton's President Attacks Protestant Church Methods.

COLLEGE MAN'S DEFECTS

Universities Need Democratic Regeneration—Fears for the Country's Future.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Pittsburgh, April 17.—Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University, was the guest of honor at the Princeton alumni banquet here last night, and he approved the opportunity to make an address which amazed his two hundred college hearers.

"If she loses her self-possession, America will stagger like France through fields of blood before she again finds peace and prosperity under the leadership of men who know her needs."

"How does the nation judge Princeton? The institution is intended for the service of the country, and it is by the requirements of the country that it will be measured. I trust I may be thought among the last to blame the churches, yet I feel it my duty to say that they—at least the Protestant churches—are serving the classes and not the masses of the people. They have more regard for the pew rents than for the men's souls. They are depressing the level of Christian endeavor."

"It is the same with the universities. We look for the support of the wealthy, and neglect our opportunities to serve the people. It is for this reason the state university is held in popular approval, while the privately supported institution to which we belong is coming to suffer a corresponding loss of esteem."

"While attending a recent Lincoln celebration I asked myself if Lincoln would have been as servicable to the people of this country had he been a college man, and I was obliged to say to myself that he would not. The process to which the college man is subjected does not render him servicable to the country as a whole. It is for this reason that I have dedicated every power in me to a democratic regeneration."

"The American college must have become saturated in the same sympathies as the common people. The colleges of this country must be reconstructed from the top to the bottom. The American people will tolerate nothing that savors of exclusiveness. Their political parties are going to pieces. They are busy with their moral regeneration, and they want leaders who can help them to accomplish it. Only those leaders who seem able to promise something of a moral advance are able to secure a following. The people are tired of pretence, and I ask you, as Princeton men, to heed what is going on."

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LAND AGENT'S BODY FOUND

Its Discovery Followed by the Arrest of Two Men.

Broken Bow, Neb., April 17.—Word was received here last evening that the body of O. F. Hamilton, the man who assisted Secret Service men in unearthing land frauds in Northwestern Nebraska, had been found near the town of Mullen, Hamilton, it is reported, was murdered. He had been missing for two years.

Recently citizens of Hooker County sent a request to Governor Shollenberger asking him to institute an investigation of the disappearance of Hamilton, whose activities, it was stated, had brought upon him the enmity of men suspected of land frauds. Governor Shollenberger turned the matter over to the county authorities at Mullen.

The finding of the body was brought about by a confession made yesterday by Frank Cleaver, who filed an affidavit stating that C. W. Rector and himself had been unwilling witnesses to the murder, and charged H. G. McIntyre, now a Burlington brakeman, with having committed the crime. Cleaver states that C. W. Rector and himself were compelled to assist McIntyre, under threat of death, in burying the body.

Cleaver and McIntyre are now under arrest in connection with the alleged murder of Hamilton. C. W. Rector, implicated in the confession of Cleaver, is missing. Although Hamilton had been missing for two years, the body taken from the hastily made grave was identified by a ring on a finger.

HARVARD MEN'S LONG WALK

Attempt to Go from Cambridge to Albany in Five Days.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Cambridge, Mass., April 17.—Three members of the Harvard Law School are planning a "hike" to Albany. They are E. L. Lewis, of St. Louis; R. Hitchcraft, of Park, Ky.; and A. S. Norris, of Charleston, S. C. The walk must be made in five days. If done in that time a sum of money will be turned over to the three, and if they fail they agree to walk the return journey. Much interest is shown, as the university is "western wild," and many of the students are taking long daily walks.

MRS. TAFT'S SECRETARY QUILTS

Returns to War Department After 17 Days at the White House.

Washington, April 17.—Having served seventeen days as a private secretary to Mrs. Taft, Miss Mary Dandridge Spiers has resigned, and beginning to-morrow will resume her duties in the War Department. All that Miss Spiers would say to-night in regard to the matter was: "You can hardly say that I thought it best to resume my duties at the War Department." For ten years prior to April 1, when she became Mrs. Taft's secretary, Miss Spiers was in the office of the 7200 general of the army, to whom she will return. She is a native of Halifax county, N. C.

BRYAN NOT PREPARED TO TALK! On Board Steamship Caracas, at Sea, April 18 by United Wireless Telegraph.

THE MINNEHAHA ASHORE

Atlantic Transport Liner on Rocks at Scilly in Fog.

London, April 18.—The Atlantic Transport line steamer Minnehaha is ashore at Scilly, near Bishop's Rock, according to a wireless message received from her at Lloyd's signal station at the Lizard at 2:10 o'clock this morning.

The Lloyds have telegraphed to Falmouth for assistance. The wind is west, light, with dense fog. Hugh Town, Scilly Islands, April 18, 4:30 a. m.—The Minnehaha is ashore on Scilly Rocks, with sixty-four passengers. All are being landed on Bryer Island, one of the western islands of the group. The captain will not leave his ship. The steamer went ashore in a dense fog.

The Minnehaha sailed from New York on April 9 with sixty-one cabin passengers. Among them was Frederick Keppel, of New York. The passenger list of the Minnehaha follows:

Mrs. E. F. Allan, Mrs. R. Bateman, Edward W. Beach, Miss Sarah Beach, R. E. Bryan, H. P. C. Boat, C. T. Bowring, Thornton K. Brown, Mrs. Louis Calvert, Miss Hay Calvert, Mrs. Nancy Calvert, A. E. Carleton, G. F. Cartwright, H. H. Cary, Mrs. Cary, J. P. Devotion, Miss B. Cornelius, H. V. M. Cotes, Mrs. C. O. Grant, Mrs. J. B. Findlay, L. A. Gale, E. S. Gostenhofer, Mrs. Gostenhofer, Mrs. L. M. Graham, Kenneth C. Grant, Miss Mary Gregory, J. P. Harding, Mrs. John Hewston, Miss A. Hewston, James Hilliard, Mrs. Hilliard.

The home of Frederick Keppel, who is a well known collector and dealer in rare engravings and etchings at No. 4 East 36th street, is at No. 23 East 17th street. One of his sons is dean of Columbia College. The Minnehaha is a cargo carrier of 13,433 tons, with limited accommodations for cabin passengers only. She was built in Belfast in 1909.

The Scilly Islands are off the southwest coast of England, about thirty miles from Land's End.

VATICAN AND ROOSEVELT

Nuncio at Vienna Without Instructions from Rome.

Rome, April 17.—The meeting of ex-President Roosevelt and the Papal Nuncio at Vienna, Monsignor Granito di Belmonte Pignatelli, after Ambassador Kerens's luncheon yesterday, was evidently not expected by the Vatican. As rumors are already in circulation that the Papal Nuncio bore a message from the Pope to Mr. Roosevelt, the Vatican to-day issued the following statement:

"The Papal Nuncio at Vienna did not ask for any instructions concerning his visit to Mr. Roosevelt, nor were any instructions sent to him from the Vatican. Therefore, as the supposition that the Nuncio was charged with a communication to Mr. Roosevelt is deprived of any foundation, so it is certain that his visit cannot have any special significance."

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LOCOMOTIVE "JOY RIDE"

Bodies of Four Men Found in Wreck of Engine.

Oil City, Penn., April 17.—In the wreck of a locomotive found at the foot of a steep embankment on the Baltimore & Ohio narrow gauge line, between Shippenville and Clarion, the bodies of four men were found to-day.

They were those of an engineer, Kelley; a fireman, Watson, of Foxburg; D. Dennison and M. Neuland, of Lucinda. The latter were friends of the engineer and fireman. The wreck occurred during the night at a time when no other trains were moving, and it is believed that the party was having a "joy ride" in the engine cab.

TWO KILLED BY BASEBALLS

Member of Rensselaer Freshmen Team Struck in Temple.

Troy, N. Y., April 17.—John F. Burns, of this city, a member of the freshman class of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, died to-day as the result of being struck on the temple by a pitched ball on Saturday in a baseball game between the freshman nine of the institute and the Troy High School team. Burns apparently recovered from the shock, but to-day relapsed into unconsciousness and died.

Freeburg, Ill., April 17.—William Schmitt, twenty-eight years old, a member of a local baseball team, was killed to-day by being struck by a ball over the heart.

Schmitt was at bat. After being struck he started to walk to first base, but fell and died soon after. The St. Louis pitcher was held for the coroner.

TOWN OF POISONED CANDY

Fifty Dogs Killed and a Dozen Children Made Ill.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Mount Victory, Ohio, April 17.—At least fifty dogs were killed and a dozen children made ill in the last two weeks here as a result of the scattering of poisoned candy through the streets. Yesterday a bucketful of chocolates were found about the town, and an analysis showed that each piece of candy was loaded with enough strychnine to kill a child.

TWO MEN HOLD UP CHINA-JAPAN MAIL

Secure Nine Registered Pouches and Make Their Escape.

PASSENGERS UNDISTURBED

California Bandits Set Engine Running Wild—Quick Work Saved Passenger Train in Its Way.

Benicia, Cal., April 17.—The China-Japan mail, which left San Francisco over the Southern Pacific Railway for the East at 9 o'clock on Saturday night, was held up by two masked men at Sprig, two miles east of here, early to-day, and robbed of nine pouches of registered mail.

The train carried no express matter. Four of the pouches have been recovered, but the robbers rifled the others, and now are hiding in the hills between Martinez and Oakland. Sheriff's posse from two counties, detectives and post-office inspectors on horses and in automobiles are engaged in the man hunt. The robbers were well armed, and a battle is expected.

The passengers on the train were not disturbed, and several of them did not learn of the robbery until this morning. After getting the mailsacks the robbers cut the engine loose from the train and sent it wild, throttle open, down the main track to the east.

In the direct path of the engine was a section of passenger train No. 5, west-bound, heavily loaded. But for the presence of a telegraph operator at Suisun a collision would have taken place. The engine was thrown into a ditch in the nick of time.

The train robbery is the first in California for several years. It was plotted and executed in spectacular fashion.

Demand the Treasure Box. Before the fast mail arrived at Benicia two men who had left Oakland on another train two hours earlier and had got off their train on the Port Costa ferry climbed unobserved on the rear end of the fast mail's locomotive. The train had gone less than five miles from Benicia when the stowaways crawled over the oil tanks of the tender and pointed revolvers at the heads of the engineer and fireman, ordering them to stop the engine and get out.

"We are not going to hurt you," one of the robbers said; "all we want is the treasure box."

The engineer and fireman quickly complied. Then the robbers compelled the engineer and fireman to get into the mail car, which was in charge of Herbert J. Black and his assistant, Thomas A. Clancy.

"Throw out the registered mail pouches," the robbers ordered. Black started to toss out the newspaper sacks, but the robbers detected the ruse at once. They threatened to kill the clerk unless he gave them the registered mail. Black complied. The engine crew then was forced to carry the nine sacks to the engine. The engine and mail car were uncoupled from the coaches filled with sleeping passengers and run down the track two miles. Here the mail pouches were thrown out. The engine was uncoupled and its throttle worked wide open. The engine dashed forward on its wild journey toward Tolenas, sixteen miles east, passing the first section on a siding at Cymrus.

Passenger Train Saved. As the engine passed the station at Suisun the operator noticed that it was running wild. He immediately reported to the dispatcher's office at Oakland and received instructions to call Tolenas and instruct them to derail the oncoming engine. The second section of Train No. 5, westbound, had just arrived at Tolenas, under orders to wait there for the China-Japan mail. The switch was thrown, and the runaway engine, by this time pretty well relieved of steam, ran on a siding and smashed into a string of boxcars.

In the meantime the robbers were making their escape across San Pablo Bay, into which the Sacramento River empties. The news of the robbery had gone up and down the line and posse were formed quickly.

Just before leaving with the mail sacks the robbers fired four shots to frighten off immediate pursuit. Even this did not awaken the passengers. The porter heard the shots and locked all the doors to the sleeping cars. The train was engineless for some time, until an engine was secured from Sacramento. It then was hurried into Sacramento, arriving at 6 o'clock this morning.

A good description of the bandits was furnished by a man on the ferryboat, who had observed them as they hung about Port Costa waiting for the train. They appeared to be railway mechanics, and from their familiarity with the engine officials it is thought the robbers are former railway employees.

Heading for San Francisco. Their trail has been followed to the rough hill country between Martinez and Oakland, and it is believed they are headed toward San Francisco and have a good chance to escape.

Near where the bandits left the engine a road leads to the east bank of the bay. The men ran down this road to a rowboat concealed in the bushes. The four sacks they did not take with them were found left along the edge of the track. They evidently had fallen from the engine after it had been uncoupled from the train.

From the point where their boat was moored before heading directly across the bay to Bulls Head Point, one and a half miles east of Martinez. There they abandoned the boat. In climbing the bank one of