

OUT OF WINDOW TO DEATH

Victim of Fall a Founder of Local Cotton Exchange.

ASTHMA COMPLAINT BLAMED

Louis Herman Augustus Zeraga di Zeraga, seventy-six years old, one of the founders of the New York Cotton Exchange, was killed yesterday morning by a fall from the rear window of his apartment on the eighth floor of the Hoffman Arms, No. 60 Madison avenue, into a yard in the rear of Hazelton's Candy Kitchen and Restaurant, No. 15 East 53rd street.

The aged man was a victim of acute asthma and for three years had been unable to lie down in bed, but at night had slept near a window in a reclining chair. He was still in his pajamas yesterday morning at 10:45 o'clock when his body tumbled through the air to the pavement of the little yard, splitting his skull.

CUTS OFF WIFE IN WILL

Husband's Attempt at Murder Followed by Small Bequest.

Mrs. Arthur Brady, whose husband died suddenly on July 18, following his attempted murder in the household, in Golden Bridge, in the northern part of Westchester County, on June 23, is cut off by a bequest of only \$2,500 in the will, which was filed in the Surrogate's office at White Plains, yesterday.

Mr. Brady is believed to have left a very large estate. Moreover, instead of making his widow the custodian of their infant son, H. George Todd Brady, the testator names his brother, Edward Brady, as the boy's guardian.

After making the bequest to Mrs. Brady, "in lieu of all right of dower in the estate," the will leaves the entire estate to the son, and Mr. Brady stipulates that in case of his death it shall go to his niece, Julia Brady, and his nephew, Stebbins Brady, share and share alike.

Mr. Brady's father was one of the largest land owners in the northern section of Westchester County. He received \$500,000 when the city of New York condemned a large tract, which included much of his property, for watershed purposes.

Mr. Brady was a paralytic for a number of years and was jealous of his young wife, who he was accused of having not taken from his home, because of his feeble condition.

MAY FREE SMEATON TO-DAY

Brooklyn Merchant Refuses to Further Assist His Son.

Robert Smeaton, Jr., wayward son of Robert Smeaton, a well known Brooklyn merchant, may be released from Raymond Street Jail to-day, as his employers in Richmond, Va., have refused to prosecute him.

The youth's father, apart from sending him changes of clothing to the jail, said his son must not expect any aid from him.

"The young man must take the consequences of his offense and not feel that he can fall back on me when he gets into trouble," said the father. "If he is released it will be a chance to show what he is made of, and it is quite likely that his late experience may be the making of him, for despite what he has done he has good traits."

POLICE SERGEANT RYAN DEAD.

Patrick Ryan, a police sergeant of the 2d Precinct, died yesterday of acute gastritis in Dr. Lloyd's sanatorium, St. Nicholas Place and 157th street. He was forty-three years old and had been on the force about fifteen years. He leaves a wife and an eight-year-old daughter.

WOMAN HELD FOR BURGLARY.

Anna C. Wilson, of No. 115 East 12th street, was held in \$1,000 bail on a charge of burglary by Magistrate Krotel in Jefferson Market court yesterday. Guests of the New Amsterdam Hotel, at Fourth avenue and 24th street, were the complainants. Detectives alleged they had recovered some of the stolen goods in the woman's room.

Son Called It Accident.

He was positive the death was accidental, since there had never been an evidence of despondency, he said, and the aged sufferer had been in the habit of leaning out of the window, gasping for air, during every severe attack of asthma. He thought he must have leaned too far out and lost his balance.

This was the opinion of Dr. Lehane, coroner's physician, who made an inspection for the coroner's office. The police said the dead man signed a new three-year lease of his apartment only a day or so ago.

Mr. di Zeraga was born in St. Thomas, D. W. I., on November 23, 1833, son of Augustus Zeraga di Zeraga and Ellen Meroch van Uytendaele, Baroness von Bretton. His mother, a Danish noblewoman, died in this city only a year ago, aged ninety-nine years. The son was graduated from the University of Brussels in 1861, and came shortly afterward to New York City, where he married in 1863 Miss Elizabeth Herring Conkling. His son, the physician, was born in 1874, and a daughter in 1882. The latter is the wife of Charles Stapleton Pelham-Clinton, of Buckingham Palace, England, eldest son of Lord Charles Pelham-Clinton, who is the second son of the late Duke of Newcastle-Under-Lyme.

Mr. di Zeraga was a member of the firm of Cromwell & Zeraga, cotton merchants and brokers, founders of the New York Cotton Exchange, the firm becoming later L. H. Zeraga & Co. He retired from business in 1888. He was a member of the Manhattan and City clubs. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

FIRE AT THE NAVY YARD

Fifty Cans of Powder Aboard Ordnance Lighter Burn.

CREW JUMPS INTO WATER

Heroism of Sailor Saves Craft Laden with Large Cargo of Ammunition.

Flames spouting from about fifty cans of smokeless powder made the ordnance department's lighter Shrapnel, in Wallabout Channel, look like a small volcano yesterday morning. For a time there was much excitement at the navy yard.

The powder, which was being transferred from the supply ship Culgoza, had been sent from Boston for shipment to Iona Island. The shipment consisted of 1,800 cans from the battleship New Jersey, and was believed to have become stale, in which condition it is highly dangerous. The lighter was promptly cast adrift from the side of the Culgoza, and the fifteen men on board had to jump into the river and get away from the heat and the danger of explosion of some of the cans which had their tops on tight.

The men were all picked up by a launch from the Culgoza, the only one seriously injured being Everett McDonald, who was taken to the naval hospital. Ensign John R. Boardall and Midshipman Raymond G. Thomas were slightly burned in an attempt to get the cans of blazing powder away from those which had not ignited.

The hero of the occasion was a sailor on the Culgoza's launch, who jumped on board the lighter, and after falling on the deck and dislocating his right elbow succeeded in pulling the launch away from the burning powder. The launch was then towed to the pier, and the powder was extinguished.

The lighter's deckhouse was destroyed, her rigging and masts were blown away and some of her deck planks were charred. The Culgoza's deck paint taken off on the port side forward and the ratlines of her port fore rigging were burned away, with her bridge and searchlight weather cloths. The receiving ship Hancock escaped damage, although it was feared she would be hit by the lighter.

It is not known how the powder became ignited, but it is generally believed that it was due to spontaneous combustion. McDonald and another sailor, named McPadden, were handling one of the cans, when the top, which was only partly fastened on, blew off and a spout of yellow flame shot out over the other cans on the lighter's deck. In a flash the cans were giving an imitation of a set of gigantic Roman candles, with all hands rushing to save the other vessels first and themselves afterward, and the entire navy yard in an uproar.

Commander Harry Phelps of the Culgoza and Captain Cowles of the Hancock had their men busy on the instant, and the yard tugs began pumping water on the fire and trying to get the danger under control. In ten minutes the danger was all over, but it was a close shave for the Culgoza, as there was a large quantity of powder still on her decks and in her hold when the plates of her port side were becoming heated. The total loss was estimated at \$7,000.

Read Admiral Loize, commander of the yard, and Lieutenant Commander Clark, inspection officer, began an investigation of the accident, and information regarding it was at once sent to the department in Washington.

ATTACKS CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Hardest on Honest Men.

Magistrate Frederick B. House sitting in the Tombs police court, yesterday attacked the present system of criminal procedure, declaring that the chances were all against the injured parties. His attack was caused by an extradition case in which Samuel Gordon, who is wanted in San Francisco on a charge of burglary, was being held on a telegram from the San Francisco police.

Gordon's counsel declared that he would ask for a writ of habeas corpus, whereupon Magistrate House pointed out some of the weak points of the present system.

"Each year makes it more difficult for the honest, self-respecting citizen to secure justice. We seem to be little concerned with the plight of the man who is held up and snaggaged. All our sympathy is for the prisoner charged with the offense. He is carefully looked after and all his rights guarded, while the complainant is put to every conceivable inconvenience."

Magistrate House then held Gordon twenty-four hours longer, under the same bond.

THEIR ZEAL STILL UNABATED

Suffragettes Swelter, but Swerve Not, Striving Steadily.

The thermometer has not yet been able to abate the zeal of the laborers in the cause of woman suffrage, and the many persons in the city who are in search of outdoor recreation for the evenings can, if they choose, find many opportunities to beguile the time by listening to the various arguments in favor of extending the franchise to those members of society who in the past have been extorted to stay at home.

This evening the Equality League of Self-supporting Women will have a meeting at 12th street and Lenox avenue. Miss L. L. Dock, who has charge of the newsstand kept by this organization in West 22d street, reports that a number of the men working on the new skyscraper at 22d street and Fourth avenue have stopped at the stand to get buttons for their wives.

At the regular Thursday evening meeting of the women's suffrage party, which will be in the vicinity of Times Square this week, Mrs. Leede Forest will speak.

KITTLE BEFORE FEDERAL JURY.

Charles A. Kittle, of the brokerage firm of S. H. P. Pell & Co., appeared before the federal grand jury yesterday in compliance with the order of Judge Hand. The federal body was investigating the cotton bull pool, and it was said that Mr. Kittle was sworn and then pleaded his constitutional rights and was not compelled to give testimony. He was in the jury room only a few minutes.

HURT ALIGHTING FROM AUTO.

While alighting from an automobile at the Manhattan entrance of the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday morning, Carmelo, living at Bay 17th and 86th streets, both hands were tripped and fell against a wagon. The vehicle was driven by George H. Eifert. She was taken to the Hudson Street Hospital, and after being treated for a sprained ankle she was able to go home.

BRUTAL PATROLMAN DISMOUNTED

Pound guilty on complaint of Mrs. Anna Timkhan of brutally beating his horse, Mounted Patrolman John B. Copeland, of Traffic Squad C, was yesterday ordered transferred to "the penitentiary precinct." Mercer street, to do patrol duty. In addition Copeland was fined thirty days' pay. He was at one time known as the "model cop" of the police force.

GIUSEPPE CAMBARO IS BURIED.

Peter Cambaro, a brother, and the wife and five children of Giuseppe Cambaro were the only persons who yesterday followed to Calvary Cemetery the body of the murdered man to the electric chair at Sing Sing.

PLANS LARGE DRYDOCK FOR CITY

Dock Commissioner Tomkins said yesterday that among the plans which he was considering was one for a drydock that would be of sufficient size to accommodate large vessels such as the Lusitania, and the Mauretania, which at present have no place to haul out near this city. He thought such a dock would be a source of profit to the city. Engineers are engaged in making preliminary surveys in order to find out the best place for a dock.

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