

BOY STABBED TO DEATH

Killed in Row Over Beggar's Request for Two Cents.

GREEK HELD FOR MURDER

Victim Dies Before Arrival of Ambulance and Priest, Whose Church He Attended.

A request for two cents made by a passerby led to a quarrel yesterday afternoon which resulted in the killing of a boy who was about the give the amount asked for. The principals in the quarrel were Thomas Cathorus, nineteen years old, a Greek, and Matthew Dolan, eighteen years old, of No. 55 James street. Cathorus is locked up in the Oak street police station, charged with the murder of Dolan.

According to the story of an eye-witness, Robert Collier, of East Mott street, Long Island, was the cause of the tragedy, and he and others were held as material witnesses. Collier, it is said, approached a group standing in front of No. 28 Madison street and asked for two cents.

Dolan was reaching in his pocket to get the money when Cathorus called out: "Don't give it to him." Dolan refused to "mind your own business." Cathorus then ran to the kitchen of a restaurant where he was formerly employed. He returned, it is alleged, with a knife, and made a lunge at Dolan, who fell to the sidewalk with an ugly wound in his abdomen.

Cathorus was found in a cellar under a pile of rubbish and boxes by the police. No trace of any knife was discovered. Dolan's companions sent in an ambulance call. The Rev. James B. Curry, pastor of St. James' Church, in James street, whose church he attended, was also notified, but by the time he reached him the boy was dead.

BUYS JAMESTOWN ESTATE

Lyman Tiffany, of Washington, Purchases McClellan Property.

Newport, Nov. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Tiffany, of Washington, who have for some years been summer residents of Newport, will hereafter reside at Jamestown, just across the bay, during the summer months. Mr. Tiffany to-day purchased the estate formerly owned by Dr. George McClellan, of Philadelphia. It is one of the most attractive places in the summer section of Jamestown. The tract comprises 45,250 square feet of land, with a handsome house and stable. It will be considerably improved.

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SALOME SHOCKS CHICAGO

Miss Garden Won't Modify It, So There'll Be No Opera Friday.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Following official criticism from the Chicago Police Department, through Chief Steward, the production of "Salome," in which Mary Garden has twice appeared here, has been withdrawn from the Grand Opera programme for Friday night.

The Chief of Police informed the management that offensive features, particularly the head scene, should be toned down. Miss Garden strenuously objected to eliminating any of her lines or poses, and accordingly the production for Friday evening was withdrawn.

"If they touch it or try to cut any of my performance, they can get some one else to dance it. I won't," said Miss Garden to-day. "I won't do anything by halves. I suppose they want me to stand behind a screen and timidly speak the lines."

After the announcement that "Salome" would not be produced Friday night, it was further declared by the grand opera manager that other artists had refused to substitute their productions for the withdrawn opera, and in consequence no performance would be given that night.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] St. Louis, Nov. 29.—Chief of Police Young, when he learned to-night of the action of the Chicago police in ordering the opera "Salome" withdrawn at Chicago, said: "If the show is immoral it will not be pulled on in St. Louis."

Chief Young added that he would take up the matter to-morrow, and put himself as far as possible in advance on the merits of the performance and its possible conflict with the city ordinances and the state statutes.

In a postcard contest "Salome" was the opera most demanded in St. Louis, and the news that the Chicago police had put the lid on it proved a great surprise to St. Louisians.

JURY VISITS FIRE RUINS

Coroner Finds Things at Newark Needing Explanation.

The death list of the Newark factory fire was increased to twenty-four yesterday when Miss Anna Haag, manager and forewoman for the Wolf Company, which occupies the four-story, succumbed to injuries received when she jumped from a window to the ground. Of the seventeen injured persons still in the hospitals, two were reported last night as likely to die. They are Miss Emma Doege, of Arlington, who is in St. Michael's Hospital, and Miss Lena Koenic, of No. 1416 Springfield avenue, Irvington, who is in the City Hospital.

Ten funeral corteges of those who died at the fire passed through streets leading to different cemeteries in and around the city yesterday.

A coroner's jury which was sworn in the day before at the home of Miss Robrecht, in Hampden at the notes of the fire yesterday, "making notes of several things found. It was discovered that top sections of windows opening to the fire escapes in High street had been nailed. It was also found that the openings of the fire escapes were only twenty-one inches wide and that the landings were at least ten inches below the level of the windows opening to them. The law provides that the escapes must be level with the window sills. A door at the back of the building on the second floor, it was found, opened in, and blocking it was a barrel of paste. The question was asked as to whether the barrel was in the same position at the time the fire started.

Financeiers Back From Hayti

Have Been Looking Over Railroad Concession There.

John P. McDonald, a contractor, L. H. Stelman, vice-president of W. B. Grace & Sons, and S. McRoberts, vice-president of the National City Bank, returned to New York yesterday on the Prinz Joachim, from a trip of a month to Hayti and Jamaica. All three are interested in a railroad concession made by the Haytian government to McDonald, who has five years in which to build 30 miles of railroad from Port-au-Prince to Cape Haytien, from Gonaves to Hinche and from Gonaves to Port-au-Prince. The work of construction with native labor has already begun.

Thirteen of the Prinz Joachim's round trip passengers left the steamer at Port Limon, Costa Rica, for a short trip inland to San Jose, the capital, intending to return before the boat sailed. But after the ninety-seven-mile railroad had conveyed them up over the mountains to the inland capital a cloudburst washed part of the road away and the tourists were compelled to remain in San Jose while the Prinz Joachim sailed for home. They will return on the Siberia, which follows her sister ship in three days.

HARVEY C. MILLER ARRESTED

Millionaire Charged with Breach of United States Commerce Law.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 29.—Harvey C. Miller, millionaire president of the Southern Steamship Company, of L. F. Miller & Sons, grain merchants of Philadelphia, was arrested here this afternoon by United States marshals, on the charge of violating the United States commerce law "in that he did unlawfully obtain transportation in interstate commerce at less than the established and legal rates."

It is stated that the basis for the warrant was the shipment of grain by L. F. Miller & Sons from Philadelphia to Jacksonville by way of Savannah at a less than published rate for grain between the two points.

Mr. Miller was in Savannah by advice of his attorney, as a subpoena had been issued to him by the federal grand jury. He was present head of the firm of L. F. Miller & Sons, which was arrested just as he was going for an automobile ride. He was held in \$10,000 bail.

HURRIED TO PREVENT SUICIDE

Young Broker Had Told Fiancée of Intention—Her Brother Too Late.

Baltimore, Nov. 29.—Frank E. Alexander, a Philadelphia broker and Christian Scientist, tried to commit suicide at a Fayette street hotel here to-day by slashing his throat with a razor. His wounds in all probability will prove fatal.

Alexander made his attempt at self-destruction when his prospective brother-in-law, James H. Kane, with whom he lived in Philadelphia, was looking for him in an endeavor to frustrate the young man's written intention of killing himself. Alexander had left his home yesterday morning leaving a note for his fiancée, Miss May Kelly, stating that he was tired of living, and was going to Baltimore to commit suicide.

MAINTAIN BUZZ NEAR MURPHY

District Leaders Hurry to Seek Favor of New State "Boss."

HAS'N'T ANY PREFERENCES

But Significant Statement on Shepard Comes Out—Friends of Sheehan Indignant.

Charles F. Murphy, long time "boss" of the Democratic organization in this county and since the death of Patrick H. McCarran the indirect dictator of things political in the Kings County organization, returned to his desk in Tammany Hall yesterday afternoon ready to take up his new duties as state leader.

There was a host of district leaders present to greet the "big boss" in fact, there were only five or six attendees out of the roster of thirty-five. In a general way Mr. Murphy told them that he wanted to go slowly in matters of patronage, and assured them they would have chances later to take up with him special appointments in which they might be interested.

Having conferred with the members of the winter, Mr. Murphy expects to be at the hall every day. He will probably see the upstate leaders at the Knickerbocker or some more retired place.

While most of the leaders are more interested in smaller things, the one that looms the largest is the United States Senatorship. On that, as on other matters, Mr. Murphy managed skilfully to parry questions.

"It is understood that you and other Tammany leaders are opposed to Edward M. Shepard's candidacy. Is that true?" the "boss" was asked.

"I have no preference for Senator," replied Mr. Murphy. "You know the Legislature is in session, and the Senator Decker." He might have added "with the advice and consent of myself."

Friends of William F. Sheehan are making a vigorous campaign on his behalf, but it is believed that the rank and file of the Tammany organization favor Judge D. Cady Herrick.

The argument that is being used against Mr. Shepard by Tammany men is that he took occasion to attack the nomination of John J. Delany for justice of the Supreme Court at a Dix meeting in Carnegie Hall in the course of the campaign. This has worried the friends of Mr. Shepard not a little, and it is interesting to note that the attitude toward the arrival of Mr. Murphy a statement was given out yesterday by Leo Kohls, who was chairman of the meeting, pointing out that as a matter of fact Mr. Shepard went out of his way to defend the nomination of Mr. Delany.

It is understood that a delegation of Mr. Shepard's friends will soon call upon Mr. Murphy to urge against his candidacy. It is the most able man whom the party could select. They will point out that this first step to be taken by a rejuvenated state Democracy may have much to do with retaining or repelling the confidence of the independent voters.

Friends of Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, will also urge his claims for the senatorship upon the state leader.

Upon all other political topics Mr. Murphy was equally uncommunicative yesterday.

"Are you in favor of Senator Grady for president pro tem of the Senate?" he was asked.

"That is for the Democratic caucus to decide," he was his answer.

It is believed, however, by those who have had a chance to talk with Mr. Murphy since his return from Hot Springs that he has no intention of shelving Senator Grady on account of the many protests that have been made against his selection as virtual leader of the Legislature. Senator Grady has no intention of thrusting away from himself the prize that is now within his grasp after his long years of service in Albany, his friends say.

Mr. Murphy was approached at a little different angle in regard to the Speaker-elect of the Assembly.

"Do you think Daniel D. Frisbie, of Schoharie, or Dr. Robert Bush, of Broome, will be selected?" he was asked.

"The Assembly selects its own Speaker," he replied.

Mr. Murphy said that he had no engagements with either Dix or Windfall A. Huppuch, chairman of the state committee, but he would be glad to inform them that he rather expected to see them some time before the inaugural ceremonies at Albany.

John H. McCoober, who intends to lay claim to a good slice of state patronage, expects to break the news to Mr. Murphy to-day.

The state leader before going to Hot Springs delegated several of his lieutenants to receive applications for various appointments, and it is understood they have more than one thousand such applications to turn over to Mr. Murphy. It is said that some well known men, men supposed to be earning large incomes, have joined in the scramble after public office.

ELECTION COST FOSS \$34,916

Massachusetts Democrats Spent \$36,419 in Recent Campaign.

Boston, Nov. 29.—The Democratic State Committee received \$25,438 during the last year and spent \$36,419 in the recent campaign, according to the figures of the committee, filed with the Secretary of State to-day. The largest contributor was Governor-elect Eugene N. Foss, who gave the committee \$34,916.

COURT DECIDES FIGHT FOR BOY

Michael Dean McLaughlin Need Not Be Kidnapped Any More.

The future of nine-year-old Michael Dean McLaughlin, who has been kidnapped alternately by his father and mother and drugged about the country so much that the experience has become tiresome, was fixed by Justice Aspinall, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday. Hereafter he will stay with his mother during the school terms and go to his father's home during Christmas holidays, the Easter holidays and the first half of July, August and September.

When the case was called yesterday the justice proposed returning to the agreement first entered into by Michael L. McLaughlin, the boy's father, and the boy's mother, Mrs. Cella Holt, that the child should live with his maternal grandmother, should have a box containing jewelry, diamonds and valuable papers.

AMMON HELD ON WIFE'S CHARGE

Colonel Robert A. Ammon was arraigned yesterday in Stapleton, Staten Island, before Magistrate Marsh on a charge of grand larceny, and held under \$100 bail to await the action of the grand jury.

The charge against Colonel Ammon was made by his wife, who accused him of having stolen from her box containing jewelry, diamonds and valuable papers.

FATE OF AMENDMENTS

Greater City Vote May Save Palisades Loan—Judges Lose.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Albany, Nov. 29.—Although indications point to a close vote on the proposition to point the state for a strong probability that the vote of greater New York will carry the amendment through. The official canvass of thirty-eight upstate counties received by the Secretary of State show a majority of 52,770 against the proposition. If this ratio is not exceeded it is believed the vote in New York will carry the proposition. In 13,491 votes cast against the proposition and 86,770 for it.

The total vote for the Palisades Park proposition in the greater city was 218,020, with 74,541 against it, making a plurality of 143,479 for the proposition out of a total vote of 292,561.

That the voting machines helped to keep the vote shown by the canvass in the counties where the machines are used, notably in Erie, Monroe and Onondaga.

It appears to be certain that the constitutional amendment to increase the number of elective judges of the Court of Appeals and to increase their salaries was lost. The returns received show a larger vote against the park improvement.

The official vote of the park question by county is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: County, Against, For. Includes Albany, Broome, Chautauque, etc.

REPUBLICAN EXPENSES

Party Has Thus Far Disbursed \$125,520 for Recent Campaign.

Albany, Nov. 29.—In its statement of election expenses received by Secretary of State Knapp to-day, the Republican State Committee certified that its receipts were \$12,000, which included \$15,625 individual contribution, a \$25,000 loan made by Charles Ezra Perkins (rebates from special train charges), \$1,528, and "rebates for printing," \$1,650. The detailed disbursements to date amount to \$125,520. The committee had \$17,450 to maintain its headquarters and to pay bills awaiting adjustment, including \$6,618 for unpaid telegraph, telephone, printing and express charges. When the new State Committee took charge there was a balance in the treasury of \$9,000. The detailed disbursements were from:

Frank A. Munsey, who gave \$20,000, George W. Perkins contributed \$10,000. An "unknown" in one instance gave \$5,000; in another, \$2,500, and in another \$500.

Chauncey M. Depew, Andrew Carnegie, Otto T. Bannard and James Thompson contributed \$5,000 each. Republican State Committee: Ethu Root and Robert Bacon each gave \$2,500. E. Shearson gave \$2,000, and V. Morawetz, \$1,500; Henry L. Stimson, H. Reilly, W. H. Bliss, R. M. Anderson, C. J. Reilly and Edward S. Clark each contributed \$1,000; Paul Morton gave \$500; C. W. Collins, \$250; F. Pennell, \$250; R. Wilcox, E. H. Van Ingen, F. W. Whitridge, L. A. Stimson, Seth Low, F. C. Stevens, Robert C. Pruyn, D. J. Hill, Clarence Whitman, C. Vanderbilt, J. Mayhew Walnwright and Edward R. O'Malley gave \$500 each. D. Robinson contributed \$300 and E. J. Chubb contributed \$250.

Other contributors include the following: C. V. Collins, D. W. Cahill and John A. Slescher, each \$150; Edward A. Fallows, \$25; G. M. Judd, \$100; W. Conover, J. H. Hedges, N. V. V. Franchot, H. S. Holden and W. J. Youngs, each \$50.

The German-American Citizens' League of the State of New York, \$2,338. The amount of the fund which was contributed to the Tammany Hall General Committee and the Democratic State Committee.

The Independent Business Men's League of Manhattan spent \$2,555. Robert E. Downing and Herman Ridder each contributed \$847.

The following statements of county committees were filed: Democratic-Ontario, \$2,555; Ulster, \$8,283; Jefferson, \$6,797; Queens County, \$6,818; Lewis, \$2,445; Westchester, \$16,943; Tompkins, \$1,672; Herkimer, \$1,299; Seneca, \$1,523, and Oneida, \$1,470.

Republican-Erie, \$2,670, of which the county committee contributed \$1,000; Jefferson, \$2,253; Herkimer, \$3,024; Sullivan, \$7,490, and Seneca, \$1,108.

The Association to Prevent Corrupt Practices at Elections says that several candidates and committees have failed to file their statements, and unless a reasonable time proceedings will be instituted against them.

"BRIBE MONEY" IN EVIDENCE

Alleged to Have Been Paid on Election of Senator Percy.

Yazoo City, Miss., Nov. 29.—The actual money which State Senator Theodore Bilbo avows was paid him during Mississippi's Senatorial contest last January was introduced as evidence to-day in the trial of L. C. Dulane, accused as a bribe taker. The package contained seventy-three notes of \$100 each, ten five-dollar denominations.

It developed to-day that the present trial is to have a sequel. T. H. James, of Lucedale, Miss., a witness, refused to answer lest he incriminate himself as to whether it were true that he had received a sum of money from the trust company in exchange for support of the bill creating the County of George. James was not required to reply, but was held in bond of \$1,000 to appear before the grand jury.

VOTE FOR "WOODROW LEWIS"

Queer Ballot Likely to Decide Tie Contest for Freeholdership.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Morrisville, N. Y., Nov. 29.—A Republican ballot on which was written, "For Governor, Woodrow Lewis," is before Justice Charles Parker, of the Supreme Court, on a recount of votes in the 3d Ward of this city over a contest for freeholdership.

Dr. Gustave A. Becker, Republican candidate, and John P. Lyons, Democratic, tied for the office. Dr. Becker asked for a recount. The ballot in question was counted. The election officers for Becker, and should the court declare it to be legal it is probable it will decide the contest. Last year Becker and Lyons were a tie, receiving the same number of votes they did at the election three weeks ago.

"NO, I DON'T!" WIFE CRIES

Dr. Knapp Had Testified She Loved Him in Alienation Case.

WANTS \$200,000 DAMAGES

His Own Lawyer, He Tells How He Wept Day and Night After the Separation.

The entry of the "unofficial jury" that spends its time in the County Court House in attendance on the trials of cases and decides the cases, both as to the facts and as to the law, passed the tip yesterday that the most interesting case on trial was that of Dr. Mark I. Knapp for \$200,000 for alienation of the affections of his wife.

And as many of the "unofficial jury" as could get into the courtroom where Justice Ford presided were on hand to judge. They were well repaid. Not in many days has there been so much activity in the Supreme Court that was occasioned when Dr. Knapp, casting aside his usual dignified Blackstone and appeared as his own counsel. The uproar that resulted affected even the jury sitting on the case, and several times the court attendants had to rap hard to maintain the usual dignity of the tribunal.

The defendants in the suit were Adolph Schlesinger, father-in-law of the plaintiff, and Mrs. Esther Eisenberg, a cousin of Dr. Knapp's wife.

Dr. Knapp on the stand told how his wife had thrown plates and other articles at him, and how he had wept day and night. He said that apparently there was not much affection for the plaintiff to lose from that source, the doctor said that it was not always true in his married life. Somewhere Dr. Knapp had acquired some knowledge of law, and he used the technical terms with an almost professional mastery.

The plaintiff placed himself on the stand. Behind him on the witness stand was a suitcase full of papers. Those that he required for immediate use he sat on, rising from the witness to get them when needed. And the doctor also followed the dual part that he played in the case. In clear, severe tones he would ask himself a question, but the answer was given in a plaintive and tearful tone. First Dr. Knapp told of his marriage in 1896.

"Do you remember January, 1897?" asked Knapp, the lawyer.

"Well, do I remember it?" replied Knapp. "I do. I remember it. It was to be installed in my father-in-law's house. I disagreed with him as to where it should be located, and without any provocation he called me a crook, a nobody, a thief and many other names."

"The next question that Dr. Knapp put to himself was: 'What frame of mind were you in when you separated from your wife in 1906?'"

The answer was, "Crying all the time, day and night."

Dr. Knapp insisted that he had not quarrelled with his wife, but that his wife quarrelled with him. But he added, he knew his wife still loved, for as late as Thanksgiving Day, he had called on her, and she kissed and hugged. At the mention that his wife still loved him, Mrs. Knapp rose in the courtroom and vehemently announced, "No, I don't judge, no, I don't!"

When Justice Ford suggested that apparently the married life of the doctor and his wife had been an unhappy one, and that Mrs. Knapp's love had evaporated before the father-in-law had come on the scene, and that unless there was any affection the plaintiff could not recover for his alienation, Dr. Knapp quoted voluminously from his medical education. Dr. Knapp lost that case.

MAY EXHUME GIRL'S BODY

Asbury Park Authorities Declare Doctors' Statements Disagree.

Asbury Park, N. J., Nov. 29.—To obtain more definite information concerning the exact manner in which Marie Smith, the ten-year-old schoolgirl, was murdered, the authorities are now said to be considering exhuming her body, at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn.

The two physicians, Drs. Joseph Ackerman and Earl Wagner, who examined the body soon after it was found by W. S. Benson in the woods along Deed Lake, near Third and Ridge avenues, declared that the time that marks on the end of the child's nose and at the top of the left ear were seemingly caused by burns, but neither will swear this was the case. If the body is exhumed these scars will be examined microscopically and they cause positively established.

The body will also be exhumed for other marks, such as stab wounds or other marks that may have been caused. The detectives are said to be not satisfied with the examinations made here, and are lacking knowledge about the condition of the body that may be of the greatest importance. It is said the statements of the two doctors do not agree in several important details.

More than twenty-five subpoenas have been served on witnesses to appear at the inquest to be conducted by Coroner Robert M. Purdy in the council chamber here on Friday morning.

STOLE A MILLION AND A HALF

Louisville Bank Employee Pleads Guilty and Gets Long Sentence.

Louisville, Nov. 29.—August Rokpe pleaded guilty to-day to embezzlement of the funds of the Fidelity Trust Company. The total of his defalcations was \$1,500,000. Rokpe was sentenced to from ten to eighteen years in the penitentiary.

Rokpe was secretary of the banking department of the trust company. He was arrested last June and charged with the embezzlement of \$6,000 of the company's funds. Later an investigation showed that his defalcations had extended over a period of several years and aggregated \$1,500,000, which was reduced by recoveries to \$1,100,000. Rokpe and his family lived in Kentucky, and according to popular belief were possessed of a large fortune.

OFFICIALS CAUGHT IN TIE-UP

B. R. T.'s Explanation of Bridge Accident Awaited with Interest.

The report of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company on the breakdown on the Brooklyn Bridge that caused thousands to walk the span on Monday night during the rush hour is expected with much interest by the investigators of the Public Service Commission.

A number of officials of the Public Service Commission were caught in the mishap on Monday night, not in their official capacity, but with the other thousands who were eager to get home for dinner. C. W. Wilder, the electrical engineer in charge of the commission, was on the train that broke down, and according to the transportation engineer had the platform gate shut in his face when he tried to reach the elevated tracks, and just when he tried to protest against the delay he was joined by Travers H. Whitney, the secretary of the commission.

LONG VIGIL FOR "BISHOP"

May S. Pepper-Vanderbilt Said To Be in Rhode Island.

It was learned yesterday that detectives had been watching the home of Edward Ward Vanderbilt, No. 57 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn, since last July. The purpose of the long vigil, it is said, was to discover the whereabouts of "Bishop" May S. Scannell-Pepper-Vanderbilt, who mysteriously disappeared from the home of her latest husband.

According to Edwin Perles, of No. 329 Broadway, Manhattan, fees amounting to \$5,000 are due to Miss Minerva Vanderbilt, daughter of Mr. Vanderbilt, which are the outcome of an action brought by the daughter to have her father declared mentally incompetent.

In order to collect this sum action has been brought against the real property of Edward Ward Vanderbilt and his wife. Papers have been served upon Mr. Vanderbilt, but the attorneys in the case have been so far unable to find the "Bishop." She is thought to be in Rhode Island.

Mr. Vanderbilt once transferred his house to his wife, but the courts returned it to him, and at the same time adjudged him competent to manage his business. Mr. Vanderbilt is seventy years old, while the "Bishop," his wife, is said to be fifty. Mrs. Vanderbilt has been prominently before the public for some years, her latest appeal to notoriety being as the alleged "controller" of the Indian maiden, "Bright Eyes."

TRIAL OF MRS. STRULA BEGINS

Prosecution Alleges Numerous Fraudulent Damage Claims.

A score of representatives of railroad and ferry companies and department stores in and around New York were subpoenaed yesterday at the trial of Mrs. Annie A. Strula, who is charged with fraudulently obtaining \$50 from the New York Central Railroad Company on a false claim for injuries alleged to have been received on the company's property.

The lawyers pleaded guilty to the indictment, but later changed her plea to not guilty and went to trial. Assistant District Attorney McCormick, in opening the case of the prosecution, said he would prove that Mrs. Strula had systematically swindled department stores and railroad