

SPOOKS IN PASSAIC TOLD TO MOVE ON

Solemn Band of Exorcisers Attempts to Disenchant "Haunted House."

NON-UNION GHOSTS UNCANNY KNOCKERS

Tribe of Banshees So Persécutes Family That Neighbors Shiver and Talk of Suit.

Passaic, N. J., Dec. 16.—If a neighbor were suffering from "spooks" in the walls of his home, and succeeded in driving them out, and those "spooks" then came to your home to make your life miserable, would you have local action against your neighbor?

"This was the question which actuated many of the neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Van der Pile, of No. 113 Linden street, to-day, when they learned that the Van der Piles had been afflicted with ghosts for several months and were going to try to-night to drive the spirits into the cold world.

Others more conservative reminded that it was hard work to quarantine a ghost. For several months, the Van der Piles say they have noticed mysterious knockings and eerie sounds in the walls of their residence.

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Boer, of the Christian Reformed Church, remained awake with the Van der Piles one night and also heard the knockings. He hasn't returned.

It remained for a spiritualist society in Paterson, having headquarters in the Masonic Temple in that city, to volunteer to exorcise the ghosts.

The Van der Piles accepted the suggestion, and this evening a phalanx of the best mediums of Paterson descended upon No. 113 Linden street.

With deliberate preparations twenty-seven women and three modest men entered the Van der Pile home. A swifter of the elect, also tried to enter, but his profane presence was turned away. A solemn sentinel at the door demanded the password, and would let none come in without it.

When the thirty volunteers had disappeared a high half of awe and half of derision arose from the multitude which had gathered to see the ghosts driven out. Through a window shade on the lower east could be seen the silhouette of a man gravely raising and lowering his arms, all in some mystic incantation.

A brave man in the crowd outside crept near the wall, and with bared face returned quickly, saying he could hear no knockings, but that "it certainly was mighty weird."

For half an hour the speaker continued, and still the walls preserved their former appearance. Not even a young ghost materialized through a crack. Then the speaker was relieved by another exhorter, and the uninvited audience in the street melted away.

Later—Another speaker was still talking. Still later—A prominent citizen felt a cold chill down his back, but his physician found he had caught cold while waiting for the ghosts.

Still later—Another speaker still talking. WANTS HIS CHALONER FEE

Lawyer Says Man Insane Here, Sane in Virginia, Owes Him.

Hugh Gordon Miller, an attorney, is moving in the Supreme Court to collect \$2,500 which he says John Armstrong Chaloner, formerly of New York but now of Virginia, owes him for professional services.

Miller is trying to collect the money by means of an order of the court directing Thomas T. Sherman, committee of Chaloner in his state, to pay it.

Chaloner, although legally an incompetent in New York, has something to say from his present home in Virginia about the way his trust fund here is spent.

Joseph H. Choute, Jr., counsel for Sherman, but in evidence yesterday the following letter from Chaloner:

"I yesterday sent you the message, 'Advise Sherman to refuse to settle Miller's fee. I repudiate proposition; writing.' I now write to confirm same, and also to say that until you hear from me affirmatively I desire you to advise Mr. Thomas T. Sherman not to support Mr. Hugh Gordon Miller in his effort to get \$2,500 for reasons—professionally—I am estopped from seeking upon."

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PRESENTATION OF MEDALS TO MOUNTED POLICEMEN

The winners: Left to right—Lucky, ridden by James Byrnes, first prize; Gift, with John Bridgroom, second prize, and Mac, with Sergeant D. Tunstall, third prize.



Left to right—Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Mrs. James Speyer and Mrs. J. D. Prince in foreground.

LUCKY, STAR POLICE HORSE, MEASURES UP TO HIS NAME

He Wins the First of Three Prizes Offered by the Women's League for Animals for the Three Best Mounts in the Department.

Lucky is his name and lucky is his fortune. Isn't it a lucky horse that can win \$100 in gold for his master, a silver medal and words of appreciation from the president of the Women's League for Animals, Mrs. James Speyer?

Yes, Lucky, ridden by James Byrnes, of Traffic Squad 12, carried off first honors yesterday in the contest held at the southern end of the Speedway, at 14th street, for the three prizes offered by the league for the flower of police horsehood, and presented by Mrs. Speyer, Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Cornelius C. Chrysler.

The next finest horse was also true to his name, for he is called Gift, and he won a gift of \$50 for his master, John Bridgroom, of the Ganarua police station. The third winner, plain Mac—plain as name, but not as to appearance, for his coat shone like satin—brought \$25 and a diploma for his master, David Tunstall, of the College Point police station.

This contest was announced some time ago, and there has been a flutter of excitement in equine circles of the Police Department ever since. It is a miracle that the crossings have been guarded as well as they have, with the five hundred horses and the five hundred men of the mounted division all eager to prove themselves the flower of the "best." Gradually judges selected by Commissioner Waldo have been weeding out a group of the best, and their selection, twenty-four patrolmen and their mounts, led by Lieutenant Eagen, centered up to the Speedway at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Patrolman Byrnes was one of the first, and while some of the men leaned on their horses' flanks and gossiped as they waited for Mrs. Speyer to come Byrnes felt to polishing Lucky's coat. Most people would have said it shone enough already, but Byrnes didn't seem to think so.

"Lucky got second at the Madison Square Garden show," he said proudly, as he rubbed away.

A little woman in black watched Lucky and his master from the sidewalk, where a crowd was gathering.

"Jim's my son," she said proudly. "He's a good boy."

"And that's my husband riding Mac."

Finally Mr. Newburger, Dr. Wright and Mr. Shanton, who were the five they thought best, and of those Mrs. Speyer and Mrs. Vanderbilt chose Lucky, Gift and Mac. Mrs. Speyer gave the medals to the proud patrolmen and Mrs. Vanderbilt the money, in gold. In making the awards the physical condition of the horse counted for 50 points, grooming 15, the training 15 and equipment 10.

Mr. Waldo told Mrs. Speyer that he hoped this would become an annual ceremony and she assured him that it would. All the prize-winning horses are in young, none of the three having been in service more than two years. But Lucky, ridden by Lowry Mead, of the department fifteen years—which makes him the dean of them all—was one of the five best selected for the final test.

CINCINNATI FIRE'S DEAD, 5 SYRIAN WOMEN HAVE FAIR

10 Missing and 16 Injured in Salvation Army Home.

Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—Five are known to be dead, ten are missing and sixteen are seriously injured from smoke and in their attempts to escape from the Salvation Army Industrial Home, which was burned early this morning.

A warrant was sworn out to-day by District Fire Marshal George H. Coleman for the arrest of Major J. L. Sprake, of the Salvation Army, in charge of the building.

The warrant charges that Major Sprake failed to comply with orders issued to him three days ago. At that time it was said the building was littered with rags, paper and old clothing which clogged the exits. Major Sprake said he had obeyed the orders.

Lavell in Europe, Wife Thinks. Portland, Me., Dec. 16.—Believing that Professor Cecil F. Lavell, of Ohio State University, at Columbus and formerly of Columbia University, who disappeared from a train at Hamilton, Ont., November 24, left this port for Europe last Saturday, Mrs. Lavell to-day visited the steamship offices and docks. She is convinced that her husband is suffering from lapse of memory. She has found evidence, she said, that he came to Maine last Wednesday.

D. A. R. in Charity Movement. Washington, Dec. 16.—Plans for organizing a county-wide corps of social workers under the Daughters of the American Revolution will be laid before the national board of that organization at a meeting here to-morrow. Mrs. Joseph Aquila Enslow, of Brooklyn, N. Y., national charity officer of the D. A. R., will outline the scheme.

FIERY TALK JAILS MISS DONNELLY

Suffragist Is Arrested as She Makes Speech Near Burned Building.

DEFIED POLICEMEN; CHEERED BY CROWD

Woman Excoriates City Rulers for Not Enforcing Fire Escape Ordinance.

Miss Mary Donnelly, who directs things in the woman suffrage store at No. 15 West 8th street, formerly secretary to Mrs. O. H. Belmont, and one of the leading suffragists in this city, was arrested last night on a charge of disorderly conduct. She refused to "move on" when two police officers directed her to stop making an impromptu speech in front of No. 98 Amsterdam avenue, where yesterday three lives were lost in a fire.

Able from being incontinent, Miss Donnelly's speech was full of "hot shot" for officials in the employ of the city whose duty, she asserted, it is to see to it that buildings housing human beings are properly equipped with fire escapes.

Miss Donnelly lives in No. 128 West 7th street. She walked north in Amsterdam avenue on her way home, observing the conditions as she went with regard to buildings having no fire escapes.

When she got to the place where the brief fire took its human toll, Miss Donnelly found a little group of idlers gazing up at the building. And being indignant, as she afterward said, she gave utterance to some of her thoughts aloud. In a few seconds many stopped closer to listen, and as she spoke the numbers increased. Miss Donnelly became enthusiastic as she proceeded, and soon was making a stirring speech against what she termed official carelessness.

"Inadequate fire protection," Miss Donnelly asserted, "is the cause of the loss of life in this fire."

"Let me show you," she continued, pointing to Public School 87, at Amsterdam avenue and 7th street, half a block away. "Look at that public school building. For several hours every morning and every afternoon in the school week that building houses hundreds of little children, and I venture to say that if fire found a way to sweep through that building there would be an appalling loss of little lives."

Police Sergeant Lowry, with Patrolman Morrison, of the West 8th street police station, was on duty at the place where the fire of the morning occurred, and when the crowd gathered and the numbers grew Lowry told Miss Donnelly she would have to move on. Then the crowd urged the young woman to continue her speech, and Miss Donnelly talked on, being arrested finally.

Chicago Women Ask J. D. Shoop to Resign as School Head.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—John D. Shoop, who occupies as Superintendent of Schools to succeed Mrs. Ella Flagg Young raised a storm of protest, to-day received a committee of women sent by various civic organizations to ask him to resign.

Mr. Shoop declined to make any reply. He said that while the request "would have full weight in his consideration of the matter," he would deliver whatever statement he had to make to the Board of Education.

Mr. Shoop was charged by Miss Margaret Halley, business manager of the Chicago Teachers' Federation, with having acted in advance of the action of the board and with having afterward misrepresented the facts.

"Any body of teachers that will suffer themselves to be under a superintendent elected as you were are unfit to guide children," she said. "Parents who will tamely allow their children to go to school teachers under such a superintendent are not fit to rear children."

GIRLS HEAR CYRIL MAUDE

Actor Tells Barnard Students of Life on English Stage.

Cyril Maude spoke yesterday at a meeting of the newly founded Dramatic Association of Barnard College. Not only students but many of the faculty and friends helped crowd the little theatre.

Maude told of stage ways in England and gave a glimpse of dramatic life in London. After his lecture tea was served in the undergraduate study. Maude was introduced by Professor Baldwin, of the English department.

Offer Theatre for Benefit.

The management of the Paradise Theatre, at 17th street and Amsterdam avenue, has offered the theatre Friday evening for the advancement of the Washington Heights Hospital campaign for a new building and will give one-half of the gross receipts to the fund. This is the second theatre in the Washington Heights section to come forward with the offer of a benefit performance. An endless chain of telephone calls in another feature of the movement. Each member of the women's auxiliary is to call ten friends on the telephone, they in turn to call ten more and so on into an endless chain, thus contributing to the interest and enthusiasm.

The total collected yesterday was \$2,224.44. This brings the entire total up to \$24,124.58.

Collegians to Act and Sing.

The Closer Club of Georgetown University, will give a musical comedy called the "Maid of Marneville" in the Plaza ballroom on the evening of Saturday, December 20. Dancing will follow. The comedy is to be given entirely by students, the principal parts being taken by D. L. Daly, William Butler and Gardner I. Duffy. The cast will comprise 60 players.

Detective Held for Bribery.

An indictment charging bribery was found yesterday against Detective John F. Brenecke. Brenecke was arrested last week for accepting \$50 to make such a light impression of the finger prints of Jacob Staruss and James Alvin, convicted of conducting an optum den, that their police records could not be found. Brenecke was attached to Special Sessions as warrant officer. He will be arraigned to-day before Judge Swann, in General Sessions.

Donovan Again Meriden Mayor.

Meriden, Conn., Dec. 16.—Daniel J. Donovan, Republican, was to-day re-elected Mayor of this city. He defeated Henry L. Timish, Democrat, by a plurality of 257 votes.

OVER SEA TO WIN WIFE

Parisian Merchant to Wed Girl He Met Abroad.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 16.—Max Zuercher, a Paris merchant, and Miss Marguerite Clark, daughter of Mrs. C. M. K. Clark, of Chicago, will be married here to-morrow in Christ Episcopal Church by the Rev. M. George Thompson.

Clear Engler, of London, will be the best man. The bride is at Frickville, the home of her uncle, Gustav Bauman, on Long Island Sound. Her attendants will be Miss Helen Cruikshank, maid of honor, and Miss Frida Bauman and Miss Peris Rollins, bridesmaids. Her brother, Lawrence; William Koch, "Jack" Bauman and Clifton Bauman will be ushers.

Miss Clark spent last year abroad, spending much time in Paris. There she met Mr. Zuercher, a lace manufacturer, who offered his hand and fortune. His offer was not accepted on such short notice. Three weeks ago he came here, she met him at the pier, and he was invited by Mr. Bauman to call on them. He did so and this time was more successful in his wooing.

STICKS TO ATTACK STORY

Police Suspicion Fails to Make Girl, Now Ill, Waver.

Anna Zilloux, the thirteen-year-old daughter of George Zilloux, a delicatessen dealer, of No. 620 St. Ann's avenue, The Bronx, who told a story of how she had been tied to a stake in a vacant lot on Monday night by two masked men, was confined to her bed last night. She still persists in her story, despite the efforts of the police to throw suspicion on it.

According to Dr. Carl Wynn, the family physician, of No. 606 East 15th street, the girl has bruises all over her body and face, and her nerves are unstrung as the result of her experience.

Acting Captain Gallagher, of the Bronx Detective Bureau, assigned a squad of detectives to search the neighborhood in the vicinity of Brook avenue and 153d street last night. It was in the vacant lot at that address that Anna says she was attacked. Pieces of rope and footprints in the soft earth were discovered there yesterday. The neighborhood bears an evil reputation.

Throws Herself from Window.

Mrs. Thomas Hunt wife of a painter, living at No. 127 Second avenue, threw herself from the window of her apartment, on the third floor, last night, and was taken to Bellevue Hospital in a serious condition. Her skull was fractured and both legs were broken. Her husband had left her sick in bed for just a moment to get some one to stay with her while he went to work. Their neighbors were attracted to the apartment by the screams of his two children. The little ones were at a window looking into a courtyard where their mother had jumped.

Woman Sues Cab Co. for \$5,000

Mrs. Celia Comins has sued the Connecticut Cab Company for \$5,000 damages for injuries she received on her wedding day, February 22, 1912. Mrs. Comins was riding with her husband in a carriage to a railroad station when a cab belonging to the defendant company crashed into their carriage. Since that time the plaintiff maintains, she has suffered from neuritis caused by the pain of her injuries, and her hair has become partly gray.

Every One Will Admit That the Food We Eat Influences Beauty and Health, She Writes, and Adds That Morals, Too, Depend Upon It.

The Germans have a little proverb, attributed, I believe, to Goethe. "What man eats, he is," says a writer on domestic science problems in "The Mother's Magazine" for January. Every one who knows the least little bit about physiology realizes that the blood and bones, the heart and lungs and brain are made from food. As the plant is nourished by air, water, soil and sunshine, so human bodies require air and water and sunshine and material in the form of animal and vegetable substances called food in order to exist at all, to grow and to maintain beauty and health.

"Perhaps you think that, after all, it is not important to study the food problem. We eat only a few meals daily, and can manage to find enough nutriment somehow. Let me tell you what a chemist claimed is the amount the average person consumes during a lifetime of seventy years:

20 oxen, 5,745 lb vegetables, 200 sheep, 24,000 lbs. butter, 100 calves, 2,000 eggs, 200 lambs, 4 1/2 tons bread, 50 pigs, 3,000 gallons tea, 1,500 fowls, 848 lbs. coffee, 300 turkeys, 848 lbs. spirits, 250 fish, 49 hds. wine, 30,000 oysters.

These appealing figures show us how we tax our delicate apparatus called stomach, lined with fragile membranes, and our digestion, which is chemical, and whose juices are actually changed by the food we consume.

Surely, then, the most unthinking person can see that our health depends largely on what we eat, and that, as the blood and condition of the liver alter the color of the complexion and the delicacy and smoothness of the skin, the firmness of the flesh and the brightness of the eyes, beauty, too, depends on our food.

If you believe, then, that health and beauty depend on food, will you be shocked if I go a step further and assert that morality has a firm basis in what we eat?

Do you really suppose that all drunkards are naturally vicious, and deliberately go forth to get intoxicated? It is well known that the craving, which seems to find satisfaction in liquor often is actually hunger? That does not imply, necessarily, that the man has not tasted food. It means that the proper ingredients were lacking in what he ate, and that, in consequence, his system is crying desperately for the strength to be nourished. The alcohol excites and heats, and for the moment seems to supply what is needed, but, of course, does not build up the body or brain.

Many a man has become a confirmed drunkard through soggy bread! Heavy, sour dough is particularly indigestible, and the turmoil in the stomach resembles the craving called hunger and thirst; so the man attempts to stifle it with whiskey, which often is itself adulterated and poisonous.

No one can compute the amount of crime of all kinds attributable to malnutrition. Melancholy is largely caused by underfeeding. If you are too plump and have ever had recourse to severe diet, or starvation, you know something of the despair, the nervous irritability, the depression, reaching in time to desuperation, that accompany "going without food."

New York City is supposed to have 18,000 breakfastless school children, and Chicago a proportionate number. It is carefully explained by the statistic gatherers that this does not mean that this enormous number go to school wholly without food, but that the little ones do not have a nourishing meal. They have had coffee or a dull pickle!

The immediate result of these conditions is a terrible number of "defectives," physically and mentally, and, naturally, in time, morally. Thieves and pickpockets and savage creatures who feel spitefully toward mankind and murderously inclined are the result of the ill-nourished bodies of the young in their formative period.

Daily Bill of Fare.

THURSDAY. BREAKFAST. Malaga Grapes, Creamed Corn, Fried Halibut Steak with Bacon, Potatoes, Coffee. LUNCHEON. Bouillon with Egg, Toasted Crackers, Beef and Cottage Sandwiches, (Beef from cold pot roast), Sweet Pickles, Cream Tea, Apple Tartlets. DINNER. Poached Oysters in the Shell, Parsnip Fritters, Ragout of Beef, Baked Sweet Potatoes (also from leftover pot roast), Risque Froid Cream, Wafers, Coffee.

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