

RUSH MUSEUM WORK FOR ALTMAN ART

Officials Plan to Have Temporary Rooms for Big Collection Ready Soon.

TRUSTEES COMPLETE TRANSFER DETAILS

Morgan Exhibition Will Be Opened to Public View Early in Next Month.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the trustees of the estate of Benjamin Altman have completed negotiations regarding the transfer to the museum of the priceless art collection left to it under certain stipulations by Mr. Altman.

Work is being rushed to transform the five rooms at the museum in which were exhibited for a number of years the large Crosby-Brown collection of musical instruments into a temporary exhibition place for the Altman treasures.

It was stipulated by Mr. Altman, among other things, that the museum execute and deliver to his executors within three months after the filing of his will a contract, under its seal, whereby it accepts this legacy subject to the aforesaid conditions and agrees on its part to permanently comply therewith and to do and continue permanently to do everything on its part to be done to conform thereto.

"That the museum shall provide and permanently maintain in a fireproof building one suitable room of sufficient size to contain all my paintings, statuary, rock crystals and Limoges enamels and one other suitable room to contain my Chinese porcelains, said rooms to be adjoining and opening into each other and neither to be less in floor space than the corresponding room in which my said collection has been kept in my galleries at No. 626 Fifth avenue and No. 1 West 50th street, in New York City."

Mr. Altman left a trust fund of \$150,000 for the maintenance of the collection and to provide for the salaries of his secretaries who for years have had charge of his collection. He expressed the wish that they be employed by the museum to care for the collection so long as they live or perform their duties faithfully.

It was on October 21, at a meeting of the board of trustees of the museum, that the Altman bequest was formally accepted. At the same time a committee was appointed to complete the contractual arrangements with the executors of the Altman estate.

The committee included Robert W. de Forest, president; Joseph H. Choate, honorary president; Howard Mansfield, treasurer, and Henry Walters, of the executive committee.

It is believed that the Altman collection will be on view by the middle of spring. Work is progressing fast on the five galleries which are being made ready for the objects of art.

The great Morgan collection is scheduled to be placed on view next month. The museum is thus in the position of opening to the public in less than six months two exhibits within its walls the like of which it has not been able to offer before.

F. LEWIS CLARK MISSING

Santa Barbara Police Believe Yachtsman a Suicide.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Jan. 17.—F. Lewis Clark, millionaire, of Spokane, and internationally known as a yachtsman, who disappeared last night, is believed by the police to have committed suicide by jumping from a pier here.

SHIELDS WOMAN IN ELLIS SHOOTING

Jersey Official Keeps Name of Alleged Instigator of Crime Silent.

From a staff correspondent of The Tribune: Somerville, N. J., Jan. 17.—The confession of nineteen-year-old Paul Carl, in which he is alleged to have admitted that he shot Monroe F. Ellis, a wealthy contractor, in his home at Basking Ridge on the night of November 20, 1911, instead of clearing up a mystery leaves the shooting more of a puzzle than ever, as far as to-day's developments on the part of the authorities are concerned.

BOY'S MOTHER ACCUSES SLEUTHS

Doubt Thrown on Conspiracy Theory by Victim Adds New Puzzle to Case.

Mrs. Grace Holly, Carl's aunt, denied positively to-day that she was in any way connected with the affair, and it was said she had satisfied the authorities that she knew nothing of her nephew's part in the shooting of Ellis or the motives that led him to commit the crime.

ONE KILLED IN HOLD-UP

Highwaymen Invade Saloon—Man Dead, Two Wounded.

Four men entered Frank Natali's saloon, at No. 524 East 13th street, about midnight last night and one of them, stepping up to a table where several men were engaged in a card game, ordered the players to throw up their hands.

HIDDEN RIFLEMAN TO KILL BEARDSLEY

Brother, Entreaty Failing, To Be Decoy of Marksman Behind Bowlder.

Mayville, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Sheriff Anderson is planning to-night to take Edward Beardsley to-morrow dead or alive, shooting him down, if necessary, after his brother has decoyed him from the house.

WANTS HIS NAME ON BREAD LINE LOAVES

Brooklyn Lawyer Wills \$150,000 to New York City Derelicts.

Harry M. Gescheidt, a Manhattan lawyer, who died last Monday at his home, No. 239 Lincoln Road, Brooklyn, and was buried yesterday in Greenwood, left a will by which his widow, Katherine Peck Gescheidt, receives but \$25,000 of the \$300,000 estate.

Trinity Church Corporation receives a bequest of \$150,000 for the establishment of a bread line. Should Trinity refuse to accept the bequest part of the money is to go to the Five Points House of Industry, to be used as it sees fit, the remainder to be distributed among several hospitals.

A clause in the will names the Empire Trust Company as executors, and directs that the will be advertised in several New York newspapers for six successive weeks. The real estate in Brooklyn and mortgages are to be disposed of to raise funds necessary to carry out the wishes of the testator.

TAMMANY MEN NAMED BY OSBORNE IN GRAFT INQUIRY.

OSBORNE ASKS PROSECUTION OF TAMMANY MEN

Evidence Against Bensel, Peck, Reel and Foley for District Attorney.

HARDHOOD AMAZES GOV. GLYNN'S FRIENDS

Still Hope Delaney Will Be Allowed to Do the Investigating.

ROAD FUNDS JUGGLED

Many of Contracts Not Approved Until After Work Was Completed.

Albany, Jan. 17.—Angered by intimations that he intended to protect men connected with Tammany Hall in his highways inquiry, James W. Osborne, Governor Glynn's special investigator, after a short hearing to-day announced that he had instructed his assistant, Arthur T. Warner, to present to District Attorney Alexander of this county evidence involving John A. Bensel, State Engineer; Duncan W. Peck, Superintendent of Public Works; Gordon C. Reel, former Highways Superintendent, and Charles F. Foley, former head of the maintenance bureau of the Highways Department. All these men are Tammany men.

The evidence against the four men was turned over to the District Attorney to-night for submission to the grand jury. This line of investigation was based upon data submitted by John A. Hennessy, who supplied other material, which Mr. Osborne says will receive his immediate attention.

Mr. Osborne has brought into his investigation another assistant, Albert E. Bryan, of New York, who, in connection with Arthur T. Warner, will continue to collate evidence during the interim of a week for which adjournment of the hearings has been taken.

Osborne's announcement caused consternation among Tammany followers in Albany, and even the friends of Governor Glynn were taken by surprise, and some of them are still wondering if Osborne is sincere in an effort to obtain indictments against men so close to the 14th street wigwag. They hope that he is merely trying to stop criticism of his failure to act against any man with the Tammany stamp on him.

The followers of Charles F. Murphy breathed easier when they learned that Governor Glynn had set John H. Delaney, Commissioner of Efficiency and Economy, to work on the graft investigation, feeling sure that Delaney, a loyal Tammany man, would steer clear of them.

It is generally understood still among men close to the Governor that Delaney will eventually succeed Osborne in the investigation. The latter, however, says that he is determined to execute the commission to which he was appointed, and he does not take kindly to the injection of Delaney into the field. He was particularly resentful when he learned that the efficiency commissioner had sent a request yesterday to all who had any evidence of official delinquency to report to him.

Osborne had already made such an appeal, and he believes that Delaney's action only confuses the situation.

Governor Glynn said yesterday that he expected Osborne and Delaney to work along in harmony. Little of this harmony was shown, however, when they conducted separate hearings to-day.

Mr. Osborne, after a conference with Governor Glynn this afternoon, said that he intended to go ahead with his investigation as rapidly as possible.

"I have just one more private lawsuit to dispose of," he said, "and then I purpose to come to Albany and remain until the investigation is completed. I probably can dispose of the lawsuit by the end of next week. But in the mean time my assistants are working up the cases."

Foley Let the Contracts.

Bensel and Peck were ex officio members of the State Highways Commission under Governor Dix, and Reel was the Highways Superintendent and active member of the commission. It is charged that they approved some 318 contracts, involving \$3,000,000, without knowing whether the specifications were complied with or whether the contracts were followed. Most of these contracts were let by Foley without consulting the commission. Some of them were not approved until the work had been done and the contractors paid.

"The commission," said Mr. Osborne, "was a mere rubber stamp for Foley, who let these contracts of his own initiative and without competitive bidding or advertising. Before I get through I am going to be the most unpopular man in this country with people in state prison."

Mr. Osborne announced that in addition to data respecting irregularities in highways construction, John A. Hennessy had submitted notes of other delinquencies, such as overcharges in state printing and for barge canal lumber, insufficient payment to the state for ice cut in the canal, frauds in specific canal contracts, and forced cam-

TO PROBE DEATH OF BRONX BABY

Mother Says Science Reader, Darwin McClintock, Treated Child.

CORONER'S AUTOPSY SHOWS DIPHTHERIA

Undertaker Called in to Prepare Body for Burial Reports Case to Authorities.

The District Attorney of Bronx County will begin a rigid investigation to-morrow into the death of Louis Francis Wessell, the eighteen-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Wessell, of No. 1208 Franklin avenue, The Bronx.

The baby is reported to have died on Friday from diphtheria while undergoing treatment by Christian Science healers, and it was after the body had been prepared for burial that the undertaker reported the case to the coroner's office as "suspicious."

Mrs. Frances Wessell, mother of the dead child, when questioned by Coroner Flynn and his physician, is reported to have said the baby had been teething and had died from that cause. By continual quizzing, however, the mother is said to have admitted she had called in two Christian Science healers to minister to the infant.

Wessell, the father, admitted to reporters last night that he was a member of the 18th street "cult."

The coroner also learned that the eleven-year-old son and the seven-year-old daughter of the Wessells had been attending the public school at 165th street and Franklin avenue during the illness of the infant, thus exposing the hundreds of pupils in the school to the danger of contagion from the disease.

After Dr. Curtin, the coroner's physician, had performed an autopsy last night on the body of the Wessell baby he said death had been caused by diphtheria. Cultures from the child's throat were examined under a microscope and showed well defined evidences of the disease. The cultures will be sent to the Board of Health laboratories to-morrow for further examination.

The Wessell baby died early yesterday morning, and the parents called in an undertaker to prepare the body for burial. The case looked suspicious to the undertaker, and after leaving the Wessell home he went to the coroner's office in The Bronx and told the clerk he thought the child had been treated by Christian Science "healers" and that the death should be investigated.

Coroner Flynn was told of the undertaker's suspicions, and he and Dr. Curtin went to the Wessell home, where they found Mrs. Wessell alone. As a result of their questioning of the woman, the coroner and Dr. Curtin learned that Darwin McClintock, reader of the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, at Central Park West and 96th street, had been called in by the parents on Friday and had treated the infant.

Arthur Overberry, another healer, of No. 596 West 173d street, is said to have been summoned to the Wessell home yesterday morning, but found the child was dead. Overberry, it is said, called up Dr. Louis Friedman, of No. 262 West 113th street, on the telephone and asked him to issue a death certificate. This Dr. Friedman refused to do, the coroner learned.

Wessell is a bookkeeper. Twenty families have apartments in the five-story building where he lives, and the Wessell children came into daily contact with the other tenants in the place.

Dead Man's Hoard Found.

Rochester, Jan. 17.—John C. Koons, a Dundee grocer, who died last week, was known to possess considerable wealth, but none of it could be found. In taking stock of Koons's grocery store, however, the administrator discovered tucked away in barrels, boxes, old crockery and rice bins cash, notes and mortgages amounting to \$10,000.

ARTIST KILLED IN SARDINIA

Bullet Wound Found on Body of Miss Ellen Giles, of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—Word was received in this city to-day that Miss Ellen Giles, a writer and artist of this city, was found dead in her apartments yesterday in Sassari, island of Sardinia, Italy.

The Italian police, it is reported, believe she was murdered.

Miss Giles was well known in this city as an artist and a teacher. She was a student at Bryn Mawr College for five years, graduating in 1908 and taking degrees of A. B. and A. M. She is remembered by artists of this city who studied at the School of Design.

Dean Isabel Maddison, of the college, said to-day she had received a letter from her only yesterday. It was purely on business and contained no clues which would furnish any explanation of the fate which had befallen her. In it she gave as her address, "Care Brown, Shipley & Co., London."

Miss Giles went abroad in 1908 with her mother, and had been living in Italy ever since. An artist who knew her for several years said to-day:

"Ellen Giles was a spirituelle girl, with big, appealing dark eyes and dark, curling hair. She was 'different' from most of the other students; not eccentric, but her life and interests seemed apart from that of most of the others."

"She was not inclined to make intimate friends with any one, though her manner was always simple and kindly, and she generously shared the lovely things she possessed."

An advertisement of the death of Miss Giles was inserted in the Philadelphia newspapers to-day. It came from a man who acted as business agent for Mrs. Giles, who is said to be wealthy. He stated that he had received a cable dispatch from Mrs. Giles reading: "Ellen is dead. Please publish in the newspapers."

TO QUIZ O'GORMAN ON 'GAFFNEY' VISIT

Whitman Subpoenas Sulzer, Who May Identify Stewart's Caller.

THINKS BOTH KNOW OF HOLD-UP ATTEMPT

Senator, as Contractor's Counsel, Asked Ex-Governor to Act—Started Split with Chief.

Ex-Governor William Sulzer was subpoenaed last night at the Broadway Central Hotel to appear and testify in District Attorney Whitman's John Doe inquiry into state graft.

Senator O'Gorman also is to be examined, and it is expected that their knowledge of transactions in the Barge Canal Board in December, 1912, will clear up the identity of the man calling himself James E. Gaffney, who demanded \$150,000 from James C. Stewart, vice-president of the James Stewart Contracting Company, of No. 20 Church street, after Sulzer's election, and while the company's bids for \$3,000,000 worth of canal work were pending before the board.

Stewart testified on Friday that he refused to "come across," and also that he might be able to identify the man who called at his office and solicited the contribution. District Attorney Whitman prefers to investigate the alleged hold-up by calling ex-Governor Sulzer, who interfered in Stewart's behalf, with the result that after three biddings Stewart got the contracts.

Senator O'Gorman, as member of the firm of O'Gorman, Battle & Marshall, counsel for Stewart, was acquainted with the pressure that was being brought on Stewart and it is said he went to Sulzer, then Governor-elect, to see if something couldn't be done about it. His friendship with Sulzer, it is said, caused Sulzer to acquaint himself with the transactions of the Canal Board when it went into executive session to consider Stewart's bids.

Was First Cause of Break.

It is said that the attitude taken by Sulzer in behalf of Stewart precipitated the first actual break between Sulzer and the "Chief." During the impeachment of Sulzer Murphy was reported to have offered financial aid to Sulzer after his election. It was alleged that Murphy told Sulzer that his great popularity had made him the most inexpensive gubernatorial candidate in the history of party elections.

According to the story told last November by George Gordon Battle, counsel for Stewart, emissaries from Tammany Hall close to Murphy went to Stewart before the election to get money. Stewart offered \$25,000, but was told that \$75,000 was expected from him. It is said that Stewart hesitated for a week and at last refused to give up. This, it was said, displeased Democratic headquarters, and Stewart was informed he need not look for favors in the future.

Although Stewart was unable before Magistrate McAdoo last week to describe the man who asked him for the post-election contribution, he was perfectly willing to say that the demand angered him so much that he practically fired the splinter from his office.

The difficulty with Stewart's story is that it is no crime for any representative of Tammany Hall to solicit a campaign contribution from a contractor, nor would it have been a crime for James E. Gaffney, a representative of Tammany Hall, to tell Mr. Stewart that if he were anxious to get the canal contracts he could aid in getting them by paying \$150,000. While the Stewart case instanced the most outrageous example of Tammany "sandbagging," the existence of crime is merely assumed. The evidence is entirely circumstantial.

Sulzer's Skirts Are Clean.

For that reason District Attorney Whitman, after carefully setting the

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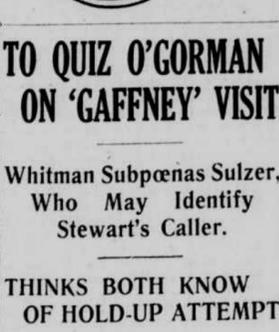
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This Morning's News.

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