

A HAND-ZIP!
\$17,000 GONE

Black Bag, Chock Full of Diamonds, Vanishes in Wall Street.

PUZZLE HAS \$19,000 INSURANCE CLAUSE

Stranger from Coast Tells Weird Story to Police, Who Cry "Marvellous!"

Night from reel life is yesterday's Moving Finger story of the Clutching Hand that snatched from Benjamin Forer, an elderly diamond broker, of Los Angeles, a satchel said to contain \$17,000 in diamonds, in Wall Street shortly after 1 o'clock. The mysterious hand reached out; the satchel was gone; search was fruitless.

Arizona's woman sheriff, Anna Katherine Green, and Dr. Watson, whose frequently interjected "Marvellous!" became the forerunner of the "Very good, Eddie," of a later day, should rush to the aid of the Detective Bureau at once. It is up a tall tree.

Forer and his friend, August Goldfarb, registered at the McAlpin on Wednesday. They had with them the small black satchel, eight by sixteen inches, that they told the police contained the variously estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 worth of gems.

A 1 o'clock yesterday Forer, Goldfarb and D. Wolkowicz, a dealer in diamonds at 16 Maiden Lane, walked down Nassau Street and turned into Wall, toward Broadway. Forer, with the satchel containing, he said, the transient gems, was a step in the rear of his two companions. Suddenly, but invisibly, came the clutching hand. It came from nowhere and it went nowhere, but with it went the satchel. And with the satchel the gems. Don't forget them; they are said to be the most important gems. No gems, no story.

People what he described as almost an attack of fainting. Forer cried for his two companions. They joined him in a frantic, noisy search for the satchel that disappeared to the hand. But Forer did not see the hand, and it was said to be the only one in the crowd. At any rate, the satchel was gone, the gems were gone.

Ready sympathizers in the formerly big, now very quiet and static, through their assistance. Some searched for the thief. Several called policemen. But none found the black bag.

Policemen took Forer and his friends to the Old Slip station, where they reported his loss. Then they were hurried to Police Headquarters, where they had an opportunity to amplify their story.

Their explanations puzzled the detective. Forer didn't know whether there was any connection in the crowd immediately after he called out that he had been robbed. Goldfarb said there was a big crowd and a big commotion. Furthermore, he didn't know whether or not Forer had brought the bag from the restaurant where they had just had lunch. Wolkowicz thought Forer had the bag, and he said there was no commotion, no crowd. A suggestion that Wall Street shortly after 1 was not usually deserted did not change his opinion.

Forer gave his address as 1 North Spring Street, Los Angeles. Forer told the police that after he started East he telegraphed back to Los Angeles to have his gems insured for \$15,000, and that they were accordingly insured, because he was well known, his word was as good as his bond, and the insurance company would unhesitatingly accept his valuation.

The gems, he said, he bought two weeks ago on installments of \$9,500 and \$10,000 for a New York dealer named Ray, then in Los Angeles. He produced a typewritten receipt with the high word "Levy." The diamonds he said were about stones ranging from two to five carats. There were several lockets.

Goldfarb and Forer were not at first agreed on what share the former had in the gems. Finally it was decided that Goldfarb, who says he is a deputy sheriff at home, had said he would take \$5,000 responsibility, but Goldfarb's exact financial status in this and other matters is yet a mystery to the detective. Forer, when asked if the robbery would be severe blow to him, with a shrug of his shoulders and a flash of a huge solitary, said, "Well, I'm not a poor man!"

Every night since the arrival of the two Westerners at the McAlpin the previous bag, Forer said, had been placed "in the vault." Friday night Wolkowicz appeared. He came to the hotel, examined the diamonds and promised to find a purchaser. His valuation of the gems, doubtless advanced with a shrewd business sense, was \$13,500.

Wolkowicz's business, the police say, is carried on both in this city and on the Pacific Coast, where he represents the California Trading Company. Recently he went bankrupt.

Detectives Meyer, Stillson and Cavene have put on rubber soles and kid shoes to search further for the clutching hand.

Los Angeles, Nov. 27.—Benjamin Forer, who was robbed to-day of his handbag, said to contain diamonds valued at \$17,000, left here a week ago to dispose of the diamonds purchased from a Los Angeles importer, according to Louis Forer, a brother.

MAILS ALMOST SWAMPED

Holiday Rush Causes Cry to Keep Empty Sacks Moving.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Enormous quantities of mail moving throughout the country, which the Postoffice Department attributes to the progress of the business revival as well as the approaching holiday season, have caused special notices to be sent to all postmasters.

"Owing to the great revival of business," says an official announcement published to-day, "the volume of mail has increased to such an extent as to embarrass the department seriously in supplying mail sacks. It is necessary that all surplus sacks and pouches be gathered at the depositories with a view to meeting the extraordinarily heavy demand for empty mail bags that will be made by the service from now until after the holiday season. The emergency which confronts us requires that every sack must be put to work and kept working until the close of the year."

While a Broadway, Brooklyn, "L" train was crossing the Williamsburg Bridge during the rush hour last night a riot started in one of the cars when Detective Patten, of the Seventh Branch, after placing a suspected pickpocket under arrest, was mistaken for the thief and badly beaten.

DETECTIVE BEATEN IN RIOT ON TRAIN

Attacked as Thief by Passengers When He Tries to Arrest Pickpocket Suspect.

Patten and his partner, O'Connell, had been assigned to the Army and Navy football game to pick up known thieves or pickpockets. Both were dressed in old clothes, blue shirts and caps. Unable to detect any crooks at the game, they boarded a Broadway train for their office in Willoughby Avenue.

The cars were crowded as the train left the Centre Street loop and Patten entered one car and O'Connell another. The train had taken the incline of the bridge, when Patten noticed a well dressed man, with a raincoat across his arm, who, he says, was jostling passengers. Then he says he saw the man reach into the pocket of one of the passengers. The detective grabbed the suspect and placed him under arrest. Hardly had he laid his hand on him when the man shouted:

"He's trying to rob me!" Before Patten could move, a man struck him on the head, throwing him into the lap of a woman passenger. Receiving his feet, Patten again grabbed his prisoner, while punching and kicking men surrounded him.

Women screamed and fought for the doors. The guard signalled the motorman that there was a fight on the train. The motorman sent the train ahead at full speed and opened the riot whistle.

Meantime, O'Connell had worked his way into the car. Pitting on his shield, he shouted he was a policeman, but, finding that of no avail, drew his club and jumped into the crowd. The train had reached the Macy Avenue station, when the passengers realized that they were lighting two detectives.

Several uniformed patrolmen met the train. They found O'Connell fighting with the suspect, who was trying to escape. Patten, bleeding from a dozen cuts on his face and head, was on the floor. The patrolmen cleared the car and in a few minutes the train went on, carrying the suspect handcuffed.

At the 7th Branch Bureau the man said he was Samuel Serating, thirty-two years old, a wealthy ranch owner of Winnipeg, Canada. He said he was on his way to visit friends in Brownsville when arrested. He was held on a charge of disorderly conduct.

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Miss Katherine E. Punccheon, principal of the Girls' High School in this city, was unanimously chosen. Women members of the National Education Association which embraces all the larger institutions in the country, saw in Miss Punccheon's election victory for women in the national body. Dr. A. B. Meredith, inspector of high schools in New York State, was elected one of the four vice-presidents.

Professor Adam L. Jones, of Columbia University, announced that experiments at Wellesley, Mount Holyoke, Smith and Vassar showed that students who entered by examination made better records than those admitted on preparatory and high school certificates.

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"I'll dance when I like now," exclaimed Mrs. Osborne, triumphantly, as she left court.

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TRIAL WILL NOT STOP MISS FLYNN'S TALKS

I. W. W. Leader Faces Jury for the Second Time To-morrow.

No matter what the Paterson authorities may decide about the I. W. W. in general, and herself in particular, in her second trial, which is scheduled to begin to-morrow, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn will keep right on talking. If she is acquitted she will hire a hall and tell the Paterson police of free speech. Should the jury send her to jail the speech will have to be postponed.

"For what's a fight for if it is not to keep on fighting?" challenged the feminine leader of the I. W. W. at her home, 511 East 134th Street, yesterday. "I think I'll get a fair trial unless they try to 'railroad' me. But it won't make any difference what they do. I shall keep right on with my work."

Influential friends of Miss Flynn hope that they may obtain a postponement of her trial. Mrs. J. Sergeant Cram announced that if it could be adjourned W. Hourke Cokeran would help to defend her. If the case is called to-morrow she will be represented by Henry Marelli, of Paterson.

A fund of \$500 to defray the cost of the trial was raised at a mass meeting in Paterson Friday, and the I. W. W. leaders are planning to hold a similar gathering here Thursday. Wealthy friends have sent checks and laborers have contributed their dimes for her defense, Miss Flynn said with pride yesterday.

MYSTERY 'PHONE VOICE' MALLORY'S, SAY POLICE

Wife at Newark Joins Effort to Trace Calls.

Relatives of Dwight Farlow Mallory, the Baltimore clubman reported drowned a week ago, continued to search for him yesterday in Jersey City and Newark. They were aided by the police, who are satisfied that the man who telephoned to Charles J. Symington, a business partner at Short Hills, from the Holland House in Newark Friday night was Mallory.

Beyond tracing two telephone calls made from the Newark hotel, including the one to Mr. Symington's home, the Newark police were unable to get traces of the movements of the man who made the calls. The second call was to Baltimore to William G. Hofmann, treasurer of the T. H. Symington Company, dealers in railroad supplies at 30 Church Street, New York.

No one at the Holland House saw any man answering Mallory's description. The message to Mr. Hofmann was that a "Dr. Smith" was speaking and had Mallory in his charge. It brought Mrs. Mallory, her sister and some friends to Newark yesterday. They took rooms at the Continental Hotel to await word from the missing man. Inquiry at the telephone company office in Newark, however, showed that the stranger, in calling Baltimore, told the operator he was "Dr. Mallory" and not "Dr. Smith."

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The large assortment of imported and domestic Papers is expressive of the most fashionable adaptations, comprising all that is approved by the best social custom. Engraving of every description is executed in authoritative styles, and correctness of form is insured in the imprint of B. Altman & Co. Practical as well as luxurious desk appointments are also of particular interest at this season of gift-selection.

Special attention is directed to the interesting collection of Christmas and New Year Cards, which will meet the requirements of those desiring to send appropriate greetings.

An Extraordinary Sale of Women's Tailor-made Suits

for to-morrow (Monday), will consist of twenty desirable styles in Broadcloth, Velveteen and Whipcord:

Fur-trimmed and Plain Models of superior materials and workmanship at \$27.50

(Third Floor)

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Sleeveless Vests of wool and cotton; low neck 65c.

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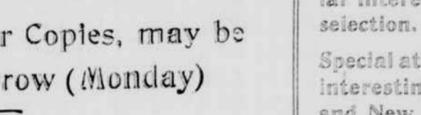
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Envelope Bag of patent leather, or morocco; fittings	6.00	Fancy Comb of rhinestones	6.00	Silk Brocade Desk Set	6.75
Child's Bag, of leather	0.50	Fancy Party Bag	3.50	Writing Paper and Envelopes (in cabinet)	1.50
Leather or Bill Case, of seal	1.75	Vest Set (four pieces)	set 6.75	Leather Calendar	0.45
Coin Tray-purse of pigskin	0.95	Cuff Links of Mother of Pearl, 14 kt.	3.50	Sterling Silver Pencil Set	1.00
Men's Jewel Case of leather	1.50	Gold Mountings	3.50	Diary	0.45
Tobacco Pouch of leather, rubber lined	2.00	Studs of Mother of Pearl, 14 kt. gold mountings	3.50	Fountain Pen	0.90
Key Case, of leather	2.00	Tie Clasp of 14 kt. gold, green finish	5.00	Double Inkwell	9.50
Leather-bound Desk Clock, with calendar	3.50	Men's Smoking Jacket	8.50	Hasty Line Pad	0.85
Traveling Bag, russet or black	4.85	Men's Bath Robe	5.00	Desk Lamp	2.75
Sterling Silver Candlesticks, per pair	7.50	Men's Muffler of knitted silk	9.00	Engraved Glass Candlestick	0.95
Sterling Silver Flower Vase	7.25	Men's Lounging Robe	12.50	Folding Card Table of mahogany	1.65
Sterling Silver Cigarette Case	8.75	Men's Silk Half-hose	1.50	Mahogany Smoking Stand	2.00
Sterling Silver Picture Frame	2.75	Men's Silk Suspender	1.00	Mahogany Candlesticks, per pair	1.75
Sterling Silver Vanity Case	9.00	Men's House Slippers	3.00	Mahogany Clock	6.50
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