

Justice Asked As Varotta Boy Goes to Grave

Neighbors' Appeal in Name of Black Hand Victim Laid on Coffin While Throngs in Street Weep

Mother Brave at Services

Death Threat Contained in Letter to Capt. Fiaschetti Unless He 'Lays Off' Case

The body of Giuseppe Varotta was buried yesterday in Calvary cemetery. Thousands wept over the small white bier of the five-year-old child, who was kidnaped on May 24 and whose body was found in the Hudson River last Saturday.

The feelings of neighbors and friends were crystallized in a ribbon they gave to be twined around the coffin, bearing this Italian inscription in gilt lettering: "This is an innocent victim of the Black Hand. We demand justice."

Crowds began to gather in the neighborhood of the Varotta home, 354 East Thirtieth Street, long before the body was due to arrive from Nyack. The white hearse drove up to the tenement doorway at noon. Salvatore Varotta, father of the boy, stood with Mary Rose, little sister of Giuseppe, in his arms. The child laughed and shook a spray of smiles when her father put her down. He rushed toward the approaching coffin.

"Mi figlio!" he cried. He embraced the coffin and tried to tear it from the men who carried it.

Mother Faints Beside Coffin

Detectives gently removed the clutching hands and held the father while Giuseppe's body was taken upstairs to the waiting motor. She did not make a sound as the coffin was placed upon a pedestal. For a moment she stood over it, then fell unconscious to the floor.

That was how Giuseppe returned to the little home that was merry with his laughter until three weeks ago yesterday.

A solemn procession of friends and kin filed past the casket as it lay in state with its inscription and a picture of the dead baby upon it. There were scores of wreaths, the offerings of the friends, fellows, friends and even strangers.

Two hours later the little funeral cortege started. The throng in the streets had assumed a formidable proportion. It was demonstrative, even in sorrow. Fifty detectives and patrolmen had difficulty keeping it in check.

Across the street the wives and sisters of two of the men in the Tombs under \$100,000 bail on charge of kidnaping watched the procession with tear-stained faces.

Immediately behind the white hearse came the lead coffin. Twenty little school fellows of Giuseppe, dressed all in white and with white crepe bands around their elbows, carried the wreaths. The cortege was led by Adolpho, the oldest brother of Giuseppe. Awed and saddened by the death of one of the gayest of their playfellows, the Italian boys cried frankly over their flowers. Then came the mother in a coach, accompanied by her sister-in-law and a cousin. Behind the carriage marched all the pupils of the kindergarten of Public School 19, which Giuseppe had attended to the time of his death.

Mrs. Varotta Heroic in Church

In entering the Church of Mary Help of Christians, 431 East Twelfth Street, Mrs. Concetta Verasta, who was supporting Mrs. Varotta, fainted. But the mother stepped forward with her head high and made her way down the aisle alone—a solitary, heroic figure. The service was short and simple. There was not a dry eye in the church by the time it was over.

Father Enrico, the priest, said the funeral blessing and a short prayer for the repose of the soul was offered. As the benediction was pronounced and the pallbearers took up their burden, the father leaned over and passionately kissed the picture of his dead boy on the coffin. The mother touched gently with a outstretched hand the picture where his little feet lay.

The hearse and carriages proceeded to Calvary cemetery by way of the Varotta home. The mother was in a state of complete collapse late last night. She bore up bravely for the funeral, but her stock of strength was quickly exhausted. The shock has been such that she has a real fear for the physical consequences.

It is the conviction of Captain Michael Fiaschetti and all the detectives working on the case that the interest evinced in the Varotta family by wealthy philanthropists gave the Black Handers the impression that they might make a fortune by stealing the child.

Captain Fiaschetti admitted receiving a threatening letter yesterday to the effect that the Black Hand "would get him if he did not lay off the case." It was mailed at the City Hall. All the threatening notes received thus far have been in different handwriting and written in Sicilian dialect.

The three men arrested on Sunday on a charge of having automatic revolvers in their possession pleaded guilty in Special Sessions yesterday and were remanded to the Tombs until June 24 for investigation by Probation Officer William Connors. The men are Vincenzo Battaglia and Salvatore Troja, both of 515 East Fourteenth Street, and Giuseppe Palumbo, of 220 Avenue C.

Tony Salicelli and Joe Margolio, who were arrested on Monday, were sent by Judge John F. McIntyre in General Sessions to the House of Detention on material witnesses. Bail was fixed at \$25,000 each at the request of Assistant District Attorney Benedict Dineen.

Naval Holiday Urged by Franklin D. Roosevelt

Would Have Present Programs Completed and Then No More Planned for Specified Term

Franklin D. Roosevelt, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Democratic candidate for the Vice-Presidency in the last campaign, spoke in favor of a naval holiday at the University Forum, held in the school building at Amsterdam Avenue and Ninety-third Street last night. His suggestion was that the present building programs be completed and no new ships be constructed for a stipulated time. At the end of that period, he said, the navies of the world would be on the same relative footing as to-day.

"We do not want a reduction in the size of our navy," said Mr. Roosevelt. "Unless we get the other fellow to say, 'I'll do it too.' I believe the country would welcome seeking the cooperation of Great Britain and France, not to stop building new ships, but to stop laying out new programs over a period of five or ten years. If France, Japan, Great Britain and Italy would agree not to lay down any new ships for a specified period it would save hundreds of millions of dollars to the poor old world."

Customs Guards Find Fish And Pineapples Toting Flasks

Interesting Scientific Discovery at Pier Held as Thirsty Bit of Nature Faking; First Woman Convicted Under State Dry Act Fined \$50; First Man, \$100

Leo Steiner is not considered by the Customs Department to be anything in the way of an ichthyologist. He is a customs guard. Nor is Edward Starzage looked upon by the customs authorities as what one might call a horticulturalist. He, too, is a customs guard. Nevertheless, these two yesterday contributed to science, one of them a new genus of fish and the other something new in the pineapple family.

Steiner was standing at the pier when the ship Montserrat is tied up, when George Vilada, a fireman, came down the gang plank with a bundle under each arm. The tail of a fish was visible from the ends of each bundle.

Steiner was aroused from his philosophical state of mind by the appearance of the fish. The body of the fish, as outlined under the paper wrappings, suggested something unusual in the fish line. So he stopped Vilada and examined the fish. Sure enough, each had a glass bottle lying alongside.

Starzage made his discovery on the Ward Line pier. The man he saw was carrying a pineapple. It looked like a straight out-and-out pineapple, and if the top had not unexpectedly come loose, letting the fruit fall to the floor, he might never have been prompted to examine it. As soon as it fell, how-

ever, its bearer fled and Starzage had plenty of time to make a study of the phenomenon. In this case he found the pineapple to contain distinct evidence of liquors first brought to public attention by the Canadian Club.

Mrs. Katie O'Keefe, a widow, forty-five years old, who lives at 866 First Avenue, was found guilty yesterday of violating the Mullan-Gage law by having liquor in her possession. It took a jury before Justice Henry V. Borst in the extraordinary term of the Supreme Court more than an hour to reach the verdict. Mrs. O'Keefe formerly conducted a saloon at 869 First Avenue and on April 7, Detective Andelmann, of the 4th Inspection District, said he found a quantity of gin and whisky in two demijohns in the place.

When the verdict was announced by Jurymen Sigmund Moritz, of the Hotel Theresa, Justice Borst fined Mrs. O'Keefe \$50. She is the first woman convicted under the Mullan-Gage law.

Michael Rovensky, thirty-eight years old, of 312 East Forty-first Street, who was the first man convicted in the extraordinary term for violating the Mullan-Gage law, was yesterday fined \$100 by Justice Borst. He was arrested on April 7 by Detective Blake, of the East Thirty-fifth Street station, who said he found a quart and two half pint flasks containing whisky. Rovensky was convicted June 10.

Call Stillman Platonic Godfather to Baby Leeds

Witnesses Expected to Show Banker Merely Regarded Child's Mother as Friend

During the hearings of the divorce case of James A. Stillman against Anne Ugarhart, totter Stillman, which opens to-day before Referee Daniel J. Gleason, in Poughkeepsie, evidence will be introduced to prove that Mr. Stillman's friendship for Florence Lawlor Leeds, named by Mrs. Stillman, was purely platonic, it was predicted yesterday.

It will be shown that he befriended her only because of a purely unselfish interest. That he stood as godfather to her son, Jay Ward Leeds, when the child was baptized into the Catholic Church, and that the baby is the son of a former dancing partner of Mrs. Leeds, whose name is Harold Leeds. It is expected that Harold Leeds will be produced at the hearing to speak for himself and the mother of his child.

Regarding "Clara" and "Helen," two women who recently have been incorporated in Mrs. Stillman's amended answer, it is predicted that Mr. Stillman's attorneys will ask for more specific allegations regarding Mr. Stillman's alleged improprieties with them. It is expected that Mr. Stillman will show that if they were guests at social affairs tendered by him that in this regard they differed not at all from scores of other women.

Hugh Russell, the Buffalo osteopath who testified that Mrs. Stillman told him Fred Beauvais was the father of Guy, will be the first witness called this morning.

Bandit Killed in Street Fight With Policeman

KANSAS CITY, June 14.—One of three bandits was killed and another captured to-day in a running fight with a policeman who attempted to arrest them for looting the office of the Quality Ice and Storage Company of \$1,000 yesterday.

The fight took place in the heart of Kansas City's business district. The bandits aroused the suspicions of a police officer who was passing and putting on straw hats as they abandoned their automobile. The boy tipped George Beckwith, a policeman, who followed the trio in a motor truck.

As he overtook them Beckwith alighted and tried to arrest them, but in a moment all three were attacking him. He shot the man who had climbed over his shoulders. The others ran, but one was overtaken by pedestrians.

The dead man was identified as Joseph Clements. The man under arrest bore the name of William Williams. The dead man was identified by L. G. Lower, cashier of the ice company, as one of the bandits who took the money.

Bedtime Stories King Eagle's Return

By Thornton W. Burgess

The worst that is can never last; Some day 'twill be far in the past.—King Eagle.

King Eagle knows. He is old, is King Eagle, older than any of the other people of the Green Forest. He has seen many things happen and he has learned that nothing bad lasts forever. Sooner or later it is a thing of the past.

No one had noticed that King Eagle had not stopped with the rest near the tree in which Stickytoes the Tree Toad was perched. He had passed over that tree and then up in great circles. Up, up, up he had flown until he was sailing round and round on his broad wings high above the smoke that filled the Green Forest, so high that he could look down and see all that was below for a great distance and could look up and see what there might be in the sky.

No one noticed King Eagle go and no one missed him. You see, no one had eyes for anything or anybody but Stickytoes, the little prophet in the tree who was so insistently crying: "Rain, rain! It is going to rain!"

"How do you know it is going to rain? You are not high enough to see above the breath of the Red Terror, so how do you know?" demanded Old Man Coyote suspiciously. Of course he meant the smoke when he said the breath of the Red Terror.

"I feel it. I feel it all over. It is going to rain soon," replied Stickytoes.

"How can he feel it?" whispered Boxy to Mother Bear.

"I don't know," growled Mother Bear. "Goodness knows I don't feel anything but heat, and the breath of the Red Terror makes my air dryer than ever. If he says he can feel it, I guess he does. I never have known rain to come that Stickytoes didn't know it was coming long before the rest of us. Don't ask me how he knows. He just does that is all. All the same time I wish we had the word of some one else as well."

Hardly were the words out of Mother Bear's mouth when above their heads there came a sharp rattling sound. It was made by the great feathers of King Eagle's great wings as he checked his flight and alighted on the top of a tree. Everybody looked up at him eagerly. Everybody

Archbishop Hayes Starts 3 Million College Work

Breaks Ground for Manhattan Buildings and Awards Diplomas; Judge Manton Honored

Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes broke ground for Manhattan College's proposed \$3,000,000 group of buildings at the close of the institution's sixty-eighth commencement, which was held under canvass on the new campus on Spuyten Duyvil Parkway, yesterday. The prelate presided at these exercises and awarded the prizes and diplomas.

Chief among those upon whom degrees were conferred was Judge Martin T. Manton, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. He was made an LL. D. and delivered the address to the graduating class.

Excavation for the first quadrangle of the college's new home will begin this month, and this section, including a dormitory, a recitation hall, the gymnasium, and the administrative offices, will be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1922. This will make it possible to increase the enrollment from 150 to 700 students.

A chapel, a science building and another dormitory will be added later, giving accommodations for an additional 400 students. The Colonial style of architecture will be followed in all the buildings, which will cover approximately six of the thirteen acres comprising the new campus.

Thief Blackjacks Woman In 42d St. Apartment

Knocks Her Unconscious at Door, but Is Frightened Away Before He Can Loot Home

An unidentified man, about twenty-five years old, entered the home of Mrs. May Meyers, thirty-four, of 319 West Forty-second Street, yesterday afternoon, knocked her unconscious and fled.

Mrs. Meyers told the police that she had just returned from a shopping trip when the door-bell rang. She said she found a neatly dressed man, who carried his straw hat in his hand and spoke politely. He asked her if she knew of an "O'Brien" or "Bryan" living in the house. She was about to reply in the negative when the man drew a blackjack and struck her down.

Tenants on the same floor, hearing the scuffle, went to the Meyers apartment to investigate. They found Mrs. Meyers severely injured and the contents of several of the bureau drawers scattered about.

Stillman Social Bolshevnik, His Attitude of Son

Banker Is Called Fit Subject for a Hospital and Wall Street Blamed for His Matrimonial Plight

Says Boy Turned From His Father on Learning of Financier's Odd Behavior

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 14.—Mrs. Anna U. Stillman in an interview to-day denounced James A. Stillman as a social Bolshevnik and an irresponsible home wrecker. She declared him a sick man mentally and a subject for hospital treatment.

Mrs. Stillman talked calmly. She said later things in a quiet, even tone. She spoke of Stillman as a type she typified the "degeneracy that comes out of Wall Street," she said.

For two days Mrs. Stillman has been staying at the home of John E. Mack, legal guardian of Guy Stillman. She was seated on the porch of the Mack home as she discussed Stillman.

"I can appreciate the attitude of those Socialists and anarchist persons who would stone us for the things we have permitted to come to pass," said the banker's wife. "Already we are being pointed at as people of high position. People are asking what is to become of humanity if such as we have been can break our will upon the world."

"This situation is not of my making, and yet I could scarcely blame any one who did attack us. Remember, Mr. Stillman is not the only one. Wall Street is full of such men."

Says He Is Abnormal

"Mr. Stillman is a sick man. He ought to be in a hospital. He is abnormal. Mr. Stillman had many admirable qualities to begin with. The fault seems to lie with the lives they lead down there in Wall Street. It is the constant strain or over the top external mania for making money—the power complex. In moments of relaxation such men turn away from their equals and seek the society of their inferiors. They don't want equals about them."

"It was thus that Mr. Stillman turned away to poor Mrs. Leeds. It was then that he diled his Leeds with women."

"Just consider that Mr. Stillman's son—his eldest son—turned from him. He refused to inherit his father's money. This man had tried to destroy his own home and scatter the wreckage round the world. I mean just that, too. I have letters from the young man in which men and women express their sympathy for me."

"A man of great wealth and power, Mr. Stillman has struck at the very foundations of the home. What is to become of civilization in such circumstances?"

Of Value to World

"Does it not all show that there is an abnormal condition of Mr. Stillman's mind? What I am passing through will be of value to the world. I believe my case will teach a lesson to a certain type of Wall Street man that he will not easily forget. People in America will tolerate the kind of thing, American gentlemen, rich or poor, must not treat their families as Mr. Stillman has treated his."

After a pause Mrs. Stillman added: "But Mr. Stillman is not as bad a man as one of his advisers has made him out to be. This adviser is a woman hater. He does not believe in any woman. He would be glad to crush and kill me."

Mrs. Stillman was asked as the interview closed whether it was true that she had been washing her own clothes when her car arrived. She acknowledged that this was true and pointed to the washed clothing hung up to dry.

Lawyer Whipped, Run Out

HOUSTON, Tex., June 14.—W. J. Boyd, attorney, was seized by eight men last night, taken to the woods, whipped and told to leave town. He had twice been arrested for annoying girls in motion picture shows.

Weather Report

Figures indicated are standard time. Sun rises, 4:53 a.m.; Sun sets, 7:29 p.m. Moon rises, 8:52 p.m.; Moon sets, 1:17 a.m.

Local Forecast.—Fair to-day; to-morrow partly cloudy; probably showers and rain; change in temperature; moderate fresh northwest and north shifting to east winds.

Local Official Record.—The following table shows the record of the weather for the last twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year.

Humidity

Barometer Readings

General Weather Conditions

WASHINGTON, June 14.—The disturbance that was centered over the Great Lakes moved northward to-day, and very strong winds blowing in the north Atlantic coast. Another disturbance of moderate intensity was centered over the northern part of the Great Lakes and the upper Mississippi valley, the southern plains states and the Ohio Valley region, and general showers along the northern Pacific coast.

Temperatures were lower Tuesday in the middle Atlantic and north Atlantic states, the upper Ohio Valley, the lower lake region and generally west. In the Rocky Mountains, but high temperatures continued in the south Atlantic and eastern States, Miss. City, Mon. and Augusta and Savannah, Ga. The maximum temperatures of 100 degrees.

Fair weather will prevail in the middle Atlantic and north Atlantic states, while the weather will be more or less unsettled elsewhere. In the Mississippi River valley, scattered showers are probable Wednesday, and scattered showers are probable in the upper lake region, the Ohio Valley and interior of the Southern States.

The outlook is for cloudy weather over most sections Thursday and Friday. It is probable that the Mississippi River valley, New England and in portions of the middle Atlantic States, showers are reached the edge of the Green Forest where it joins the Great Mountain. It is going to rain, just as Stickytoes has said. Let us hope that the Merry Little Breezes get those clouds here before the Red Terror reaches the Green Forest.

"They will! They will! Rain, rain! It is going to rain. It is going to rain soon," cried Stickytoes joyously.

King Eagle looked over to the branch where little Stickytoes the Tree Toad sat. "He knows," said he.

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Keep to Your Colors A captain, returning from South America some years ago, saw a ship in the wake bearing the British ensign, but as she drew nearer the English flag came down and up went that of the Chilean Republic. "Aye, aye, my lads," said the Captain, "that will never do. I don't like that fellow that carries double colors. He must be a pirate." So it proved. They had to clear their decks and fight to preserve their liberty. Carrying water on both shoulders and shifting flags for new positions in business or in State policies are always signs of Benedict Arnoldism. Not only clear the decks, but keep your hearts clear to believe that the old flag, which Betsy Ross made in Arch Street, is today the greatest sunbeam of light and hope to the world around.

The Best News, TODAY, is of the Semi-Annual Sale of Men's Clothing ("the Standard Clothing Sale of America")

The eyes of retail merchants all over the country will be upon this sale; because these semi-annual clothing sales at Wanamaker's are looked upon as the standard clothing sales of America. "Where will prices be this June?... What will Wanamaker's do?... What reductions will be made?" These and similar questions drift into us almost daily; and here, in this news, is the answer to all of them.

Observe, please The Wanamaker standard in men's clothing has always meant something definite, tangible and satisfactory. So, when reductions like these are announced there is the added assurance that the quality of the fabrics and the workmanship in general and the variety offered will answer the call of satisfaction in a positive way.

FOR MISS 14 TO 20 Polka-dotted Frocks are in vogue Polka-dotted crepe de chine and Georgette crepe in navy blue or black with white dots. Silhouette frocks—every one of them, because Paris will not countenance them with any trimming. Of course, there are several silhouettes, and each is different, but equally chic. Slip-on style All of the models are in the convenient slip-on style, whether they tie at the sides of the waist, or have tiny girdles.

6,600 Turkish TOWELS Heavy, firm quality Very low priced 18x36 in. 25c each 19x38 in. 30c each 21x40 in. 50c each 21x42 in. 65c each 23x46 in. 75c each 24x50 in. 75c each The 21x42 in. has blue or pink Jacquard borders—the 23x46 in. is extra heavy and has blue border—the 24x50 in. is all white. First floor, Old Building.

Half Price for French Dinner Sets THE O. HAVILAND, our \$80 grade—down to \$40. Ninety-nine have just been received from the maker and BELMAISON is offering them at \$17 ea. The chair is of a lovely pinkish light-brown shade of birch-wood, with a durable rush seat whose matching surface is offered contrast by a smart, green line. Fifth Gallery, New Bldg.

Women's Wool Jersey at \$32.50 Mail orders given prompt attention If you are summering out-of-town, or, for any reason, cannot get to the store for the things you need, write us a letter in the description of what you wish, and we will give your order immediate careful thought and ship without delay. Free delivery Nothing C. O. D. under \$1. TELEPHONE orders given immediate and thoughtful attention, too.