TOWN OVERRUN BY THIEVES

160 COMPLAINANTS BEFORE THE MAZET COMMITTEE.

An Eighth of a Million Stolen so Far in 1899 Shown by Devery's Burglary Book—That's Only a Fraction of the Whole—Fifty Witnesses Tell Tales of Recent Loss by Robbery, Unpunished All but Always—Plunder Recovered in Two Instances Only.

One hundred and sixty New Yorkers who have suffered from the depredations of thieves, some of them two or three times, within the past few months, appeared before the Mazet Committee in the County Court-house yesterday morning to tell of their losses and what has been done for them by the police. Of these, fifty were examined and their testimony showed amazing boldness among the criminals of the city, and a deplorable lack of interest on the part of the police in robberies, burglaries, and street hold-ups.

Out of all the witnesses examined but two were found who had got back any part of the property stolen from them, and one of these found his goods himself. All of the victims save one declared that they had no hope of ever getting their property back, and almost all said that the police had shown utter unconcern. The testimony showed also that New York thieves are not letting bars or bolts keep them away from their plunder. In a number of the cases the thieves effected entrances by tunnelling through cellars, cutting their way through brick walls, and sawing holes in floors and ceilings.

At the opening of yesterday's session Mr. Moss, addressing the committee, said:

"It is my purpose to-day to take up the matter of robberies and burglaries in this city, and to show that the police, by their wide-open policy, are responsible for the prevalence of these crimes. It has been found utterly impossible to tabulate the cases, for the books of the police stations and those at Police Headquarters do not agree at all, and in many cases names are misspelled, apparently on purpose. To illustrate: We found the entry of a robbery of the firm of 'Keley See,' and after much investigation learned that this referred to the firm of Carey & Sides."

Mr. Moss called C. C. Miller of Port Richmond, who, with a friend named Swinton, spent an evening at a resort in Forty-fourth Street, a short time ago. They started down town in a cab at eleven o'clock, and stopped at Houston Street and the Bowery to get a drink. While they were inside, the cabman, who had been paid in advance, drove away. They stood on the corner waiting for another cab. There Miller said a man struck him in the face and made a grab at his watch. Two other men tackled Swinton and got his $800 worth of jewelry. Miller managed to hold on to his man until a policeman came up and arrested him.

"And when this happened the neighborhood was ablaze with lights and dozens of people were walking to and fro, were they not?" asked Mr. Moss.

"Yes," said the witness. "It was as light as day, and there were lots of people around."

After examining several other victims, Mr. Moss read a letter from Mrs. Walter Bentley, wife of a clergyman, giving the details of a robbery which occurred at her home, 212 East Twelfth Street, two weeks ago, on a Sunday evening. Besides stealing a lot of silverware and other valuables, the thieves got away with the entire church collection. They have not been caught, nor has any of the stolen property been returned.

A number of letters from others who had suffered were read. In each case, the police had made a perfunctory investigation, but had accomplished nothing.

David A. Doyle, a dealer in trunks and bags, testified that two truck-loads of dress-suit cases and valises valued at $5,000 were stolen from his place at Fourteenth Street and Fifth Avenue in May last. The police didn't succeed in finding thieves or goods. Doyle remarked to the detectives that it was strange that two truck-loads of goods could be removed from his place at night. They replied that as a number of dirt carts had passed in the neighborhood that night the man on post couldn't hear the trucks.

Q. Did you suggest the possibility of the officer seeing the trucks?

A. Yes; but they thought that he couldn't be expected to see them as he had a long beat.

Five east-side merchants were called in succession, and each told of a robbery that had been reported immediately to the police, with no return. Thomas B. Chrystal, a newspaper writer, of 29 West Eighty-fourth Street, testified that his apartment was robbed two months ago, of $400 worth of jewelry. One of the detectives who were assigned to the case found his watch in a pawnshop, and took him down to the place to get it. He had to give the pawn-broker $25 before he could get the watch, and he also paid the detective $5 for "his trouble." He told the detective, then and there, he said, that if any more of his property was found in pawn-shops, he wasn't going to pay to get it out. He never heard from the detective after that, and has never found any more of his stuff.

David Fox of Fox & Hine of 125 Bleecker Street was called to tell about the famous robbery in his place on July 4, when $6,000 worth of silk was carted off in broad daylight. This was the robbery that a citizen tried to call Capt. Chapman's attention to while that officer was explaining police duties to a new captain, and while the robbery was going on.

Q. Have you ever recovered any of this property? A. No, sir.

Q. And have any arrests been made? A. Yes, one of the men was caught yesterday. He sold twenty-one rolls of the silk, valued at $1,500, in Long Island City, for $500.

Richard Cluff of 120 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street said that his flat was robbed in March last, and that he had to walk to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street before he found a policeman. He finally discovered one eating sandwiches in a hallway. He never recovered any of his property. Thomas J. Lockwood, who has storage warehouses at 244 Front Street and 265 and 267 Water Street, told of four robberies in his places. In November, 1896, the thieves got four bales of tobacco valued at $2,500. In May, 1897, they tunnelled through a wall and got out six bales, but were discovered after they had lowered four of the bales to the sidewalk and were frightened away. On July 4, 1898, they got away with $2,000 worth of tobacco, and the last entrance was on March 4 last, when they got four more bales. All of these cases were reported to the police, but no arrests followed, and none of the stolen property was recovered.

Emil Schlesinger of 37 West Fourth Street lost $200 worth of silk on May 7. He suspected a clerk of being in collusion with the thieves, and he went four times to the Mercer Street police station to get a detective to come over while he questioned the clerk. Detective Hall, who had been assigned to the case, he said, didn't have time to bother about the clerk.

"It was a terrible robbery," said Schlesinger. "Why, there wasn't even a line about it in the papers after it occurred."

Mrs. J. Clark of 200 West 137th Street said that thieves stole $1,000 in jewelry and clothing from her flat on Dec. 24 last.

Q. Have you been robbed since? A. Yes.

Q. Did you report these last robberies to the police? A. No. What was the use? They never find out anything.

According to Frederick Griffin, an employee of J. & R. Lamb & Co., of 53 Carmine Street, that firm was robbed last October and again in January. The men who robbed the place in January are well known to the police, he said, as their names were given to the police at the time. One was arrested, and is now out on bail, but the other is still around and for some unknown reason has never been taken into custody.

Robert Edwards of Fourteenth Street and Seventh Avenue, a dealer in bronze, said that he thought the police were very clever because they found $160 worth of bronze that had been stolen from him, in a bed in a near-by house. The man who slept in the bed was arrested, but when arraigned before Magistrate Mott was told to go home. He didn't know yet why the man was discharged.

Harry Hunt of 23 Manhattan Avenue said that his place was entered on June 30 and robbed of a lot of silver.

"Do you ever expect to get any of it back?" asked Mr. Moss.

"No, indeed," said Hunt; "and I'll tell you why. The janitress of the house saw two men go in on the day of the robbery, but later, when the police, who knew this, arrested two men on suspicion, they didn't even call her to see if she could identify them. The robberies are awful up my way. Everybody's buying pistols. I bought one myself to-day."

Harris Harowitz, of 42 Hester Street, said that he was robbed of $2,000 worth of silk on March 5 last, and that a man was arrested for the crime, but discharged before he had a chance to see him.

Mr. Moss told Chairman Mazet that he could go on with hundreds more cases, but that he thought enough men had been called to show the state of affairs in the city. The 110 other witnesses were excused.

Charles T. Dillon, one of the committee's detectives, who has been examining the robbery books at Police Headquarters and in the different station-houses in the city for the past few weeks, testified. Dillon said that Chief Devery's robbery-book showed 1,059 cases from January 1, 1898, up to May 15, last. Of these, 327 have occurred in 1899, and the valuation of stolen property this year so far is $127,954.50.

Q. But these figures only refer to cases where arrests were made, and are all burglaries, aren't they? A. Yes.

Q. You made comparisons between the Chief's book and some of the precinct books, didn't you? A. Yes; in the case of the Twentieth Precinct. There are 47 cases from there on the Chief's book, while the precinct books show 301 cases, and a difference in valuation on stolen property of $16,000.

In the citizens' complaint book of the Twentieth Precinct, Dillon said, he found 250 cases which were not in the Chief's book. It was absolutely impossible, he said, to find out how many robberies had occurred in the city in any given time, because there were no records at all of cases where no arrests were made. Altogether, in the Twentieth Precinct, he said, $32,000 should be added to the figures in the Chief's book showing the valuation of stolen property since Jan. 1, 1898. In the Thirtieth Precinct, he said, there were many cases on the precinct books which did not appear on the Chief's book. This was also true of the Nineteenth Precinct, in fact, of almost every precinct in the city.

Mr. Moss told the committee that he had been looking over the records of police trials, and had found a case which he thought illustrated very well the lax methods of the Police Department. He referred, he said, to the cases of Sergeants Baker and Hildebrand, Detective Nesbitt, and Patrolman Livingston, all of the Thirteenth Precinct. On Jan. 9, Reuben Honig, of 55 Willett Street, informed these officers that he had heard that his store was to be entered by burglars that night. Detective Nesbitt, instead of informing the Captain, or laying for the burglars himself, told Honig to hire one Bill Dean, a friend of his, as a watchman. Honig did so, and he and Dean sat up all night in the back room of the store, waiting for the burglars. At one o'clock the burglars came, but they tied the door-knob of the room the watchers were in, imprisoning them. Dean managed to break open the door while the thieves were still in the place. The latter got away, however. For not taking means to capture the thieves, the officers mentioned were reprimanded.

The committee adjourned until this morning.

Attachment Against a Herald Customer.

Ella J. Fox has obtained an attachment from Justice Leventritt of the Supreme Court against Julia Mays, a masseur and face beautifier, in an action to recover $4,000, which she alleged she was induced to put into the business of Madame Mays on false representations. The plaintiff says she met Mrs. Mays through a *Herald* advertisement in 1895. The attachment was issued because of another advertisement in the *Herald* of July 23 last, in which Mrs. Mays said she was going to Europe and would sell her business for a quarter of what it cost.

Bay State Woman 105 Years.

PEABODY, Mass., Aug. 8.—Mrs. Sally Batchelder, who says she remembers the death of Gen. Washington, celebrated her 105th birthday to-day. She was up and received her friends, and talked interestingly. Her sight is still good, but her hearing has become poor during the last year. She was born in Chichester, N. H., August 8, 1794, and was third in a family of fourteen children. Her maiden name was Sally Ring.

Smallpox on the Kensington.

Shoel Modlinka, twelve years old, a steerage passenger on the Red Star liner Kensington, which arrived yesterday from Antwerp, became ill with smallpox on the voyage. He was isolated, and was transferred yesterday to North Brother Island. The steerage passengers not immune were vaccinated, and the steamship was disinfected and released.

Some Who Will Sail To-day.

United States Senator Joseph R. Hawley and Rear-Admiral John G. Walker will sail for Southampton to-day on the American line steamship St. Louis. Ex-Gov. George Hoadly of Ohio will be a passenger on the White Star steamship Teutonic, which sails to-day for Queenstown and Liverpool.

MEDALS OF HONOR AWARDED.

Men on the Marblehead and Nashville Rewarded for Bravery.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The Navy Department in an order published to-day gives the names of the men on the Marblehead and Nashville who received medals of honor for coolness and gallantry while those boats were engaged in cutting the cables from Cienfuegos, Cuba, May 11, 1898, as follows:

Marblehead—James H. Bennett, Chief B. M.; John J. Doran, B. M., second class; William Oakley, G. M., second class; Frank Williams, seaman; Harry Henrickson, seaman; Albert Badas, seaman; Axel Sundquist, C. C. M.; William Hart, machinist, first class; Franz Kramer, seaman; Henry P. Russell, landsman; Herman Kuchneister, private, U. S. M. C.; Walter S. West, private, U. S. M. C.; Julius R. Wilke, B. M., first class; Joseph E. Carter, blacksmith; John Davis, G. M., third class; William Levery, apprentice, first class; Herbert L. Foss, seaman; Nick Erickson, coxswain; Freeman Gill, G. M., first class; John Maxwell, fireman, second class; Leonard Chadwick, apprentice, first class; James Meredith, private, U. S. M. C.; Edward Sullivan, private, U. S. M. C.; Daniel Campbell, private, U. S. M. C.

Nashville—Ernest Krause, coxswain; Austin J. Durney, blacksmith; Johan J. Johansson, ordinary seaman; John H. Riley, landsman; David D. Barrow, ordinary seaman; Benjamin F. Baker, coxswain; Lauritz Nelson, sailmaker's mate; Hudson Van Etten, seaman; Willard Miller, seaman; Robert Blume, seaman; Frank Hill, private, U. S. M. C.; Joseph H. Franklin, private, U. S. M. C.; Joseph F. Scott, private, U. S. M. C.; Thomas Hoban, coxswain; Carl H. Neubert, seaman; Robert Volz, seaman; Albert Beier, coxswain; George W. Bright, coal-passer; William Meyer, carpenter's mate, third class; Harry H. Miller, seaman; John Eglit, seaman; John W. Gibbons, oiler; Philip Gaughan, Sergeant, U. S. M. C.; Pomeroy Parker, private, U. S. M. C.; Oscar W. Field, private, U. S. M. C.; Michael L. Kearney, private, U. S. M. C.

MENACE AT BOSTON HARBOR MOUTH.

Mayflower's Fruitless Search for a Supposed Sunken Wreck.

BOSTON, Aug. 8.—The lighthouse tender Mayflower resumed its task this morning of trying to find the sunken wreck which is supposed to lie at the entrance of Boston harbor, and which already has been touched by the Cunarder Ultonia and by the coastwise steamer H. M. Whitney. The Mayflower was at work all day yesterday without avail. The steamship men say that there is an obstruction, and the lighthouse people point to their work, and ask where it is. The tender has been working now for three weeks, on and off. The bottom is being dragged with a big chain cable.

NEGROES LAY OUT POLICEMAN.

Four of Them Do Up Simpson in Hell's Kitchen—All Arrested.

Policeman John L. Simpson of the West Thirty-seventh Street station was set upon by four negroes in Hell's Kitchen early yesterday morning and badly beaten. Herbert Tyler and Lena Small came up to him in Forty-fourth Street, and said that four negroes, whom they pointed to, had abused them and assaulted them. Simpson started toward the men, and, seeing him coming, they came to meet him, and one of them hit him on the jaw and sent him spinning into the gutter. When he got up all four closed in on him, and, throwing him to the ground, jumped on him and pounded him into a state of semi-unconsciousness. Policemen Trojan and McManus happened along, clubbed Simpson's assailants, and took them to the station. Simpson was taken to the Roosevelt Hospital, where his wounds were dressed and his head was swathed in bandages. The four negroes, whose names are given as Andrew Keerning, Charles Kelly, William Smith, and John W. Williams, were held in $1,000 bail at the Fifty-fourth Street Court for examination.

"EASY WORK AT HOME" MAN.

Held on a Charge of Using the Mails for Fraudulent Purposes.

J. H. Melrose, the manager of the Standard Art Manufacturing Company, at 142 West Twenty-third Street, was before United States Commissioner Shields yesterday to answer to a charge of having used the mails for fraudulent purposes. He was surrendered by his counsel, Robert N. Waite, demanded an examination, and gave $1,000 bail.

According to the many complaints the post-office authorities have received, Melrose for some time has been advertising in out-of-town newspapers that by correspondence with the Standard Art Manufacturing Company persons could learn of a way to earn $9 to $18 a week. To those who answered, a circular was sent describing the work, which consisted of coloring photographs. The circular called on applicants to send on $4 for a book of instructions and for materials. When this had been done, and the photographs returned, the persons sending them were informed that their work was not satisfactory, and that they must send $4 more, in return for which more explicit instructions would be forwarded.

The complaint against Melrose was based on a letter sent to Mrs. A. Walker, of 5 Calhoun Avenue, Everett, Mass.

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD RUNAWAY.

She Won't Tell Where She Lives, So the Police Have to Keep Her.

Mrs. Brinckerhoff, of 311 Greenwich Street, found an eight-year-old girl asleep on her front stoop late on Monday night, and as the child would or could not tell where she lived, turned her over to the police. She was taken to police headquarters yesterday, and there Matron Travers identified her as an incorrigible little truant, whom she had often had there before. The child declined to tell her address, and the matron is keeping her till her folks appear.

Odell Going to the Oriental.

Chairman Odell, of the Republican State Committee, expects to go to the Oriental Hotel at Manhattan Beach either this week or next, and make his home there until the season ends. Chairman Odell will consult with Senator Platt as to the methods to be pursued in the political campaign this fall. Mr. Odell will spend a large part of the days at the Republican Headquarters in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where he spent yesterday.

Kidnapper Held for Examination.

Annie Childs, of 520 West Forty-ninth Street, was held under $1,000 bail yesterday by Magistrate Meade for further examination on the charge of kidnapping the two children of her brother-in-law, James Green, of 128 Hunter Street, Long Island City, last Sunday afternoon. She pleaded that the children had followed her to Manhattan, but Green stoutly asserted that she had deliberately kidnapped them.

Moss to Coler.

Frank Moss, counsel to the Mazet Committee, made public yesterday his reply to Comptroller Coler's letter of Monday. He says he intended to say nothing discourteous to the Comptroller when he said that the Council and the Board of Aldermen were the victims of a Tammany conspiracy to discredit the Municipal Assembly. Mr. Moss also says that he believes one house of the Municipal Assembly should be retained with a veto power on the acts of department heads.

Secretary Root's First Order.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The first published order issued by Secretary Root appeared to-day. It is dated Aug. 2, the day following his installation, and defines the boundaries of Fort Gibbon, a military reservation set apart by the President in July.

Johnson's Digestive Tablets.

Do not be discouraged; that indigestion can be promptly cured by Johnson's Digestive Tablets.—Adv.

NEW EXPLOSIVE TESTED.

DR. TUTTLE'S THORITE WITHSTOOD ENORMOUS PRESSURE.

Fuseless Shell Containing Thirty-nine Pounds of It Was Fired Out to Sea and Did Not Explode—Small Quantity of It Will Sink a Battleship.

Thorite, the new high explosive offered to the War Department by Dr. Hiram P. Tuttle of Tacoma, successfully withstood a severe test at the Sandy Hook proving-ground yesterday. A twelve-inch service shell was charged with thirty-nine pounds of this new destroyer, and fired from a sea-coast rifle. The shell was not fused. The explosive withstood the enormous pressure of the detonation of 450 pounds of brown powder at the base of the shell, and went out to sea without exploding. Had the shell been fused it could have been exploded when it struck the water, and the force of the explosion would have been sufficient to put out of action, if not send to the bottom, any heavily armored battleship in the immediate vicinity.

Thorite, in all tests made by Major Heath at Sandy Hook, has been fired with absolute safety, and a test is yet to be made showing that it cannot withstand severe service conditions. Should the further tests of the Tuttle explosive be as successful as those made thus far, it is likely that the Board of Ordnance and Fortification will recommend to the Secretary of War that it be adopted for the service. One of the ordnance officers at the Hook yesterday told THE SUN reporter that thorite was showing up remarkably well, and that it seemed that it was such a high-order destroyer, and at the same time so safe to use, that its adoption would render unnecessary any further experimenting with shells specially designed to protect the bursting charges of high explosives from the shock of firing and impact. But so often in recent years have new explosives failed after a long series of successful tests, that the ordnance officers prefer to wait before becoming too enthusiastic over thorite.

Just now it's a battle between thorite and the Isham shell. Since the failure of many shells of peculiar design successfully to carry high explosives out of service sea-coast guns, the ordnance experts have been devoting their energies to the study of high explosives. It is a coincidence that just when Isham, the Vermont engineer, is bringing out a shell of special design to carry any explosive, Dr. Tuttle comes forward with a high explosive which doesn't seem to need any specially made shell. The tests of the Isham diaphragm shell will be renewed within a fortnight. Two twelve-inch Harveyized nickel-steel armor-plates were shipped to Sandy Hook from Pittsburgh over a week ago. As soon as they are received at the proving-grounds, they will be set up against oak and earth and attacked with twelve-inch Isham shells.

On Monday twenty shells, each carrying two and a half pounds of thorite, were fired from a five-inch-siege gun with perfect success. The shells were unfused, and were fired down the beach. None exploded. This firing was made to find whether thorite would withstand the high pressures developed in siege guns. The high-chamber pressure of 40,000 pounds to the square inch, 4,000 pounds above the service-pressure, was recorded during the firing. Last week thorite was fired from the two-and-a-half-inch Sims-Dudley powder-pneumatic gun, to determine its destructive force. The shell was fused, and the crater made by the explosion down the beach indicated that the new explosive is about as powerful as blasting-gelatine. A seven-inch shell was fired from the Ames rifle. This shell carried a little over five pounds of thorite, and the shell, when it exploded, flew into thousands of pieces. These tests were highly satisfactory to the ordnance officers.

Nearly every day Major Heath is making experiments with smokeless powders. The chief work of the season has been the investigation of these powders to determine upon an absolutely safe method of firing them. The bursting of a ten-inch gun in the spring, under service conditions, made it imperative that something be done at once to prevent another such accident. The trouble has been, so the experts now believe, in the manner of igniting the firing charge. Their theory is that smokeless powder, slightly deteriorated, as was the powder used at the time of the accident, does not ignite easily, and that the powder at the base of the chamber detonates first. At the proving-ground this summer a tube perforated with many small holes, and loaded with black powder, has been inserted the length of the smokeless-powder charge. The tube of powder, exploding all at once, ignites the whole firing charge in one instant. This method of ignition has worked with entire success, and the abnormal pressures are no longer met with.

SUPPRESSED HAVANA EDITORS.

Came Here to Appeal to the President from Gen. Ludlow's Order.

Capt. Ricardo Arnautó and Col. Cervantes, the manager and assistant editor of *El Reconcentrado*, the Havana newspaper which was suppressed by order of Gen. Ludlow, arrived in this city on the steamship Mexico from Havana yesterday. They are going to Washington to try to get President McKinley to revoke Gen. Ludlow's order. They say that all they did was to criticise the local administration. They are opposed to annexation. Col. Cervantes is a duellist of considerable note, who has fought about fifty duels.

The two report Havana to be in a healthy condition, the yellow fever having been held in check very successfully. They say that the fire department is effective, and that the police and soldiers are maintaining excellent order.

The Hon. Sol Soon to Irradiate Teneriffe.

The Hon. Sol Berliner, consul-designate to Teneriffe, Canary Islands, having taken the oath of office, and filed a bond of $3,000 to protect the government, will sail for his post on the steamship Germanic on Aug. 16. At Liverpool he will embark on one of the Elder Dempster Company's ships for Teneriffe. Mr. Berliner's friends intend to escort him to the pier here and wish him a long and prosperous tenure of office.

Mary Robinson Dies of Her Injuries.

Mary Robinson, who jumped in front of a south-bound Second Avenue elevated train at the Eighty-sixth Street station on Monday, died yesterday in the Presbyterian Hospital. The woman's legs had to be amputated, and she was unable to stand the second shock.

Van Wyck Steps In to Sign the Tax Levy.

Mayor Van Wyck, who has been at Freeport, L. I., for a few days, went to Saratoga yesterday. He stopped at City Hall long enough to sign the tax levy as confirmed last Wednesday by the Municipal Assembly.

ESTATE OF MRS. FIELD SETTLED.

$30,000 Now Available for St. Paul's American Church in Rome.

A report of Thomas F. Donnelly, as referee, passing upon the accounts of Col. William Jay, as executor of the will of Mary Elizabeth Bradhurst Field, has been filed in the Supreme Court. The estate consisted of about $250,000, aside from the Palazzo Field, at Rome, Italy, which the testatrix left to her grandchildren, Carlo and Marc Antonio Brancaccio, but under the provision that their mother, Princess Brancaccio should have the use of her apartments in the palace for life and an income of $3,000 a year. Under the report the executor will pay over to J. Pierpont Morgan, Treasurer of St. Paul's American Protestant Episcopal Church at Rome, $30,000, as provided in the will for the care of aged women. In making this bequest the testatrix said she hoped "that a comfortable old age may be assured to some who would otherwise be left homeless and alone." The accounts are approved as presented, and they close the litigation that has been pending over the estate. Part of the estate was the Cumberland, at Broadway and Twenty-second Street, on which Hetty Green has a mortgage of $280,000.

MURDERER HANGS HIMSELF.

Giacomo Moredo, Who Killed His Wife, Commits Suicide in His Cell.

Giacomo Moredo, forty years old, who was confined in the county jail in Jersey City awaiting trial for the murder of his wife, Joanna, hanged himself in his cell yesterday morning. His cell neighbors were Edward Clifford, who killed Superintendent William G. Wattson of the West Shore Railroad, and George Brown, the murderer of Policeman Gebhard in Hoboken. Moredo made a rope of some strips of ticking torn from the mattress of his cot, and hanged himself from a hook in the wall near the ceiling, from which the cot is suspended when not in use. He evidently jumped off the cot, as his feet were three feet above the floor. The other prisoners in the ward were taking their morning exercise between nine and ten o'clock, when one named Morris discovered Moredo's body swinging inside of the barred door, and gave the alarm.

The Warden ordered all the prisoners into their cells, and when County Physician Converse made his usual morning visit, the body was cut down. It was removed to Parslow's undertaking establishment in Hoboken. Since Moredo has been in jail, he has boasted to the other prisoners that he would never be hanged, and intimated by gestures that he would cut his throat. A sharp knife was found in his cell recently.

Moredo killed his wife on the afternoon of Sunday, May 21. She had left him on account of his brutal treatment, and had gone to live with her mother, Rose Boilano, at 405 Adams Street, Hoboken. She took with her her two children, a boy and a girl, by a former husband, and resumed her first husband's name of Muzzeo. On the Sunday afternoon that she was murdered, Mrs. Muzzeo took her children out for a walk. They were sitting on the slope of a hill at the head of Sixth Street, Hoboken, in company with Mrs. Nobile, a neighbor, and her eighteen-months-old baby, when Moredo appeared and asked his wife to live with him once more. She pulled a handful of grass and stuffing it in her mouth said that she would rather eat grass than live with him again. Moredo then attacked her with a knife, stabbing her in nine places, and cutting through the lungs twice. He left the knife sticking in her arm. Moredo ran away, and was pursued by some ball-players, one of whom knocked him down with a bat.

SUSIE FAN WHY WAS KIDNAPPED.

Woman Who Once Ran a Baby Farm Held for Stealing Her.

Mrs. Emma Fackiner, of 709 East Twelfth Street, wife of a truck-driver, was arrested yesterday by Agents Agnew and Fogarty of the Children's Society on the charge of kidnapping Susan Van Why, the two-year-old daughter of John Van Why, of 49 Grove Street. Magistrate Cornell, in Jefferson Market Court, held her in $1,000 bail for examination.

The Van Why child disappeared at noon last Thursday, and turned up the next day in the Gerry Society's rooms. The officials would not tell where they got her then, but one of them said in court yesterday that the child had been found in the Fackiner woman's possession, and a clear case of kidnapping had since been obtained against her.

The agents professed to be in the dark as to the woman's motives. They say, however, that she at one time conducted a baby farm on Long Island, and probably then acquired knowledge of some rich person anxious to adopt a nice child.

ATTACK ON THE MAZET COMMITTEE.

Lawyer Cady Says that It Has No Legal Right to Exist.

J. Rider Cady, counsel for Lawyer Henry Clay Henderson, who was arrested and fined for creating a disturbance at one of the sessions of the Mazet committee, appeared before Judge Newburger in Part I. of the Court of General Sessions yesterday and asked to have the fine set aside. Mr. Henderson was counsel for Capt. Price, and when he was arrested he was taken before Magistrate Olmsted in the Centre Street Police Court. The Magistrate finally imposed a fine of $10. Lawyer Henderson paid it under protest.

In asking to have the decision of the Magistrate set aside, Mr. Cady declared that Mr. Henderson was fully justified in all that he did, even if the Mazet committee had a legal right to exist, but he contended that the committee had no such right, and that it has no power to make any one testify or to punish for contempt. He argued that the committee was not legally constituted, and could not exercise any powers after the adjournment of the Legislature, because it was created by only one branch of the Legislature, and that body, before adjournment, had declared that all of its work was done.

John Proctor Clarke, who appeared by courtesy of the District Attorney to uphold the action taken against Mr. Henderson, declared that Mr. Cady was arguing upon a question which was not before the court. The only question to be decided, he said, was whether Mr. Henderson was to be allowed to continually disturb a public meeting and escape penalty.

Judge Newburger intimated that he would consider the points raised by Mr. Cady, and reserved his decision.

ACCUSED ASYLUM KEEPERS IN JAIL.

Coroner Zucca Holds Them Pending an Inquest into McGuire's Death.

The four attendants of the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane who were arrested at the hospital on Ward's Island on Monday night charged with causing the death of James McGuire, the patient who had been a professional strong man, by violence, were arraigned before Coroner Zucca yesterday. Martin Whyte, one of the four, made an affidavit to the Coroner, in which he said he saw McGuire strike Sexton, another attendant, and that the other two, Ryan and O'Connell, who went to Sexton's help, had trouble in subduing him.

Dr. Dwight S. Spellman, assistant physician at the hospital, also made a statement, in which he said that hearing that McGuire had been violent, he went to see the patient and found him in a critical condition. Stimulants were administered, but McGuire died soon afterward.

Dr. John T. W. Rowe, Assistant Superintendent, told of finding discolorations over McGuire's ribs.

Coroner Zucca committed Sexton, Ryan, and O'Connell to the Tombs pending the inquest, and sent Whyte to the House of Detention as a witness.

Enquirer to Go to the Great Lakes.

The auxiliary cruiser Enquirer has been turned over by the Navy Department to the Treasury Department. She will be used in surveying the Great Lakes.

GRACE FOR COUNCILMEN.

NO JAIL IF THE $2,100,000 HALL OF RECORDS BONDS PASS TO-DAY.

President Guggenheimer Fixes It Up with Contractor Pierce's Lawyer, and a Tammany Whip Goes Out for the Lacking Votes—No Fines, Maybe.

If the Council votes, at its meeting to-day, to authorize the Comptroller to issue bonds to the amount of $2,100,000 to pay for the new Hall of Records, it is probable that no Councilman will be sent to jail for contempt of court. An agreement practically to that effect was made yesterday between Acting Mayor Guggenheimer and L. Laflin Kellogg, attorney for John Pierce, the Hall of Records contractor. The Acting Mayor sent for Mr. Kellogg about three o'clock yesterday afternoon and asked him not to apply for warrants for the arrest of any Councilmen under the order signed by Justice Fitzgerald on Monday afternoon until after the meeting of the Council to-day.

Mr. Kellogg wanted to know, if he consented to defer making the application for the warrants, what assurance the Acting Mayor could give that the Council would authorize the bond issue. Mr. Guggenheimer replied that he could, of course, give no definite assurance, but that he had reason to believe that the bond issue would be authorized to-day, and that Mr. Pierce would soon get the money due him. Mr. Kellogg finally promised to apply for no warrants until after to-day's meeting.

Having received that assurance, the Acting Mayor immediately sent out Tammany whips to talk with the bolting Councilmen. At 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, he had got word that the whips had secured enough additional votes to ensure the bond issue. It was understood that the following Councilmen had agreed to vote for the measure: Charles H. Ebbets, Brooklyn; William J. Hyland, Bronx; Bernard C. Murray, Bronx; George H. Mundorf, Manhattan.

Of these four, Ebbets and Mundorf were ill, and did not attend the meeting of the Council at which the bond issue failed to pass, and the mandate of the Supreme Court was disregarded. Mr. Hyland has not voted for any measure for some time, on the ground, it is said, that he felt he was being unfairly treated by the leaders of the organization. Mr. Murray was one of the contumacious five. Only two were lacking at the last meeting to authorize the bonds. The understanding yesterday was that, if the bond issue is authorized to-day, not only will nobody be sent to jail, but the $100 fines will be remitted.

Councilmen Bodine, Richmond; Brice, Manhattan; Christman, Manhattan; Hyland, Bronx; O'Grady, Richmond; and Van Nostrand, Queens, the six who were not served with the peremptory writ of mandamus at the same time as their colleagues, appeared before Justice McAdam in Part II., Special Term, of the Supreme Court, to show cause why they should not also be adjudged in contempt of court. The case was put over to Thursday.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Blandy wrote to William J. Kelly yesterday that, in contempt proceedings in reference to the authorization of bonds for the purchase of the plant of the Long Island Water Supply Company, which came up on August 15, the Corporation Counsel would not permit the Councilmen to appear by private counsel.

MORAL TONE OF CHINATOWN.

Scrap Over the Efforts of the Ming Tuck Tong Society to Elevate It.

The members of the Ming Tuck Tong Society, to the number of 100 or so, went to the Centre Street Court yesterday to uphold the rights of Chu Wong, of 263 East One Hundred and Second Street, who, with Lee Ho, of 24 Pell Street, was arrested on Monday night. The Ming Tuck Tong Society has constituted itself a committee to suppress gambling in Chinatown, but its efforts, so the members say, have been blocked by the Mo Hai Wei Tong Society, of which Lee Ho is a member. He and Chu Wong fought about this. Chu Wong's ankle was broken in the scrap, it was discovered in court. Magistrate Brann sent him to the Hudson Street Hospital, and placed each of the prisoners under $100 bail, pending examination.

Deaths of Soldiers in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The following death report has just been received from Cuba:

Pinar del Rio: Corporal William Bowers, Company M, First Infantry, pernicious malarial fever; Havana hospital No. 1: Private Werman Coreswell, Company K, Eighth Infantry, died 5th, laudanum poisoning, delirium tremens.

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THE CANTON TRAGEDY.

Young Man in the Case Known—Ruth Swartz and Her Mother Buried.

CANTON, O., Aug. 8.—The bodies of Ruth Swartz, the sixteen-year-old girl murdered at Greentown Sunday morning, and her mother, Mrs. Catherine Wise, who is supposed to have killed her, and then drowned herself, were buried side by side to-day in the village cemetery. Dr. Hanson, who was the last man to see the girl before her death, said she told him all her story, giving the name of the young man who betrayed her. Emery Wise, her stepfather, also says he knows the man, but neither will tell his name. Prosecutor Pomerene says no further investigation will be made, and no prosecution of any one begun.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises ...5:34 Sun sets ...7:06 Moon sets ...8:12

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook, 9:11 Gov. Isl'd, 9:46 Hell Gate, 11:39

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