WOMAN ENSLAVED, SHE SAYS.

CLOTHES AND THE MONEY SHE MADE TAKEN FROM HER.

Enticed Into the Trap by a Man—Threatened With a Barred Window House Downtown if She Tried to Escape Woman of the House Held for Felony

An illustration of the work of procurers is found in the story of Mattie Gibson, the eighteen-year-old girl on whose complaint Parkhurst society agents raided the house at 214 West Forty-sixth street on Thursday night. An anonymous letter from a man who had visited the house, and to whom the girl had said that she was held a prisoner, was received by Justice Jerome. He turned it over to the Parkhurst society and Supt. McClintock and Agent Hammond went to the house on Wednesday night. They saw Cora Bradford, the reputed owner; Clara Wells, the housekeeper, and Martha Bolden, a servant. They had little difficulty in identifying the Gibson girl. She was dressed in a scanty gown and her cheeks were covered with rouge.

The men made an immediate demand on the Bradford woman for proper clothing for the girl to wear. The woman refused at first to let the girl go, alleging that she was in debt to the house, but after a few remarks about jails and the like she yielded. On Thursday McClintock and Hammond took the girl to Justice Jerome's office in the Criminal Courts Building, and there she told her story in detail to the Justice and two representatives of the District Attorney's office. She said that while living with her mother at Reading, Pa., she got into correspondence with a man and came to New York. The man met her at the railroad station, she said, and told her that he had a job waiting for her. He said she would get good pay and have plenty of nice clothing. He took her to the house in West Forty-sixth street, and from the moment that the door shut behind her there until Wednesday night, almost five weeks, she never went out into the open air again. The Bradford woman took her clothes away from her at once and gave her a wrapper and two fine gowns to wear at night. She was obliged to receive men and all the money that these men gave her was taken away at once by Mrs. Bradford or one of the other women. She managed to keep but $2 of her earnings, and that she rolled up small and concealed in her slipper, where it was overlooked every time she was searched by the Bradford woman. This searching was a regular thing.

One night she and another girl made a break for the parlor window, meaning to jump out, but they were caught as they went through the window and dragged back. Mrs. Bradford then told them that if they made another attempt to escape she would send them to another house that she kept further downtown and that they never would get out of there as all the windows were barred. The girl told her story to a visitor at the house a few nights later, asking him to notify the authorities, and it was this man who sent the anonymous letter to Justice Jerome.

The story of the raid was told in yesterday's SUN, but one or two interesting things about it came out when the prisoners were being examined before Justice Jerome in Special Sessions yesterday. One was that all over the house things had been packed up and made ready for a sudden departure. Evidently the proprietress and her associates were only waiting for a tip. The tip came, but it was too late. Just after the arrests had been made the telephone in the house rang. Assistant Supt. Hammond answered it. A man's tremulous voice called over the wire:

"Tell Cora there's going to be a raid up there and to skip quick."

Hammond tried to find out who the tipster was, but the man rang off the minute Hammond began asking questions. In the rear yard of the house Hammond found two ladders up against the fence leading to the yard of the house at 216. When Hammond found Mrs. Bradford, she was half way up one of these ladders.

Justice Jerome held Mrs. Bradford in $3,000 bail yesterday on charges of abduction, maintaining a disorderly house and violating the Excise law; Clara Wells was held in $1,300 for maintaining a disorderly house and for violating the Liquor Tax law, and Martha Bolden, a negress, in $1,000 bail for violating the Liquor Tax law. Bonds for all three were furnished by Jacob Roses of 42 East Third street. Lawyer Rosalsky appeared for the three prisoners, and when he demanded an examination for his clients and asked that next Tuesday be set as the time for it, Justice Jerome granted his request and then went on to say:

"I believe it only fair to say to you as counsel for these women that we have a great mass of evidence against the house where they were arrested and which they are charged with keeping. From the looks of the place and from information in our possession it seems that there has been a regular system of enticing women from various places in Pennsylvania for this house. There are several entries in the books kept in this house under the head of amounts paid to 'cadets' which show that a flourishing business in the degrading of women has been going on. We have further information that one of your clients has another house further downtown, where the windows are barred, and where we are informed at least two women are being kept against their wills. We know the location of this house and are prepared to move against it when we see fit. It will be to the interest of the Bradford woman, one of your clients, to release at once any girls that she has in this house who do not desire to stay there. I am going to do what I can to end this white slave business. There is a good deal of it going on in our city, and I shall make a personal examination in every case of the kind that comes before me."

Lawyer Rosalsky made no reply to the Justice, but led his clients out of court as soon as their bail bonds had been attended to. The girl did not appear in the case at all. Justice Jerome and the Parkhurst people have her in their custody and will not tell for the present where she is. Capt. Donohue, in whose precinct the raid was made, had no comments to make yesterday.

BAIL FOR WHITNEY READY.

His Wife Brought It Around Too Late to Get Him Out of the Tombs Yesterday.

Justice Jerome has gone to Lakeville, Conn., taking with him some of the papers relating to the unpublished proceedings in his chambers while the inquiry based on Tipster Whitney's arrest was going on. He had scarcely left the building when Mrs. Whitney came into the building with a man ready to act as surety for Whitney, whose bail was reduced on Thursday by the Justice from $5,000 to $2,000. Justice Jerome had neglected to make an indorsement on the papers about the reduction of bail. Mrs. Whitney caught him at the Grand Central Station and got the indorsement. When she got back to the Criminal Courts Building the bond clerk's office had closed. Recorder Goff refused to take bail then, and Whitney remained in the Tombs over night. The Recorder told Mrs. Whitney that he would accept the bail this morning if the District Attorney's bond clerk was satisfied with the surety.

Inspector Cross was closeted with District Attorney Philbin yesterday in a conference the nature of which was not revealed.

The Allen's Granddaughter Hurt in a Runaway.

NAYVILLE, L. I., Aug. 23.—Miss Minnie Chilcote, granddaughter of The Allen, was driving toward the railroad station yesterday when part of the horse's harness became disarranged. The animal started to run away. A little girl jumped from the carriage without injury. The horse ran into the railroad station platform and Miss Chilcote was thrown out, struck her head against the side of the station and was painfully injured.

MORE ROSENTHAL SILKS HELD UP

Fourth Lot Reported by Appraiser Wakeman for Seizure.

Appraiser Wakeman reported yesterday to Collector Bidwell for seizure another invoice of silks imported from Japan by A. S. Rosenthal & Co. This lot is the largest since the first seizure, including at least thirty-five cases of silks, fifteen of which contain handkerchiefs. It is said that the value placed upon this invoice in Yokohama is $16,000, as against about $30,000 actual value under the new appraisal. The examination of the goods, it is said, determined the weights to be from 25 per cent. to 35 per cent. in excess of those in the invoice, the goods to be undervalued and the classification mixed. This is the fourth invoice reported for seizure since the investigation began.

The committee of importers who some time ago called upon Secretary Gage, representing the signers of the petition to the Treasury Department relative to the transfer of examiners in the public stores by Appraiser Wakeman, has addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury inquiring whether the Department is yet in possession of the facts which the Appraiser stated his readiness to furnish in support of his allegations that at least one of the signers of the petition, whose representative appeared before the Department, has been guilty of practices which should not give said signature any standing before the Department. The importers say that they "feel compelled to ask through the Department for the more specific report which the Appraiser is prepared to furnish upon its request, in order that those who have been guilty of no offensive practice may be relieved of the implied charge."

CHOR EXPELS ITS PRESIDENT

And His Wife—Mrs. Fuchs Accused of Smashing Club's Prizes.

Phillip Fuchs, the President of the Lohengrin Gemischter Chor of Williamsburg and his wife, Amelia, were expelled from that society at a meeting on Thursday night in the chor's headquarters at 178 Stockholm street. The chor is a singing organization in the Twenty-eighth ward and Fuchs was its President for several years. At a meeting in June, Fuchs had a quarrel with William Schall, his brother-in-law, and nearly came to blows.

Fuchs and his wife did not attend future meetings. Several notices were sent to Fuchs by the Secretary to attend, but they were disregarded. Finally, a demand was made on him and his wife to return to the chor several pieces of bric-à-brac and other objects which the society had received as prizes and which Fuchs and his wife had taken home with them for safekeeping.

Fuchs and his wife appeared a week ago Tuesday night. There was a large attendance of members and many heated arguments. After the meeting Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs became involved in an argument with other officers. It is alleged that Mrs. Fuchs went to the room where she had placed the society's property and smashed ever piece by banging them on the floor, and that she continued her destruction on the sidewalk. A policeman appeared and wanted to arrest her, but nobody seemed anxious to make a complaint.

A few days later the Secretary and Treasurer of the society went to the Ewen street police court and got a summons against Mrs. Fuchs for the destruction of the chor's property. Magistrate O'Reilly in dismissing the complaint advised the society to institute a civil suit. The expulsions followed.

TENDERLOIN WOMAN'S SUICIDE.

She Had Three Surnames and Lived With a Man Who Had Two.

Amy Walker, a woman who spent her nights in the Tenderloin resorts, drank carbolic acid last night. She died in the New York Hospital. A week ago the woman and the man she lived with rented a room at 48 West Twenty-fourth street. They said they were Mr. and Mrs. George Fairchild. They quarrelled yesterday afternoon and at night the woman took poison.

The man told reporters that he was Jones Franklin, and that he was a brother of the husband of the dead woman. To the police he said the woman was Annie Harcourt, an actress. He said she was a sister of a Mrs. Medbury, living in Harlem, but now in Saratoga; but a relative of the latter saW they had never heard of Annie Harcourt.

SALOON NEAR YALE CLUB RAIDED

Members Complained — Bartender and Three Women Arrested.

Capt. Lantry and two detectives of the East Fifty-first street station raided a Raines law saloon at 35 West Forty-third street shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. They arrested the bartender, William Murphy of 2088 Third avenue, and three women who were in a rear room drinking. The place is close to the Bar Association and the Racquet Club, and the rear abuts on the Yale Club. The raid, it was said, is the result of complaints made to Police Commissioner Murphy by members of the Yale Club, who objected to the nightly goings on there.

CLEVELAND BANK SHUT.

Receiver Appointed for the Superior Street Savings Institution.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 23.—In response to a petition of the Superior Realty and Improvement Company, Judge Dellenbaugh to-day appointed Walter D. Sayle receiver of the Superior Street Savings and Banking Company. The plaintiff company charged that it had deposited about $4,000 in various sums, at different times, with the Savings and Banking Company, which the banking company refused to pay back, although demands had been made for the repayment.

WRECK ON LEHIGH VALLEY.

Engine and Tender Plunge Into Lake—Narrow Escape for Passengers.

ITHACA, N. Y., Aug. 23.—The Lehigh Valley passenger train which left Auburn at 7 o'clock to-night for Ithaca, while running along the shore of Lake Cayuga, struck a landslide about twenty miles north of this city and plunged into the lake. Fireman Dennis Fitzgerald, of this city is missing in the wreckage and Engineer "Jack" La France, also of this city, is badly injured. None of the passengers were seriously injured.

Plans for Kathi Schratt's Season.

Gustav Amberg, the theatrical manager, arrived yesterday on the Fuerst Bismarck. While abroad he contracted with Kathi Schratt, the Austrian actress, to give thirty performances in this country under his management during the fall. Fräulein Schratt and her company will arrive here early in November and begin their tour at once. They will appear at some Broadway theatre for two weeks. The theatre has not been selected yet, but probably will be to-day after Mr. Amberg has a talk with Klaw & Erlanger, who will do the booking for him. After the two weeks' engagement in this city the company will play one week in Chicago and three nights each in Milwaukee and St. Louis.

Edwin F. Stafford Accused of Forgery.

Edwin F. Stafford, a broker of 64 West Ninety-third street, was locked up in the West 100th street police station last night on the charge of forging the names of Fannie E. Kress of Coshocton, Ohio, and Walter McCarthy of 234 Broadway on an assigned mortgage for $7,000 on property in Arlington, N. J. The complaint against Stafford was made by Parson H. Summers of 64 West Ninety-third street and Lydia Koch of 358 West Twenty-second street.

Public Schools to Reopen on Sept. 9.

All the public schools of this city, including the high schools, will reopen on Monday, Sept. 9. The Normal College will not begin its term until several days later.

GLENNON HIS OWN COUNSEL.

PLEA TO POLICE INDICTMENTS PUT OFF TO TUESDAY.

On His Undertaking That Counsel Shall Not Run Off to Any Other Judge With Motions Meanwhile—Col. Murphy Leaves the Three Indicted Men on Duty.

Wardman Glennon who, with Sergt. Sheils and Wardman Dwyer, all of the West Thirtieth street police station, was arraigned before Recorder Goff yesterday afternoon to plead to indictment for neglect of duty, conducted his own case and their cases and secured an adjournment for pleading until Tuesday morning. The defendants had retained James W. Ridgway by wire, but he hadn't reached New York and the Recorder ignored Henry Newman, who represented him. Lawyer Abraham I. Elkus dropped out of the case on Thursday. The Recorder's voice is so weak from throat trouble that he cannot make it heard far and he called the defendants inside the railing and very close to the bench. He said:

I wish to say to you defendants in substance what I said yesterday, that I am disposed to grant every opportunity that justice requires in each of your cases, that you may examine the indictments, make such motions as you think proper and endeavor to transfer the cases from this Court if you think wise. All I require is that good faith be exercised, and that lawyers will not come into court and obtain adjournments on false grounds, using those adjournments for other purposes. If you defendants, or either one of you, state here in court to-day that you will not make use of the time granted you in adjournments for any other purpose than the purpose which you have expressed, I will give you all the reasonable time that you require. If you state in court that it is your purpose to make application for a transfer of your cases from this court, or for a change of venue in the trial of your cases from this county to another county and that you want time to make preparation to present affidavits to the Supreme Court for that purpose, I will give you such time.

Mr. Newman—Will your Honor permit me to answer?

The Recorder—I do not want an answer. I do not mean to treat these defendants differently from any other defendant brought before this bar. All I ask is that there be good faith in dealing with the Court. I will not permit lawyers, or any one else, to come into this Court and make pretences or motions for purposes that are not honestly and freely stated. Whether they are for the benefit of the defendants or not, it is not for me to say. You are here as defendants arraigned for trial on an indictment and if each one of you defendants say what you desire to do, I will grant you any reasonable time that you want. I merely wish to say, so far as I am concerned, that I do not expect to sit here after next week, so that personally it is a matter of supreme indifference to me what course you take; only be honest with the Court in stating to the Court what you intend to do.

Mr. Newman—If your Honor please, the object of this adjournment—

The Recorder—I deny your application, sir, and do not want to hear anything further on the subject.

Glennon—Your Honor, I will state that I will see that my counsel takes no advantage of the adjournment until we plead, and that he applies nowhere else.

Dwyer and Sheils made like promises.

The Recorder—You understand that you are to take no advantage, that the adjournment is granted for no other purpose except to enable you to consult counsel, to inspect the indictments and to make such motions as you think proper, and not in the meantime to make any applications for the removal of your cases to another court or to another county?

Glennon—No, sir.

The Recorder—Now, what adjournment do you want to-day? State what you consider a reasonable time. The Court will give you ample time to consult counsel and prepare your cases.

Glennon—Monday.

The Recorder—Is that sufficient?

Glennon—So far as I know.

The Recorder—Well, any reasonable application will be granted.

Glennon—If counsel should require further adjournment, will he get it then?

The Recorder—Yes.

Glennon—Monday will do, then.

Mr. Newman—Monday afternoon, your Honor?

The Recorder—It disarranges the business of the Court to have it in the afternoon.

Glennon—Any time your Honor suggests.

The Recorder—If you wish to make it Tuesday and have it in the morning, you can do so.

Glennon—Tuesday morning, please your Honor.

The Recorder—Tuesday morning. The defendants may go.

Glennon's friends looked upon him admiringly as he walked out of court.

Police Commissioner Murphy did not suspend Glennon, Sheils and Dwyer again yesterday, and said he would not unless they were convicted, when he would drop them from the force. The District Attorney had notified him of the indictment of these men, he said, but it was "simply for neglect of duty," and he would take no further action.

"Mr. Devery had nothing to do with restoring these men to duty," he said. "He didn't ask me to do it, and if he had I wouldn't permit him to dictate anything I, as Commissioner, should do. No man asked me to do this. Mr. Devery had no connection with it, directly or indirectly."

MAY STOP AUTOMOBILE RACES.

Police of Newport Give Warning That Laws Must Not Be Violated.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 23.—The National Automobile Racing Association, of which William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., is President, and which is arranging for the races to be had on the ocean drive on Friday next met with another obstacle to-night when a resolution was passed by the Police Commissioners that they would not permit of any violation of the law. Yesterday Mr. Vanderbilt called at the police station and asked for a detail of men to police the course, but he was told that nothing could be done until the commission took action. The Secretary of the Racing Association has already appeared before the Commissioners and asked about the detailing of policemen and was informed that the police would not assist them in any way, but that men would be sent to protect the citizens of Newport. At to-night's meeting the following was passed:

"*To the National Automobile Racing Association of Newport.*

"GENTLEMEN—We are of the opinion that the resolution of the City Council of Newport in relation to the use of certain streets by your association for the purpose of holding races does not contemplate nor authorize the speeding of machines in such races beyond the limits of the law. We do not, therefore, anticipate that it is your intention to become lawbreakers by exceeding such limit. Nevertheless, as it is commonly reported and believed that none of the machines taking part in the race will greatly exceed the legal limit we feel it but just that the board should notify you that any contemplated violation of the law governing the speed of such vehicles meets our disapproval and that we shall take all reasonable steps to enforce the law."

A copy of this letter will be served on the officers of the racing association in the morning. From this it looks very much as if the races would have to be called off, so far as the roads are concerned, and if held at all will have to be on private property. It is very evident that the Police Commissioners mean business and all who violate the law will be dealt with severely. Arrangements for the races are still going on and some say that this will in no way stop the affair, as those interested are willing to submit to a fine. They have had the sanction of the city. To-day Mr. Reginald Vanderbilt offered a cup to be used as one of the prizes for the races.

STATE CLOSES A GRETNA GREEN.

Indiana Haven for Eloping Couples Open No More.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 23.—Jeffersonville ceased to be Indiana's Gretna Green last night after a short struggle between County Clerk Carr and Attorney-General William L. Taylor. It has been for many years a haven for eloping pairs, and several magistrates have amassed fortunes by assisting in making marriage easy.

IMMIGRANT SMUGGLER HELD.

"The Real Criminals" May Be Found if Sapelli Will Tell.

United States Commissioner Alexander has held for the Grand Jury Ernesto Sapelli, steerage steward of the French liner La Gascogne, who was arrested last Monday for attempting to bribe a United States immigration inspector to allow a number of immigrants to land without examination.

Sapelli insisted on making statements which in themselves were incriminating. He acknowledged that he had given Inspector Junker the money as charged, but denied that he had intended it as a bribe or that he had any idea that he was doing wrong.

"You are simply hurting yourself by making these statements," said Commissioner Alexander.

"But I am telling ze trut'," replied the little steward, throwing out his hands.

"I shall have to hold you for the Grand Jury," said the Commissioner.

"All right, my lord," replied the prisoner.

"I feel sorry for Sapelli," said Assistant Commissioner McSweeney afterward, "because I don't think he really did believe that he was doing anything crooked."

Lorenzo Ullo, counsel for the Commissioners, repeated his previous statement that he thought this was another case of "higher up."

"If we could get Sapelli to tell the whole truth I think we could get a little closer to the real criminals," he said.

ESCAPE FROM HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Three Boys Make a Rope Ladder and Get Away—Sought in Manhattan.

Patrick McCue, 16 years old; David Deutsch, 17, and Charles Grosowsky, 14, escaped from the Emergency Hospital on Randall's Island early yesterday morning, and late last night they had not been caught. The hospital is a temporary building for the boys who become ill. It is attached to the House of Refuge.

These three boys slept in the dormitory on the second floor. They made a rope-ladder out of their bedclothes, and while the guards were engaged in another part of the building, climbed from the window to the ground unnoticed. They went to the boathouse on the island, got a boat and rowed to the Manhattan side.

Supt. Sage said yesterday that he did not understand how it was possible for the boys to have escaped, because there were many guards around at the time. The boys unfastened the bars from the window. They had probably been working at them all night. The illness they were suffering from was slight if not feigned, but nobody suspected that they would plan an escape.

A full description of the three has been given to the police and a general alarm was sent out.

PARR HELD ON TO PAPERS.

Larceny Case Against Flour Man Postponed to Get Another Witness.

YONKERS, N. Y., Aug. 23.—The trial of Benjamin Parr, the flour merchant who was arrested here on Wednesday on a charge of stealing legal documents from Noah Loder, Jr., was begun before City Judge Kellogg in Yonkers to-day. Parr admitted on examination that he had picked up the papers after they were signed and placed them in his pocket despite the objections of Loder, because he found that Mrs. Parr had been made complainant in an action in Tennessee without her knowledge. He denied that Loder had insisted on having the papers, and declared that the papers were given him by Mr. Guerding.

Judge Kellogg then asked for Mr. Guerding, saying that the matter had developed into a question of veracity between Mr. Loder and Mr. Parr. The trial was adjourned so that Guerding could be summoned as a witness.

GIRL ACCUSED OF $1,020 THEFT

Says She Didn't Steal Mother's Money, and It Mayn't Have Been Stolen at All.

Frances Keahan, 18 years old, of 114 Ninth avenue, was charged by her mother, Margaret Keahan, in Jefferson Market police court yesterday with stealing $1,020. Magistrate Cornell discharged the girl for lack of evidence.

The mother had her daughter locked up by the West Twentieth street police on Thursday evening. She said that she had placed the money, all of her savings, in a glass jar in the cupboard. She last saw it there at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. Soon afterward her daughter, who, the mother says, was the only other person who knew the hiding place of the money, left the house.

The daughter said that she knew nothing whatever about the money. She suggested that as Mrs. Keahan frequently changed the hiding place, she had probably put it somewhere else and then had forgotten.

DIED OF AN INSECT'S BITE.

Miss Rambo's Lip Swelled Up and the Poison Killed Her.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 23.—The bite of an unseen insect caused the death of Miss Catherine A. Rambo yesterday at North Washington street. Blood poisoning was the immediate cause of death. The insect bit Miss Rambo on the lower lip on Thursday of last week. She did not see it and there is no clue whatever as to its species. Soon after the bite was inflicted Miss Rambo's lip swelled and became painful. The swelling extended after several hours to her chin and gradually affected the upper part of her body.

The pain and the nervous shock resulting from it sent her to bed. Physicians were called to attend her, but could do nothing to check the effects of the poison. The physicians would venture no opinion concerning the nature of the insect.

WALKED INTO ELEVATOR SHAFT.

Knickerbocker Athletic Club Attendant Killed Answering a Hurry Call.

Robert Bock, an eighteen-year-old elevator boy at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club took the elevator to the fifth floor yesterday morning and stepped off. He didn't shut off the power entirely and the elevator moved slowly up to the sixth floor. Some one below rang for the elevator in the meantime and Bock at the fifth floor stepping as he thought into the car walked into the shaft. He fell into the cellar and was instantly killed. The electric bell kept on ringing and presently the engineer found the boy's body at the bottom of the shaft.

PARSON BELL TO BE RELEASED.

Will Make a Retraction on a Slander Charge From His Pulpit.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 23.—The Rev. Edward Bell, pastor of the New Canaan Baptist Church, who is a prisoner in the county jail here in default of $1,500 bail on a slander charge, made by Justice of the Peace George Duff Nichols of New Canaan, who accuses the minister of slandering him from the pulpit on Aug. 11 by saying that he had not drawn a sober breath in six months, will be released to-morrow. To-day he agreed to make a public retraction next Sunday, with which understanding the suit for $1,000 is to be withdrawn.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., FLOODED.

People Had to Use Rafts—Farms Under Water and Crops Damaged.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Aug. 23.—One of the heaviest rainstorms that has ever visited this town began shortly after noon to-day. The streets were turned into rivers and in many places flowed over the sidewalks. While the storm was at its height lightning struck the tower on the Westminster Presbyterian Church and the fire department was called out. In the Bowery section people had to use rafts. The river overflowed its banks in many places, flooding farm lands and damaging the crops.

CUBAN ADDRESS TO PALMA.

COMMITTEE ACCEPTS ONE DRAWN BY GUALBERTO GOMEZ.

Calls On Palma to Declare That Some Clauses of the Platt Amendment Are Not Approved by the Cuban People and Are of No Use to the Americans.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Aug. 23.—Señor Masso, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the Vice-Presidency, says that he is not seeking the place, but is at the disposition of the people and is ready to do what they decide.

The committee appointed to draft a letter to Señor Palma, asking him to make his position more clear, has adopted one prepared by Gualberto Gomez. It has not been made public. The *Lucha*, however, says that it advises Señor Palma to declare himself in favor of a modification of the Platt amendment.

Gualberto Gomez says that while the contents of the letter have not been made public, they are to the effect that Senor Palma should say that some of the clauses of the Platt amendment are against the wishes of the Cubans and of no use to the Americans, and that if the opportunity arises he will favor changing these clauses, especially the intervention clause. Gomez says that in his opinion the United States will probably intervene in Colombia, notwithstanding the fact that they have no treaty with Colombia by which the latter recognizes the right of intervention.

Regarding the payment of the Cuban Army, the letter recognizes the principle, but advises Señor Palma to declare that all the army debt will have to be carefully revised before payment. It also says that Cuba must not offer too much to the United States at first in the way of tariff concessions, as Cuba needs the revenues from the customs.

The letter is to be discussed by those who nominated the commission.

AMERICAN TOBACCO SAFE.

Senor Bock Says Free Entry for Cuban Cigars Wouldn't Hurt Our Industry.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Aug. 23.—Señor Bock, a well-known cigar factory owner here, in a review of the tobacco industry in Cuba, says the idea that the free entry of Cuban tobacco into the United States would ruin the American tobacco industry is absurd.

He adds that it costs more in Cuba to raise tobacco than in the United States. This is due to many reasons, one of which is that there is a great demand for tobacco land, which being limited in quantity makes the rents high. It costs from $30 to $35 a hundred pounds to raise tobacco in the Remedios district and $50 in the Vuelta Abajo. These figures are far above the cost in the United States. Cuban tobacco, like French champagne, is in a class by itself. The output of Cuban tobacco must always be limited.

Last year 200,000,000 cigars were manufactured in Cuba, of which number only 40,000,000 went to the United States. Even were it possible to produce 500,000,000 and all were sent to the United States the number would not be large compared with the total production of the United States, which is 5,500,000,000. Even with a 50 per cent. reduction in the specific duty and the abolishing of the ad valorem duty American cigars would have an advantage of $23 a thousand over Cuban cigars.

The official value of the gold coin known as the centen has been fixed at $4.78, and the French louis d'or at $3.83.

The bandit Lima has been shot by the police, who were aided by the rural guard.

Dr. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer of Havana, will attend the sanitary congress to be held in the United States.

YELLOW FEVER TESTS.

Dr. Caldas to Go On With His Work If He Can Get Volunteers.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Aug. 23.—Dr. Caldas is to continue his yellow fever experiments if he can get people to volunteer to be bitten by infected mosquitoes, and it is expected that he can. He will try to discover the yellow fever germ.

The Yellow Fever Commission has modified its decision as to the absolute suspension of the use of mosquitoes, as it considers their use necessary to a complete investigation, and that their use is justified when the issues at stake are considered.

A man who has been inoculated with Dr. Caldas's serum has been bitten by two infected mosquitoes and he is being closely watched to see if the symptoms of yellow fever develop.

"PRAY FOR ME," SUICIDE WROTE.

Had Walked One Hundred Miles, but He Couldn't Get Work Here.

A man about 55 years old killed himself with carbolic acid yesterday morning in the South Fifth Avenue Hotel at 510 West Broadway where he had registered on Thursday night simply as "Murphy." In his pocket there was one nickel and with it this note:

"Walked one hundred miles; unable to get work; treated in St. Vincent's Hospital; kiss the children and pray for me.

OWEN."

You are invited to inspect the new Fall shapes of

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They have the usual perfection in lines, superiority of material and workmanship, and are the standards of fashion. The proper finish to correct attire.

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POPULIST STATE CONVENTION.

L. H. Weller Nominated for Governor of Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 23.—For Governor, L. H. Weller, Nashua; for Lieutenant-Governor, Perry Engle, Newton; for Supreme Court Judge, J. R. McDonald, Des Moines; for Railroad Commissioner, Luke McDowell, Shelby county; for State Superintendent, J. C. Harland, Woodbury county.

About twenty men attended the Populist State Convention in Des Moines to-day and selected this ticket by acclamation. The resolutions adopted indorse the Omaha platform, denounce trusts and political rings and demand the cessation of grants of public franchises to private corporations, extend Populist sympathy to the Boers, indorse direct legislation, demand equal taxation and favor doing the State printing and binding by State supervision. Alli Reed of Sioux City was elected chairman of the State Central Committee. Joseph Parker of Louisville, the National Chairman, addressed the convention, predicting that the Democrats will drop silver and Populistic doctrines in 1904 and the demand for an independent third party will be overwhelming in the nation. There was no debate, and no differences arose in the convention.

J. M. WAINWRIGHT FOR ASSEMBLY

Young Lawyer and Clubman Nominated by Westchester Republicans.

MAMARONECK, N. Y., Aug. 23.—The Republicans of the Second Assembly district of Westchester county, which includes a part of the borough of The Bronx, nominated J. Mayhew Wainwright of Rye for Assemblyman at their convention in the Town Hall this afternoon. Assemblyman A. W. Cooley, who has served the district two terms, declined to be a candidate, and Mr. Wainwright was chosen by acclamation.

Mr. Wainwright is a young lawyer of New York. He was Adjutant of the Twelfth New York Regiment for eight years and in the war with Spain, and was on duty as Captain of Company I, at Chickamauga and Lexington, Ky. Mr. Wainwright comes from one of the oldest families in Rye. He is a member of the Apawamis Golf Club, the American Yacht Club, the Bar Association of New York, the University Club, and Vice-President of the Rye National Bank. In 1894 he ran on the Gold Democrat ticket for the Assembly. It is reported that the anti-Tammany forces in The Bronx will put Mr. Wainwright's name on their ticket, thus making his election certain.

TWO HURT IN TROLLEY SMASH.

Another Accident Near Spot Where Car Bucked a Locomotive.

There was another trolley car collision last night in the section between South Brooklyn and Coney Island. This time it was at Gravesend avenue and Avenue U. A car of the Thirty-ninth street ferry line was coming from the island and had reached Avenue U when the trolley slipped from the wire. This left the car in darkness for a moment. A car of the Tompkins avenue line, which was coming on behind the other at a rapid rate, smashed into it.

Two of the passengers in the Thirty-ninth Street Ferry car were hurt. Miss Frederica Archer of 88 St. Marks avenue, Brooklyn, was cut in the right side and Ruth Furman, 9 years old, of 413 Putnam avenue, received cuts over the right eye and on the thigh. They were attended by Dr. John Pettit of Gravesend avenue and Neck road, who was on the car.

Kristeller Out on Bail.

Former United States Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Frederick W. Kristeller, who was arrested on Tuesday night charged with stealing $2,000 worth of revenue stamps, was admitted to bail in $5,000 yesterday. The bonds were furnished by Mrs. Ellen C. Hommel, a widow of 742 Putnam avenue, who qualified in double the amount. Kristeller left the building with friends and declined to discuss his arrest.

The Weather.

An area of low pressure was passing over Lake Huron into Canada yesterday and caused thunder storms in all the districts bordering the lakes from Wisconsin and Michigan eastward to northern New York, in the greater part of Pennsylvania and Ohio and in scattered parts of southern New York. Fair weather prevailed west of the Mississippi River.

There was a heavy local rain in the early morning at Atlanta which gave three inches of rainfall. It was cooler in nearly all districts, except the Atlantic States, where there was slight change.

An area of high pressure was moving down over Montana with much cooler weather, the temperature was but 8 degrees above freezing point in the morning at Havre, Mon.

In this city the day was generally fair, except for thunder storms passing around the city in the afternoon, wind fresh to brisk southeast, average humidity 70 per cent. Barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 30.18; 3 P. M., 30.16.

The temperature as recorded by the official thermometer and also by THE SUN'S thermometer at the street level is shown in the accompanying table:

	Official.		SUN'S.		Official.		SUN'S.	
	1901.	1900.	1901.		1901.	1900.	1901.	
6 A. M.	72	70	82	6 P. M.	79	76	86	
12 M.	78	72	87	9 P. M.	77	72	81	
3 P. M.	81	80	91-92 Max.		76	72	76	

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

For western New York, showers to-day, cooler in eastern portion; fair, fresh south winds to-morrow.

For the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, partly cloudy to-day; fair, light south winds becoming variable to-morrow.

For eastern Pennsylvania, showers and cooler to-day; fair, winds becoming light west to-morrow.

For New Jersey, showers to-day; fair, light to fresh south to west winds to-morrow.

For New England, showers to-day; fair, light south to west winds to-morrow.

For western New York, partly cloudy to-day; showers in eastern portion; fair, light west to northwest winds to-morrow.

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OR ANY CANDIDATE NAMED BY ANTI-TAMMANY CONFERENCE.

President Morris of the County Committee and National Committeeman Gibbs Do Not Agree as to the History of the Halpin Resolution—Abandoned.

When President Robert C. Morris of the Republican County Committee woke up yesterday morning and found in the paper s the story of the Halpin resolution that had been told by National Committeeman Gibbs he gave out a statement saying:

"Mr. Gibbs represented that Mr. Morris had long been cognizant of the plan made public on Tuesday; that in the past two months he had discussed the matter perhaps twenty times with Mr. Ten Eyck and himself (Mr. Gibbs); that Mr. Morris had prepared the paper produced at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the City Committee, with some assistance from Mr. Halpin, who presented the resolutions, and that "it is his (Mr. Morris's) scheme." So far are these statements from correctly representing the facts in the case, Mr. Morris considered it his duty to say that he had never proposed the policy; that he had never discussed it with Mr. Gibbs or Mr. Ten Eyck; that he did not prepare the resolutions, and that he was surprised when he learned for the first time on Tuesday afternoon that they were to be introduced. Mr. Morris feels that the importance of the incident has been much exaggerated, and sees no advantage to the anti-Tammany cause in any further discussion of it."

Mr. Gibbs told the reporter for THE SUN that he was standing by what he had said on Thursday and that all of the statements that he made then were true and told the whole story of the affair.

As THE SUN said yesterday the plan for a change in the representation of the Republican machine in the conference had been abandoned before the dispute between Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Morris arose. Senator Platt in an interview yesterday said:

"The present conferees will continue so far as the Republican party is concerned. All the leaders have agreed to it. If the city convention appoints a committee on nominations it will be made up of the men who are on the Conference Committee. All of the work of clearing the way for the fusion ticket and the negotiations with the anti-Tammany bodies will remain in the hands of President Morris and his associates."

"Have you any choice for Mayor?"

"No," said the Senator, who has made the same answer to the question half a hundred times. "My choice will be the choice of the conference and the Republican organization will support the candidate recommended by the Citizens' Union. We are doing all that we can to bring about harmony and to help the