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Showers followed by fair to-day; fair to-morrow.

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"HOLY FAMILY" STAYS HERE.

GREAT RUBENS GIVEN TO THE ART MUSEUM BY J. H. SMITH.

Perhaps Greatest Single Acquisition Ever Received There—Mr. Smith Bid on It at the Matthiessen Sale With Such a Gift in View—G. P. Blow Lets It Go.

The Rubens "Holy Family," for which $50,000 was paid at the recent sale of the paintings of the late F. O. Matthiessen who had paid more than $60,000 for it abroad, was presented yesterday to the Metropolitan Museum of Art by James Henry Smith.

Mr. Smith bought the picture of George P. Blow of Chicago, who purchased it at the Matthiessen sale and intended to take it West with him and place it in a museum out there. Through much persuasion and the intercession of members of the Matthiessen family, Mr. Blow consented finally to relinquish the picture to Mr. Smith for the price he paid for it for the purpose for which Mr. Smith asked for it, that of giving it to the museum. The negotiations, which were conducted through Thomas E. Kirby of the American Art Galleries, were concluded yesterday.

Only in two other instances have paintings presented to the museum exceeded this in commercial value. One is Rosa Bonheur's "Horse Fair," for which Cornelius Vanderbilt paid $53,000. Another is Meissonier's "Friedland—1807," for which Judge Henry Hilton gave $66,000.

The Rubens presented through the munificence of Mr. Smith is thus one of the greatest single acquisitions to the museum. Its value, according to art standards, probably exceeds that of the other two pictures by painters of the present generation. Art critics pronounced the Rubens to be the most important work of art ever put up at public sale in this city.

The story of the negotiations which led up to the acquisition of the picture by Mr. Smith and its presentation to the museum is an interesting one.

When the Rubens was put up at Mendelssohn Hall two weeks ago there were many bidders until $40,000 was reached. The bidding then narrowed down to two men. One of these was Mr. Blow, who is connected with the Matthiessen family by marriage. The other bidder sat in the gallery, and as his bids were sent down by the usher, no one, including Mr. Kirby the auctioneer, recognized Mr. Blow's competitor in the bidding as Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith, who inherited a large fortune through the death of his uncle, George Smith, in England, and who has been known as "Silent Smith," because of his quiet and unobtrusive manners, did not intend that he should be known. He raised Mr. Blow $500 at a time until $49,000 was reached. That was a bid by Mr. Blow. There was a short pause at this. Then down from the gallery came a piece of paper announcing that the person who sent it would bid $49,500.

Mr. Blow, who said afterward that he had not come to the sale with any intention of buying the picture, was put on his mettle. He responded with a bid of $50,000. This time there was no response from the gallery and the picture went to Mr. Blow. General regret was expressed on all sides that the Rubens had not gone to some one in New York that it might stay here. Mr. Kirby himself expressed keen regret at this and several times during the bidding appealed to those at the sale to keep the picture in this city that it might occasionally be placed on public view at the Museum of Art.

Mr. Smith was the purchaser of several paintings at the sale on the evening when the Rubens was bought. One of the paintings he bought was a Murillo which had attracted much attention in the collection. The next day when he came around to arrange for the removal of these pictures he remarked that he was sorry that New York had lost the Rubens.

"I did some bidding on it myself," casually remarked Mr. Smith; "had I got it, it was my intention to give it to the Museum."

Mr. Kirby asked Mr. Smith then if he would be willing to give the price at which the picture had been sold if Mr. Blow would sell it in order that it might go to the museum. Mr. Smith said in a minute that he would. Mr. Kirby then communicated with Mr. Blow, who meantime had gone to Chicago. At first the latter flatly refused to give up his purchase at any price. He said as a Western man he wanted it to go to a Western institution and had made up his mind to give it to some art gallery himself.

Then Mr. Kirby appealed to some of the Matthiessen heirs here. They represented to Mr. Blow that it had been Mr. Matthiessen's desire to have the picture remain here and that had his death not been so sudden, he, himself, probably would have presented the picture to the museum. Mr. Blow finally surrendered. Yesterday morning Mr. Kirby was informed that he could have the picture. Mr. Kirby had Mr. Smith's check for it within an hour or so.

The picture was still here and late yesterday afternoon it was sent by Mr. Kirby, acting under Mr. Smith's instructions, to the Museum of Art. With it Mr. Smith sent this characteristic note of explanation:

To the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art:

DEAR SIRS: I take great pleasure in presenting to your institution the painting by Rubens, formerly in the F. O. Matthiessen collection, and entitled, "The Holy Family," which I have obtained from a recent purchaser for the purpose of presenting to your museum. The painting will be delivered in a day or two by Mr. Thomas E. Kirby of the American Art Association, who is acting in my behalf. JAMES HENRY SMITH.

The gift greatly surprised Mr. George H. Story. He had had no intimation until yesterday morning that such a prize was to be expected. Then Mr. Kirby asked if such a gift would be acceptable and was informed that it would be decidedly. Mr. Kirby did not disclose then the name of the probable donor.

Mr. Smith never presented anything to the museum before and his name was not familiar to Mr. Story.

"The gift is a very generous one," said Mr. Story yesterday. "Through Mr. Smith's munificence the museum becomes possessor of a great painting which will be one of the great attractions of our museum. It is greater than any painting by Rubens in this country. The value of such a picture is not to be judged exactly from what it brought at a sale nor can it be compared with the two other paintings which brought more in price. Like the great examples of the work of any master, it will be an acquisition such as there are reserved in years."

Mr. Story said that the trustees will vote the gift formally and that Mr. Smith will be properly thanked. The painting will be placed in the museum by Mr. Matthiessen's hung in it for over a year. It will probably be restored to its former place.

Death of the Richest Mississippi Indian.

MERIDIAN, Miss., April 16.—William Comby, the wealthiest Indian on the Choctaw reservation, died this morning. He made a fortune by renting farms on the reservation to whites. This is the first death on the reservation in several years.

Through a Classic Waiting Room of Marble

leads to enter the great through trains of the New York Central at Grand Central Station, in the center of the city of New York. Adv.

$2,500,000 HOTEL PLANNED.

Million Dollar Site Bought Opposite Sherry's—Syndicate to Build It.

The southeast corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-fourth street was bought yesterday by a syndicate as a preliminary to its improvements with a hotel which in luxury of equipment is to vie with Delmonico's and Sherry's on adjacent corners of the avenue.

The syndicate is controlled by Percival W. Clement of Vermont who is also the leading spirit in the recently incorporated New England Hotel Company. The site was purchased from John W. Sterling and John S. Melchor, trustees for the Paran Stevens estate, and cost not far from $1,000,000. It measures 96.10 feet on the avenue and 150 feet on the street.

The hotel will probably cost $1,500,000 more, although persons interested in the project said last night that the details of the plan have not been matured.

The purchasing syndicate was organized by Richard M. Montgomery and W. H. Chesebrough. It includes, besides Mr. Clement, Henry and Jefferson Seligman and the Century Realty Company.

The New England Hotel Company, incorporated some months ago with a capital of $500,000, has the names of Mr. Clement, Frederick H. Button, H. G. Smith, Charles H. Perot and W. H. Valiquette on its list of directors. At the time of the incorporation it was announced that the company would erect a hotel somewhere in the central part of the city at a cost of $2,500,000.

The site now purchased is occupied by a group of temporary structures classed as "taxpayers." One of these has long been occupied as a butcher shop and another as a boarding stable. The property also contains the old saloon, once a road tavern, known as the Willow, which is marked by the only willow tree on Fifth avenue.

A NEW-WED GEORGE W. DUNN.

Two Philadelphians Take Brides Away From the City Hall.

A well dressed couple walked into the City Hall yesterday afternoon and asked to be directed to the Marriage Bureau. To one of the "cupids" there the man whispered that he wanted to be wedded without the fact of the wedding becoming public for a few days.

"Cupid" Weldon so arranged matters that the marriage took place in the committe room of the Aldermen's chamber. Alderman Culkin performed the ceremony. According to Mr. Culkin the bridegroom gave $50 to Weldon. In describing how the man had feed the Marriage Bureau attendant, Mr. Culkin said:

"He peeled off $5 bills at such a rate from a roll as thick as a bridge cable that I thought he would never stop."

Weldon refused to make known the name of the contracting parties. He said he had promised to keep the matter secret until the man and woman had had time to announce their marriage themselves.

It was learned that the bridegroom was George W. Dunn, a widower of 41 years, and the bride Jessie Hurd Williams, 30. Both gave Philadelphia as their address. The witness to the marriage was Edward K. Cole, who said he was the Deputy Street Cleaning Commissioner of Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—George W. Dunn is manager of the Postal Telegraph Company here. Cole is a street cleaning inspector and it is said was married on Monday by the same Alderman who married Dunn. All have gone to Charleston, S. C.

FOR THEO. RUNYON'S DAUGHTER

Court's Decision Excludes Evidence Taken in Haskin's Divorce Suit.

For irregularity, evidence on commission in Germany regarding alleged conduct of Mrs. Mary Runyon Haskins taken at the request of her husband, Harry Caryl Haskins, at a cost of $2,000, was ordered suppressed by Justice Scott of the Supreme Court yesterday.

Haskins's suit for an absolute divorce has been held back for trial awaiting the return of this commission.

Mrs. Haskins, who is a daughter of Theodore Runyon, formerly American Minister to Germany, married Haskins in 1889 and they separated in the fall of 1900. She sued him for a separation on allegations of cruelty and he retorted with the suit for absolute divorce. Through her father's mission at Berlin she became well known abroad and part of the charges of her misconduct were laid by her husband in Germany. These have all been denied by Mrs. Haskins.

The evidence which Mr. Haskins had taken abroad on commission was in the shape of interrogatories and they were in English. The answers came back in German. It appeared that the commissioner who took the evidence understood German and English, but it did not appear how proficient he was. Justice Scott says that the interrogatories should have been sent in both languages. While the answers that have come back could be properly translated, he says the answers could not avail unless it could be shown that the questions had been properly translated to the German witnesses. In suppressing the commission the court permits Mr. Haskins to apply for a new commission.

GOOD NEWS KILLED SPEILER.

Pedler Fell Dead When Told He Could Sell His Wares Around Seward Park.

Heyman Speiler, a pedler of 49 Ludlow street, dropped dead yesterday morning in Hester street in front of Seward Park. According to his neighbors his death was caused by an excess of joy over the news that he would be allowed to peddle dry goods around the park during the Hebrew holidays which begin on Monday. The municipal authorities recently granted permission to the people of the Ghetto to sell their wares about the park, and Policeman Durfee told Speiler about it yesterday.

Speiler was overjoyed and in a few minutes he returned with his wife and a big basket. He was greatly excited and suddenly he sankk over on his back and died almost instantly.

His wife became so frantic with grief that it took several men to hold her. The body was removed to the Morgue.

It was the talk all through the Ghetto yesterday that Speiler's heart had been too weak to stand the news of what to him appeared like an opportunity to make a fortune.

Special Legislative Session Two Hours Long.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 16.—The Maryland Legislature met here at noon today in extraordinary session, in pursuance of a call issued by Gov. Smith, as the result of the failure to pass a corporation election which came to an end March 31 last, any bill providing the time and rate of the direct tax. The session lasted just about two hours, the shortest in the history of the State.

Beauty Minus Age Face

Is the aim of the surgeon. He gives the surgery. E. T. Lewis & Son to be Fulton st., L. I. Adv.

Joan's drug water from not tonic, it is private, private spring water from nature's laboratory to our Joan's Medicine Co., Lexington Ave. Adv.

NEW KIERNAN IDENTIFICATION

MADE BY A WOMAN IN THE M'AULIFFE SECRET INQUIRY.

Mrs. Luigs of Hoboken Swears She Saw the Wardman Put a Helpless Man in a Cab at the Police Station Just Before the Glennon Witness Was Found Dying.

Mrs. Mary Luigs, the wife of a longshoreman, living in Gordon street, Hoboken, while under oath before Justice Mayer last night positively identified Detective-Sergeant Kiernan as one of two men whom she saw helping another man down the steps of the West Forty-seventh street police station about 9 o'clock on Sunday morning, Feb. 16.

Mrs. Luigs's testimony was given in the John Doe proceeding to discover who, if any one, killed James McAuliffe, the anti-Glennon witness, who was found insensible just after 9 A. M. on that day in front of 864 Sixth avenue, after having been locked up all night in the West Forty-seventh street police station. He died later in the day.

Mrs. Luigs has not before appeared in the McAuliffe case. She is the daughter of a man living in West Fifty-third street near Ninth avenue, and she says she has lived for most of her life in the West Forty-seventh street precinct. She came to New York on the Saturday night on which McAuliffe was locked up for drunkenness, and stayed all that night at the home of a woman friend living in Eighth avenue.

On Sunday morning she started for the house of her father. She decided that she would like to pass a school in West Forty-seventh street which she used to attend, so she walked through that street to Ninth avenue. In front of the station house, she said, she noticed two men helping a third down the steps and into a carriage, which drove away with them.

At this point Aaron Cohen was called into the chambers of Justice Mayer, where the examination was held. According to Cohen, Mrs. Luigs said that he was a young man she had seen standing near the station house steps.

John Lennon was then brought into the room. He says that District Attorney Jerome asked her if she had seen him before and that she replied:

"Yes, I saw him walking down Forty-seventh street back of the carriage." Lennon has said that he followed the carriage and borrowed money from the driver, whom he knew.

Detective Sergeant Kiernan was next called into the room. It is said that District Attorney Jerome addressed him as "Officer O'Brien" when he appeared. Mr. Jerome asked Mrs. Luigs if she had ever seen this man before. Cohen, who was present all this time, says that Mrs. Luigs replied:

"He was the man walking down the steps on the left side of the helpless man. His name is not O'Brien. It is Kiernan."

"How do you know it is?" asked Mr. Jerome.

According to Cohen Mrs. Luigs said that she knew it because she had read it in the newspapers. According to Mr. Jerome Mrs. Luigs said that she had known Kiernan for seventeen years when as a young man attached to the West Forty-seventh street station she had seen him pass in and out in uniform going to and coming from patrol duty.

Kiernan was asked by Mr. Jerome how long he had been attached to the West Forty-seventh street station. He replied that he had first been assigned there two years ago and had never done anything but plainclothes duty. He did not make that statement under oath and will be called again.

It is asserted by one of the witnesses at the inquiry that Kiernan refused to answer any questions put to him on the ground that his lawyer had instructed him not to do so. Kiernan says that this statement is not true, that he hasn't any lawyer and doesn't intend to get one.

Mr. Jerome would not say late last night whether Kiernan had made such a statement, but did say that Kiernan had been asked only one question in the course of the evening, and that was how long had he been connected with the West Forty-seventh street station. Kiernan was just about to leave the building after the inquiry had been adjourned, when Assistant District Attorney Lord called him into the room and asked him the question in an informal manner.

A Mrs. Petzold of West Forty-eighth street, who has been quoted in a newspaper as saying that she heard screams from the station house two weeks after the Sunday of McAuliffe's death, was called to the Criminal Courts building to say if it was her name that appeared on the passenger list of a steamer sailing to-day for Europe. She said it was that of some one else.

H. S. Stark, who says that he saw a battered man pushed from a cab at the corner of Forty-seventh street and Sixth avenue on the morning of Feb. 16, is still a missing witness. He is one of those who went to New Jersey after the identification of Kiernan in the West Forty-seventh street station by Cohen and Lennon, the two ex-convicts.

Several of the policemen of the West Forty-seventh street station were examined again. Miss Bolton, a milliner of 864 Sixth avenue, testified to seeing McAuliffe, after staggering up the avenue, fall in front of her place.

Mr. Jerome said that there was no doubt of the intelligence of Mrs. Luigs or of her identification of Kiernan. It was positive, he said. She was unable to identify Gilligan, the policeman, who, Cohen says, told him to "get the hell outer here" when he saw him looking at the cab scene.

Gov. Odell will be here on Saturday and District Attorney Jerome will meet him. They will probably talk over the McAuliffe case. Police Commissioner Partridge and Deputy Commissioners Thurston and Eistein attended the McAuliffe inquiry yesterday afternoon.

BARRICADES HER HOUSE.

Wealthy Woman Who Married Policeman Thought to Be Insane.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., April 16.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter Ludlow Warren, the wealthy woman against whom proceedings have been instituted to test her sanity, has, according to her neighbors, barricaded the doors and windows of her home and is so badly frightened that she will not come out. Trouble is expected next week when she is to be brought before a Sheriff's jury. A few years ago she married Louis F. Warren, a New York policeman. He is now confined in an asylum.

It is said that at the time Warren met Miss Ludlow he was a policeman and that he was in Fourth avenue, New York city, where she owned a number of flats. The policeman was a man of fine appearance and Miss Ludlow fell in love with him. Warren obtained a divorce from his wife and married her. After the wedding the policeman turned in his shield and with his bride came to New Rochelle to live.

Palma Says He'll Serve Only One Term.

Gen. Tomas Estrada Palma, President-elect of Cuba, started yesterday on his way to assume his new duties. Before leaving Mr. Palma said that he would serve only one term as President of Cuba.

Prematurely Gray or Bald Hair may be securely protected by the use of Buckingham's Dye. Adv.

CROKER SLATE FOR SACHEMS.

If It Turns Up on Monday There'll Be Music in Tammany Society.

Tammany people of importance discussed last night matters which come up at the annual election of the Tammany Society on Monday evening. At this meeting thirteen sachems and other officers of the society are to be elected. Last February Grand Sachem Thomas L. Feitner was authorized to appoint a committee of five to make up this ticket of thirteen new sachems. As far as could be learned after assiduous efforts last night this committee has either not been appointed or it has not been announced publicly, and the greatest secrecy has been maintained concerning it.

It has been charged that the ticket for the thirteen new sachems was made up by Richard Croker in January, before he went to Europe, and certain important Tammany men began an investigation yesterday to ascertain the truth of this statement. If it turns out that Mr. Croker has made up this slate of thirteen sachems, and Grand Sachem Feitner attempts to put it through at the annual election on Monday night, a very serious rumpus is likely to occur. The sachems control the property of the society, including the Fourteenth street Wigwam.

SHE LOVED TOO FURIOUSLY.

O'Neill Has Girl He Was to Wed To-day Put Under Bonds to Restrain Her Emotions.

Joseph O'Neill, 20 years old of 69 Webster avenue, Jersey City, haled Mabel Cox, 17 years old of 6 Sherman avenue whom he intended to marry to-day, and her mother, Mrs. Mabel Cox, to the Second Criminal Court yesterday on a charge of annoying him. The women were put under bonds to keep the peace and the wedding is off.

O'Neill declared that his sweetheart had made his life miserable by chasing him around and sending as many as six love letters a day to his place of business. He said that Mrs. Cox had backed up her daughter in everything.

Miss Cox denied any intention of hurting the young man's feelings. She said that he got down on his knees in her kitchen last Saturday night, popped the question, was accepted and demanded an early wedding. He had Edward Connor, a friend, with him, she said, and Connor didn't turn his back for a minute.

Mrs. O'Neill, the complainant's aunt, said that Joe didn't come home that night and she went to Mrs. Cox's house to look for him. She found him drunk in the cellar, she said.

PLOTTED TO BREAK JAIL.

Bars Sawed Through in Murderer's Cell—Plan Revealed by "Trusty."

A plot to break out of the Essex County Jail at Newark was discovered last night through information given by a "trusty" to Keeper Frank Smith. The man was let into the scheme and weakened.

He told Smith that a plan had been arranged to break out of the cells at midnight on Saturday next, jump upon the keeper making his rounds, and get his keys and revolver. They were to have men from Philadelphia on the outside to help them get away.

Smith told Warden Hosp about the matter, giving him the names of the prisoners suspected. Hosp and his keepers found two loose bars in the door of a cell occupied by John F. Wyckoff, who is to be tried for murder on Monday next. He was in cell 22, on the second tier, of the eastern corridor. The bars were sawed through just under the cross strip and soap and dirt was used to conceal the cut.

One bar of cell 15, on the same tier, was found partly cut through. This cell was occupied by John McDonald, who is held for highway robbery and is wanted in Philadelphia for a similar offence. He is one of the three men recently arrested for attempting to hold up Harry McDonald in his grocery in Newark and for two hold-ups in Passaic and Bayonne.

His companions, De Witt C. Cave and Joseph Hearn, are suspected of being in the jail-breaking plot, together with Edward Stevens of Brooklyn, Frank Wiley of the Bowery and James Johnson of Second avenue, New York, who is to be tried as a pickpocket. These men were removed from their cells and searched. A common triangular saw file was found in McDonald's pocket.

LOST BOYS TURN UP.

Were at the Circus While Police Were Dragging the Ponds—Had to Walk Home.

The disappearance of Johnnie Potts and George Bursee, two small boys of West Chester in The Bronx, for whom the police had been searching for twenty-four hours, was explained yesterday when they came trudging home from Madison Square Garden, where they went to see the circus. The boys had saved up their pennies for weeks to visit the circus, but didn't provide for their car fare home. While the police of the Thirty-eighth precinct and the neighbors were dragging the ponds for them for fear that they had met the fate of Willie McCormick, the boys were perched on top seats watching the circus. It did not occur to them until they were ready to return home late at night that they had spent their last cent and had nothing left with which to pay car fare back to West Chester. They were compelled to walk the entire distance of about ten miles and arrived home nearly exhausted at 5 o'clock yesterday morning.

JOE LEITER'S POWER AT 150.

Jump of 19 5-8 Points in a Stock That Has Never Paid a Dividend.

What was looked upon in Wall Street as a strictly manipulative movement carried the price of the common stock of the International Power Company up 19⅝ points to 150¼ on the Stock Exchange yesterday.

The company, of which Joseph Leiter is chairman of the Board of Directors and J. H. Hoadley is President, has $6,000,000 of common stock and $6,000,000 of 6 per cent. cumulative preferred. It has never paid a dividend on the common, but it was announced yesterday that the 6 per cent. of $6,000,000 had been declared for 1901 on the preferred.

This appeared to be the basis for the stock market movement in the common. Commission brokerage houses, it was reported yesterday, were generally demanding cash to handle the issue, not wishing to take it on marginal account.

Jail for Auctioneer Where Is He?

District Attorney Jerome has heard nothing of the recent movements of Alfred E. Cronin, of E. E. Jones & Co., whose sentence of six months' imprisonment for having circulated false rumors in Wall Street about the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has just been affirmed by the Court of Appeals. Cronin is out under bail.

Low Rates to Utah and Montana.

Starting April 15th, New York Central and The West Shore will sell colonist tickets to Salt Lake, Ogden, Butte, Helena and intermediate points. Inquire at ticket offices. Adv.

A. F. HEDGES AND $17,000 GONE

EX-BROKER, TURNED BOOKKEEPER, ROBS AMES, SWAN & CO.

Made Off With a Certificate for 100 St. Paul, Cashed It and Was Gone Before Warning Got on the Tape—Name of Consolidated Exchange Buyer Withheld.

Allen F. Hedges, once a rich man and a member of the New York Stock Exchange, but lately bookkeeper for the Stock Exchange firm of Ames, Swan & Co. of 25 Broad street, stole a hundred shares of the stock of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad from his employers yesterday, and inside of an hour had sold it for its face value, $17,000, and had disappeared with the money.

The circumstances of the theft have convinced Mr. Ames and Mr. Swan that Hedges was the victim of a sudden temptation. Having once decided to steal the stock though, Hedges went about getting rid of it like an expert.

He took it to a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, whose name is being withheld at the request of the police, got all that he asked for it, and then departed for parts unknown. The Consolidated man in turn sent the stock to the banking house of Zimmerman & Forshay of 11 Wall street with instructions to find a customer for it, and it was in the possession of that firm when a description of it was sent out over the ticker.

Within an hour and a half after Hedges walked out of the office with the stock in his pocket, and half an hour after the fact that it had been stolen was discovered, the stock had been located and a stop put to any further transferring of it.

Hedges came to Ames, Swan & Co. very highly recommended. For years he had been very well-known in Wall street, having been a member of the firm of Horace L. Hotchkiss & Co. of 35 Wall street, which failed in 1893. Mr. Hotchkiss had been the senior member of the firm of Hotchkiss, Burnham & Co., which failed in 1884. Mr. Burnham committed suicide after this failure, but Mr. Hotchkiss recovered himself and formed a partnership with Harvey B. Fitch and Hedges.

Hotchkiss, who was very active in the Grant Monument Fund, attributed the failure of the firm to the investment of $150,000 of its funds in the Nicaragua Canal Company. The firm had branches in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, in the Windsor Hotel and in a number of other cities. Hedges was the active member of the firm. He and his family live in a handsome house in President street, Brooklyn, which he owned.

The failure of the firm ruined Hedges and he went to work as a clerk. He worked in a number of places, and up to a year ago was employed as a bookkeeper by G. H. Rosenblatt & Co., which firm has since gone out of business. Hedges then got a job with Ames & Miller, which on Jan. 1 last became Ames, Swan & Co. Hedges was trusted absolutely by his employers. He was known to be a broken man financially, and his employers also knew that he sometimes drank to excess, but, as it never interefered with his work, it was overlooked.

On Tuesday Fred Ames, of Ames, Swan & Co., made an arrangement with A. S. Leland & Co., also of 25 Broad street, for the delivery some time yesterday forenoon of the hundred shares of St. Paul. The cashier of the firm was notified to have a certified check for $17,000 in readiness for the representative of A. S. Leland & Co. when he called to deliver the stock. At 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning the cashier went out to luncheon, and according to custom Hedges took his place at the cashiers' window. The cashier told him of the expected stock and told him where he would find the certified check for $17,000.

Twenty minutes later the stock arrived. Hedges turned over the check to the messenger, but instead of putting the stock in the safe, put it in his pocket and went on with his work. The transaction through the cashier's window attracted no more attention than any one of a hundred such transactions.

Promptly at 1 o'clock the cashier returned and Hedges yielded his seat to him. He put on his hat and coat and announced that he was going to luncheon. Just as he was leaving the cashier called and asked him if the St. Paul stock had arrived. Hedges said that it had not and then went out.

At 1 o'clock Mr. Ames asked the cashier whether the St. Paul stock had arrived. The cashier said that it hadn't. Thereupon Mr. Ames, who had expressly asked that the stock be sent over before noon, went to the telephone and rang up A. S. Leland & Co.

"Why don't you send over that stock?" he asked.

"Sent it over an hour ago," was the reply.

"Well, we haven't got it."

"Well, we've got your check for $17,000, so you'd better take another look," was the response.

Mr. Ames had the cashier take another look, and a messenger was hustled over to the office of Leland & Co. The check was brought back and the man who had delivered the stock described the man who had received it. Hedges had been away from the office half an hour over time, so without any delay a notice of the theft was sent out over the tickers, and Capt. Titus of the Detective Bureau was notified.

At 1:30 o'clock Zimmerman & Forshay called up to say that they had the stock described. They gave the names of the members of the Consolidated Exchange who had put it in their hands for sale, and when detectives saw him, he said at once that he had bought the stock of Hedges without hesitation, giving him $17,000 cash for it.

It was pointed out to this man that it was a queer thing for him to buy such a valuable block of stock offhand from the bookkeeper of another firm, but he said that he had known Hedges for years, and it had never occurred to him to doubt that Hedges was authorized to sell the stock.

Capt. Titus sent out an alarm for Hedges. Every ferryhouse and railroad station was watched. Hedges lived with his wife and two children, both grown up, at 719 Prospect place, Brooklyn. They occupied a small flat there. Mrs. Hedges had not heard last night what had happened. She attributed her husband's failure to come home to business. Two detectives and an employee of Ames, Swan & Co. spent the night in front of the house waiting for Hedges to appear.

George H. Manning, a member of the firm and a friend of Hedges, occupied a room last night in the Broad street office going over Hedges's books. No irregularities had been found there up to 11 o'clock. Mr. Manning said:

"We trusted Hedges implicitly. He was a good and willing worker and we valued him highly. Five minutes before he took that stock I didn't believe he had any idea in the world of doing such a thing.

"It was a sudden temptation and he yielded to it. It is just like that. I don't know whether he or the payee who bought the stock properly lives.

The members of the firm besides Mr. Manning are Frederick F. Ames, who lives at 24 West Seventy-sixth street, and H. Tilden Swan, a nephew of Richard Tilden, who lives at 21 Irving place.

The stolen certificate was that Hedges had got only $5,000 on the transaction. It was said that he sold the stock to a Consolidated Exchange firm which has long been a customer of Zimmerman & Forshay's. The firm sold the stock to Zimmerman & Forshay, but when it was learned that the stock had been stolen the officers refunded $12,000 to Zimmerman & Forshay.

Electricity and Compressed Air

operate our electric wiring system, the electric fan in the ventilating system, the electric motors in our machine shop, and our compressed air system. Adv.

MISS STONE IN TROUBLE.

Legal Conflict Over Her Lectures—Injunction Asked For.

BOSTON, April 16.—Miss Ellen M. Stone, will appear before Judge Fessenden in the Equity session of the Superior Court tomorrow to show cause why an injunction should not issue restraining her from delivering a lecture in regard to her captivity in Bulgaria and Turkey in Chelsea tomorrow evening. A bill in equity was brought this afternoon by the American Lecturing Direction, through counsel, Clarence W. Rowley, and Judge Fessenden issued an order of notice returnable tomorrow afternoon.

The complainant alleges that it made a contract with the defendant through her brother acting as agent on March 22, and that she will violate its terms if she delivers the lecture.

COOPERATIVE RANCH COLONY.

Twenty-five Chicago Men to Work Together on the Sioux Reservation.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, April 16.—Ninety miles west of Pierre, S. D., on the big Sioux reservation, a coöperative colony, composed of forty Chicago men, has taken twenty-five quarter sections of land.

The colony is to be conducted similarly to that of Fairhope, Ala., the taxation being divided on the basis of land used. The land fronts on five miles of the Bad River. The ranch will be owned in common and each member will contribute his share to stocking it. The plans include the erection of a store, church and school buildings. Offers of capital have been steadfastly refused.

Following the example colonies from Jefferson and Missouri Valley, Ia, are being formed.

MRS. HUNTINGTON COMPLAINS.

No Companies in This State Will Insure Her Westchester Home.

WHITE PLAINS, April 16.—Mrs. Collis P. Huntington filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court to-day setting forth that she was unable to procure the proper amount of insurance upon her residence property at Throg's Neck from the insurance companies authorized to transact business in this State. She will ask foreign companies to insure the property. Mrs. Huntington assigns no reasons for the refusal of the companies to assume risks on her property.

W. W. ASTOR GIVES $100,000

To Endow Professorship at the University College, London.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, April 16.—William Waldorf Astor has donated £20,000 to endow the existing unendowed professorships at University College, London.

ROBBED HIS CORK LEG.

Clauwin Kept His Money in a Hole in One of the Toes.

William Hogan and James Braam were arraigned in the Hoboken Recorder's Court yesterday on a charge of having robbed John Clauwin, a cripple of $40. Clauwin had just left a saloon where he had been drinking with the men when the alleged robbery took place.

"I kept my money in a hole in one of the toes of my cork leg and had to take off my shoe every time I wanted any," he said. "When I left the saloon the men followed me and knocking me down took off the shoe and secured the $40."

The prisoners denied the robbery and were remanded by Recorder Stanton pending a further investigation by the police.

VICTORY FOR THE ANCIENTS.

Bill to Require Them to Do Jury Duty Is to Be Shelved.

BOSTON, April 16.—The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston has won another notable victory without bloodshed or tear drops. Early in the session of the Legislature a bill was introduced to require the members of the historic organization to do jury duty. This morning, however, the Committee on Probate and Chancery of the Legislature gave the Ancients the assurance that the time-honored custom of exempting their members will be upheld in its sacredness.

The committee has reported a bill providing that the Ancients shall be exempt if return of their membership in the organization has been made.

WOMAN PROFITS BY L. & N. DEAL.

Miss Halloway of Omaha Makes $20,000 on the Week's Rise.

OMAHA, Neb., April 16.—Miss Elizabeth Halloway is about $20,000 richer to-day than last week as a result of dealing in the stock market. Last Saturday she advised friends to buy Louisville and Nashville stock as she was doing. When the high tide came, she sold, cleaning up about $20,000.

She is said to have been very active in speculation for several months, and is supposed to have made a fortune. She is only 25 years of age.

RUNAWAY HORSE INTO THE RIVER

Swept Away by the Tide and Drowned—Driver Saved Himself by Jumping.

A brown mare attached to a light delivery wagon took fright at Pier 43, North River yesterday and dashed to the end of the pier and overboard.

The driver, seeing he couldn't control the horse, jumped from the wagon when it was about ten yards from the string-piece.

Both the horse and wagon, which belonged to William Monday, of 258 Wythe avenue, Brooklyn, were lost.

L. I. Railroad Raises Wages.

The Long Island Railroad Company has decided to establish a schedule of wages for all conductors and trainmen employed on both passenger and freight trains. The schedule as arranged gives the men an increase on an average of 6 per cent. of their present salaries. The new schedule will go into effect on May 1.

By Trolley to Jersey Soon.

President Edward F. C. Young of the North Jersey Street Railway Company said yesterday that the engineers have almost completed their preliminary work on the proposed trolley tunnel under the Hudson River, and that the work of boring will be started in a few days.

Shot in the Ferryhouse.

William F. Carpenter, 30 years old, of 20 Oakwood avenue, Orange, N. J., died of apoplexy in the Christopher street ferry house last night. He was in a barber and tonsorial one time, and when the ferryboat came in Captain Allen went over and found him dead.

Neighbor to All Sections

Pennsylvania Railroad's direct lines connected at all points of New York City. Adv.

DUTCH QUEEN GROWS WORSE.

NOW SAID TO BE SUFFERING FROM PERITONITIS.

Fatal Termination Not Expected—Her Temperature High—Change for the Worse During the Day—Hopes of an Heir to the Throne Again Postponed.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, April 17.—A despatch to the *Daily Mail* from Amsterdam says that Prof. Rosenstein has diagnosed the illness from which Queen Wilhelmina is suffering as peritonitis. A fatal termination is not assumed, but it is feared that the hopes of an heir to the throne must again be postponed.

THE HAGUE, April 16.—An official bulletin issued at 3 o'clock this afternoon says: "Queen Wilhelmina passed a quiet night. The fever continues, but her condition is satisfactory."

Prof. Rosenstein of Leyden was summoned to the castle at Loo to-day. Last night the Queen's temperature was 40 degrees centigrade, or about 104 degrees Fahrenheit. It seems that there is an inflammation of the lungs.

The condition of the Queen has changed for the worse since this morning.

GREEN GOODS IN CHINATOWN.

Bartender, Arrested, Says Decoy Letter Was for Another Man.

Thomas Hartigan, a bartender in "Paddy" Mullen's Chinatown saloon at 6 Mott street, was arraigned yesterday before United States Commissioner Shields on a charge of dealing in green goods and was held in $2,500 bail for examination. Hartigan was arrested at the saloon by Detective Sergeants McConville and Savage just after he had received an alleged decoy letter addressed to "George W. Ransom."

The detectives turned him over to Post Office Inspector Boyle. In default of bail Hartigan was sent to the Ludlow Street Jail.

At the Mott street saloon it was said last night that Hartigan has been employed as a bartender there for the past seven years.

The proprietor and every one in the place denied that Hartigan ever had anything to do with "green goods."

"The game was really a funny one," said a man who has known Hartigan for years. "Last Monday night a well-dressed, athletic fellow about 35 years old came in here and invited every one up to the bar. He wanted to see Chinatown, he said. He seemed to be a good fellow, jolly and all that, and some of the boys showed him around. Well, he showed up here again Tuesday, and yesterday morning. He was quite intimate with the gang by this time, and always 'blew' when he came in.

"Yesterday morning he came in and asked Hartigan if he would take care of some mail which he expected. Hartigan told him he would and let the matter rest there.

"Yesterday afternoon a letter came for this fellow, whose name no one knew but Hartigan, and Hartigan took it and put it behind the bar. He had no sooner done it than the two detectives came in and arrested Hartigan.

"That's all I know about it, but one thing I'll say and that is if that would-be slick chap ever shows his face around here again he'll be sorry."

At the saloon it was also said that "George W. Ransom," was probably the name of the man who bought so liberally.

FOUR PRISONERS ESCAPE.

They Dig Through Two Brick Walls in the County Jail at Poughkeepsie.

POUGHKEEPSIE, April 16.—Four Grand Jury prisoners escaped from the temporary county jail in the old Vassar brewery building early this evening by digging their way through two thick brick walls.

The prisoners were James Ryan, the important witness in the New York Tammany case; George Anthony, colored, a professional chicken thief, wanted in several different counties; George Cary, colored, indicted for burglary in breaking into a country grocery store, and Robert Mahoney, charged with burglary in robbing the country store at Barrytown. This is Ryan's escape from jail. Before the prisoners were moved from the jail proper, Ryan escaped by lowering himself to the ground from the second story window, but was captured in Yonkers.

When the jailer returned from supper to-night, he noticed a peculiar action in the cell next to the last one on the Grand Jury corridor. He immediately made an examination and found that the four men had made their escape by digging through a 12-inch brick wall. This let them into another cell, where their operations had to be repeated in order to get outside the building.

One brick was wrapped in a piece of bedding, and it was with that they pounded their way to liberty,