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Fair to-day and to-morrow; warmer to-morrow.

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RODE LIKE DIAVOLO, HURT.

BICYCLIST HARRY POLLAY THROWN FROM TOP OF LOOP.

He Failed to Keep His Wheel on the Black Guide Line and Got Sprains and Bruises —He Says He Will Follow the Circus Till He Learns How to Do the Trick.

Harry R. Pollay, a trick bicycle rider from Syracuse, was hurled from the top of the Diavolo Loop at Madison Square Garden yesterday and injured while attempting to duplicate the feat of the man in the circus. Only the men employed by the circus were present when the accident occurred. Pollay received a sprained ankle, a sprained wrist and bruises and cuts on the arms and body. His wheel was smashed.

A few weeks ago Prescott, the inventor of the loop, engaged Pollay to learn Diavolo's act. Shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning he went to Madison Square Garden and prepared for his first ride. He had with him a heavily-built bicycle, such as Diavolo rides. Donning his riding costume he took his wheel to the first gallery and went on the platform leading to the runaway.

There were half a hundred trick bicycle riders there to see Pollay go through the loop on his wheel. Among them was Albert Minting, who rides a single wheel up and down a spiral track.

"He'll learn that trick after he has a few good falls," remarked Minting.

Just then Pollay started down the incline. The centre of the loop path is painted black to guide the rider. Pollay came down the incline at a high rate of speed and passed up into the loop. As he reached the top of the loop his wheel wobbled and left the black path. Pollay was then head down and was twenty-three feet from the ground. After wabbling the wheel turned toward the outer edge and plunged into the air, hurling the rider a distance of thirty feet. Pollay fell with the wheel on the incline path which a second before he had ridden over. The force of the fall broke the planks of the path.

Several men ran to Pollay's assistance. They picked him up and carried him to a wooden platform nearby. Then they sent for a physician.

"I'm all right," said the bicycle rider, as he drew up his right leg and rubbed his foot with his hand. "I hurt that ankle, I guess, and I feel as if my left arm was broken. I did not lose my nerve, but something happened that made the wheel wriggle. It wriggled to the wrong side of the path. If it had gone to the other side I would have come down on the wide part of the loop and landed safely. I'm sure I can do that trick, for I've learned that a fellow must remember that he's upside down when he's coming around through the loop. If I had thought of that I would have wiggled the wheel the other way and not got out of the loop."

Diavolo, who had witnessed the accident, said that the accident was not due to any loss of nerve on the part of Pollay.

Pollay says he will follow the circus until he succeeds in learning Diavolo's trick.

Last September Joseph Mack got a broken leg and several broken ribs while trying the loop trick. Harry Stewart was also slightly injured in making the ride at Coney Island.

PAT SHEEDY IS AN EASY MARK.

Story of a Diamond Star Paid For With Checks and Payment Stopped.

P. Francis Sheedy, standing in front of the Sturtevant House yesterday sunning his portly frame, told this story to illustrate how even the accomplished gambler sometimes gets the worst of it:

"A good title for this story would be, 'The Diamond Star; or, How Sheedy got Bilked,'" said Mr. Sheedy. "I've had this story up my sleeve for some time, but I haven't told it to any one because I'm just a little bit ashamed of the way the spike was put in me. Some people call me a gambler, but I'm not that. I'm a speculator. I'll buy anything in the world that I can sell for more than I pay for it. I'll buy a yellow dog on those terms. I saw a chance to make money in a diamond star—so I bought it. A jeweller in Broadway had it, and gave it to me for $600. He said there was no hurry about paying for it. He knew that I didn't buy it to wear on my shirt front, and that when I got mine he'd get his.

"I finally found my man. He gave that star a long look and then said he thought that was just about the gem he wanted for a lady friend. Out of pure friendship I told him I'd let it go for a thousand. He came around the next day, and got the star, giving me two checks drawn by a well-known man in this city for $500 each. He admitted that the checks were part of the loot of a little game which he had played with the man. I took the checks down to the man's bank and asked if they were all right. The banker said that they were as good as gold, but I didn't cash them then because the man who gave them to me had requested me to hold them for a few days.

"I took one of the checks and $100 in cash of his own over to the jeweller and paid him for the star. Next day he sent for me to say that the check had come back to him. Payment had been stopped on it, also on the one I had folded up in my pocketbook. I had to draw out $500 and make good to the jeweller. Up to date I'm out $600, and all I've got to show is a couple of checks.

"I don't think that anybody suspect that the whole thing was a put-up game on me. The fellow that bought the star knew that those checks were good, and of course the banker was in the game and lied to me when he said they were all right. Now, I've got to use up those checks, and there'll be another fellow about as innocent as I was before I'm through. My organization will get another pull when I'm looking for it as hard as I do now.

"The man who bought the star is owner of a racehorse, who had listened to the story with interest.

"I'm pretty sure there would be no end if he knew it," mused Sheedy.

NO PROMOTION FOR MORGAN.

Board of Three Chief Gunners Report That He Is Not Morally Qualified.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Gunner Charles M. Morgan of the Navy, who gained some notoriety about a year ago through the publication of a letter from Rear Admiral Kenny, recommending the application for promotion to the commissioned rank of Morgan, expressing the belief that there was no more deserving man in the service, and recommending that the rank of ensign be created for his benefit, was considered by the board of three chief gunners which recently examined him for promotion. The board has reported that Morgan is not morally qualified for promotion, and the report has been approved by the Secretary of the Navy. Morgan is now serving on the Dolphin, and he will be retained in the service for the present at least, it is said, pending the decision of the Secretary of the Navy in the matter of his application for promotion.

BROKE IN ON NEST OF POLICY.

Secret Panels in the Walls Hid Policy Slips —Jerome's Men Get Eight Prisoners.

Four of District Attorney Jerome's county detectives raided last night an alleged policy shop on the second floor of the five-story tenement at 141 Mott street. They captured eight prisoners and a lot of policy papers. The raid was made without warrants or the assistance of the Mulberry street police and the detectives said it was ordered by District Attorney Jerome.

According to the detectives the game has been running at different places in the precinct for two years and is really the clearing headquarters for the policy game in the Italian colony.

The detectives, Dillon, McLellan, Reardon and Secord, went to the house about 8 o'clock. At the door to the three rooms on the second floor they found Joseph Corone on guard. They arrested him and then broke in the door. Inside were twenty-five men and there was a scramble to get out by the rear windows. The detectives drew their revolvers and with the exception of one or two men they corralled every one. Eugene Torenze, who is said to be a restaurant keeper, was so obstreperous that Detective Dillon, who weighs 300 odd pounds, sat on him.

The detectives say that the place was well equipped with policy materials, including slips, rubber stamps and type. In one room there were several secret panels in the walls where the detectives found large quantities of slips.

The detectives held six other men besides Corone and Torenze. They were all charged with having policy slips in their possession, and additional charges were made against Corone and Torenze. The detectives marched their prisoners around to the Mulberry street station. Capt. Stephenson wasn't there.

KIDNAPPED LITTLE GIRL.

Her Kicks and Screams Scared Him and He Dropped Her—Whole Town After Him

BRONXVILLE, N. Y., April 19.—Residents of Bronxville, headed by Chief of Police Van Beuren and Detective Lynch of Mount Vernon, scoured the woods around Bronxville last night for a kidnapper, who attempted to carry off Mabel Schwader, the seven-year-old daughter of Jacob Schwader, an engineer employed in the Bronxville Tannery, late on Friday afternoon. The village Board of Trustees, which was in session at the time, adjourned and joined the pursuit. The little girl's cries and her kicking and biting and the attempts of two playmates to stone the man frightened him off.

Mabel, her eight-year-old sister Lillian and another child were playing near the Schwader residence when a well-dressed man came along and spoke to them. He had a bouquet of wild flowers in his hand and he said to Mabel: "Don't you girls want to pick some pretty flowers like these? I know where there are some big violets. Come along and I will show you."

He led Mabel, followed by the other girls, toward the old Chinese burying ground. When out of sight of the Schwader home he picked up Mabel in his arms and ran. The other girls threw stones at him, and when Mabel began to cry he placed his hand over her mouth and said, "If you make any noise I will hurt you." After they had run some distance over stone walls and brooks Mabel's kicking and crying became so violent that the man threw her down and ran away. The children ran home and told Mrs. Schwader and she notified the police.

The man hasn't been caught. It is believed that he is insane and is hiding in a cave in the Bronxville woods.

GOV. ODELL'S TRIP.

He Will Start for Charleston To-morrow —Cool Young Son He's Got.

Gov. Odell went last evening to his home in Newburgh. He will spend to-day there and will start for the Charleston Exposition to-morrow. From Charleston he will go West as far as the Pacific Ocean, and he will not return to this State until the 23d of May or thereabouts. Major Harrison K. Bird, military secretary to the Governor, will accompany his party throughout the trip to Charleston and the West.

Gov. Odell's young son, who was thrown from his horse in Newburg last week and broke his leg, will be confined to his bed for at least a month. When the young man was thrown he kept his head, and the first thing that he did was to throw his body on the horse's neck so that the animal could not get up and run away, dragging him. The boy then extricated his leg from the stirrup, and then with his uninjured leg kicked the horse, making him rise.

Then the young man got on his feet only to find that he could not stand. When he was taken home he refused to take any anæsthetic and remained conscious throughout the setting of the broken bone.

MISS NEWMAN RELENTS.

Barnard College Girl Withdraws the Charges Made Against Her Father.

GREENWICH, Conn., April 19.—Miss Ethel Newman, the Barnard College student who, with Jeare, appeared in the Greenwich Borough Court and testified that her father, ex-Representative Charles Newman, was a confirmed drunkard and a source of great annoyance to herself and her mother in her plans for the future, which resulted in Newman being committed to the county jail for sixty days, has relented.

The friends of Newman showed so much sympathy for him in his trouble that they succeeded in getting the jail sentence suspended, Newman agreeing to go to the inebriate home.

This was apparently the prime factor in the reconciliation, as Miss Newman and her mother sent a letter to First Selectman Hubbell saying that all charges against the father and husband had been withdrawn. Newman was immediately discharged and appointed a night watchman at the Mianus Bridge.

SLED FOR SECRET PROFITS.

R. B. Libby Asked to Give Up $350,000 and Book to the Alsatt Co.

PHILADELPHIA, April 19.—R. B. Libby, millionaire promoter and former President of the American Alsatt Company, is named as the defendant in an equity suit brought by the Alsatt company in the United States Circuit Court, in which Mr. Libby is charged with having unlawfully connived at some profits of his partner in the manipulation of the company's stock, and to the shares of preferred stock and to the shares of the common stock.

It is alleged that these profits are the result of a secret transaction between A. E. B. Harvey, agent of the Commercial Development Corporation, Limited, of England, and Libby, growing out of the purchase by the Alsatt company of patent rights relating to the manufacture of cigarettes and a machine for the process known as the electrostatic process. The suit is brought to compel Libby to account for the alleged secret profits.

PROBE M'AULIFFE CASE—ODELL

TELLS JEROME AND PARTRIDGE TO CLEAR UP MYSTERY.

When the District Attorney Has Found Out All He Can He Is to Submit the Evidence to the Attorney-General, Who Will Advise the Governor.

Gov. Odell, Attorney-General Davies, Police Commissioner Partridge, and District Attorney Jerome had a long talk yesterday in the Fifth Avenue Hotel on the McAuliffe case. Some time ago an appeal was made to the Governor asking him to designate a special Deputy Attorney-General to take charge of the prosecution of the case for the State.

District Attorney Jerome, it was said after the talk, told Gov. Odell frankly that he had not seen any evidence yet that was of a character to convince him that the man was murdered. Mr. Jerome at the same time said that he was going to the bottom of the matter.

Gov. Odell told the District Attorney and Police Commissioner Partridge that the matter was of a kind that required the most rigid investigation. He said that in his opinion it ought to be established positively either that McAuliffe was murdered or that he was not, and that it would never do to have the matter remain a mystery.

Both the local officials said that they shared the opinion of the Governor, and that they were doing the best they could to find out the truth.

Gov. Odell was told that the John Doe investigation now being carried on by District Attorney Jerome was designed to go into all the details for the sole purpose of getting at the truth.

It was arranged finally that District-Attorney Jerome should continue his investigation, following every clue, and learning all that can be learned of the case. When he has finished his investigations he is to lay all the evidence before Attorney-General Davies, who will consider the whole subject. What ever District-Attorney Jerome decides to do he will let Mr. Davies know, and Mr. Davies will keep the Governor informed.

There is no intention on the part of the Governor to interfere at all with the work that the District Attorney is doing, and no steps will be taken by the State authorities at all until after the District Attorney has finished what he is doing.

The conference on the McAuliffe case lasted so long that the committee which was to escort Gov. Odell to Columbia University got rather anxious. He joined it in time to get to the University in time for the exercises.

There was no talk at the conference on the excise question.

DEVERY SELLS TO KATE AMOS

Kate Amos the Real Name of Lillie Clifton —Transfer of Houses.

John J. Byrne, the young man for whom ex-Chief Devery said he was acting when he purchased several parcels of real estate for $387,500 cash last winter, has sold within a few days two dwellings said to be worth about $45,000 each to Kate Amos, the consideration mentioned in the transfer record being $1 for each dwelling. One of the houses is at 214 West Forty-sixth street and the other at 108 West Forty-ninth street.

The former head of the Police Department is not mentioned in any way in the transaction but the publication of the name of the purchaser revived some police history in which Mr. Devery's name appeared very prominently.

Kate Amos is the name of a woman who was better known as Lillie Clifton and who about ten years ago was notorious as a divekeeper. It was she who helped Devery, in 1892, then captain of the West Forty-seventh street station, trap Parkhurst Agent Charles W. Gardner into accepting blackmail money in a place she kept in West Forty-third street. Gardner got two years, but his lawyers, W. T. Jerome and John W. Goff, secured a new trial. Gardner went to New Jersey and the case was never tried again.

After this Lillie Clifton carried on business without interference, but after a while left the city and went to Chicago. Her record as a friend of the police preceded her, and she was well treated by the officials in that city.

She returned to New York in 1894 and was arrested on an old bench warrant charging her with renting her house for immoral purposes to Lizzie Freeman, then in jail. She was bailed out by Martin Engel. She was not tried and continued to run the house without interference until the Lexow Committee got to work. Then she disappeared again and Lawyers Goff and Jerome were unable to find her. After the committee got through its work she returned and opened a house in West Forty-ninth street. She surrendered herself to the police before opening up and was fined $75, thus saving Engel's bail.

She left the city again in 1896 after an attachment had been filed against the house in favor of Joseph Westcott.

WOMAN BURST INTO FLAMES.

Mrs. Wittenberg Faced the Stove, but Her Back Got Afire.

KANSAS CITY, April 19.—A remarkable case of spontaneous combustion took place last evening at the home of W. C. Wittenberg in Dickson Park, this city. Mrs. Wittenberg was busy in the kitchen preparing dinner, while Mr. Wittenberg and a relative, John Muir of Kansas City, Kan., were near talking. The men were both looking at her when like a flash her back hair and clothing on her shoulders burst into flames.

The men succeeded in extinguishing the fire with their hands. The only injury the woman suffered was a severely blistered neck and the loss of some of her hair. Mrs. Wittenberg was two feet away from the gasoline stove on which the meal was being prepared, and was facing the stove when the sheet of flame broke over her back with an explosive sound such as a small pocket piece forth. As both men were looking at Mrs. Wittenberg at the time they are positive that she did not come in contact with any fire.

Mr. Wittenberg said this morning that Mrs. Wittenberg is the niece of the president and a shareholder in a shoving escape hose of certain rolling material known as Record combustible. He claims that there must have been some explosive property in the material in the goods and that in the room caused it to ignite.

Coal Shipments in Pennsylvania.

WILKES-BARRE, April 19.—A severe of coal shipments except from the upper part of the State during the week, being colored in Warren, Bradford and Tioga counties at places along the Susq. line. Here were the first coal cars seen there. Clothing on the line were spattered with coal dust, proving to be a real and unknown were sent to Philadelphia. In the Lackawanna and Lehigh valleys the shipments were particularly heavy.

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TROLLEY CAR AS AMBULANCE.

Dying Woman Passenger Was Taken Flying to Hospital.

Mrs. Henrietta Thomas, 35 years old, wife of George H. Thomas of 566 Mercer street, Jersey City, was stricken with apoplexy in a Pacific avenue trolley car on Friday night, while returning home from shopping. No physician could be found when the car reached the end of the line at the Pennsylvania ferry, and the motorman was instructed to run the car up Montgomery street to the City Hospital without making a stop.

Two young women volunteered to accompany the sick woman, and they made her as comfortable as possible on the one-mile trip up the hill. Physicians from the hospital met the car at Baldwin avenue and carried Mrs. Thomas to the women's ward on a stretcher.

She regained consciousness several hours later and recognized her husband and two sons, who had been summoned to her bedside. She died in the early morning.

SUPERCARGO A BLOOMIN' LASS.

She Was a Literary Cuss and Skipper Bartlow Thinks She Has Got His Watch.

Before the tramp British freighter Merling sailed from Hoboken for the Bermudas yesterday, Skipper Hugo Bartlow reported to the police that he had been robbed of $40 and a gold watch and chain by Joseph Peterson, the supercargo.

"It's the rummest deal I ever got, mate," he said to Sergt. Hayden. "I think the lubber is a woman."

"A what?" asked Hayden.

"A bloomin' lass, mate, a filly masqueradin' in seamen's togs. It's certainly a queer un."

The skipper said he had taken Peterson on the Merling a year ago in Boston, and always regarded him as the handsomest tar that ever wore a blouse. He had skin like a woman and hands that were never made for work aboard ship. The supercargo put in all his spare time writing and left behind him a lot of manuscript full of sea terms.

"It smelled of pitch and oakum," Bartlow said. "When he was not writing he was coaxing the crew to spin yarns. He would often take notes of their damn nonsense, and would laugh so hearty over their whoppers that the crew used to sit up nights thinkin' out new uns. He wasn't a psalm-singin' porpoise, but used to say grace and thanks at mess and pray before turnin' in. I don't know what to think of him."

The skipper was led to believe that the supercargo was a woman from letters found in his locker addressed to "My Dear Grace" and a number of photographs of a young woman "true to a point" to Peterson.

"He was certainly a she," said Bartlow. "I'm willin' to be keel-hauled if I'm wrong. If you sight her cruisin' about take her in tow and ship me the loot. Supercargoes on the good ship Merlin' will hereafter have to own whiskers. I'll take no more chances with women tars."

WILL PUT ON OVERALLS.

Forty Master Plumbers to Help Out Contractor Schmidt.

Forty master plumbers in Newark have promised to put on overalls to-morrow morning and help out one of their number who has a contract for the work in a big apartment house at the corner of High and Market streets. The contractor is Assemblyman Ralph B. Schmidt. Since the lockout of five weeks ago he has been trying in vain to employ non-union men, but they have been led to quit work by the pickets of the union, and he felt that he would have to throw up the contract when the master plumbers offered to come to his rescue. He told them not to carry dinner pails, as he would have plenty to eat and drink. A great deal of fun is naturally to be expected when some of the old-timers try to break into the trade again.

The Master Plumbers' Association put an advertisement in the Newark papers yesterday to the effect that their old employees might apply for work to-morrow, thus raising the lockout, but it is doubtful if the union will permit its members to go back until the agreement is signed. The bosses offer $3.50 a day for first-class men, and the union asks that this shall be made the minimum wage rate, besides asking for some extra concessions, which the Master Plumbers' Association refuses to yield.

LIGHTNING HITS GRAND STAND.

Two Young Men Killed at a Base Ball Game in Akron, Ohio.

AKRON, Ohio, April 19.—Lightning killed two young men and seriously injured a third on the Buchtel College baseball field this afternoon. A game of baseball was about to be called between the East End Athletic Club and Canton Athletic Club teams when a storm which had been threatening broke. A flash of lightning was followed by a thunder clap. The grandstand was struck by the bolt.

Harry Rogers and Richard Roan were killed instantly. Glen Fenton was unconscious for some time. The flesh of all three was turned black, although not in the least burned. In the case of Roan there was no other visible mark, but the clothing of the other two was torn and their shoes were cut to pieces.

DEAD WITH THE GAS TURNED ON.

But It Was Heart Disease Which Caused Mrs. Palmer's Death.

Mrs. Annie Palmer, widow of H. B. Palmer, a commission merchant, was found dead in her room at 105 West Forty-third street yesterday morning by her niece, Miss Frances H. Foote. The gas in the room was turned on and it was thought at first that Mrs. Palmer had died of gas poisoning.

After an autopsy Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon reported that she had died of heart disease. It is supposed that she was about to light the gas when she died. Mr. Palmer was 60 years old. He lived with his brother and his sister, Mrs. Foote.

Teachers Have Disappeared.

ATLANTIC CITY, April 19.—At 7 o'clock this morning an attempt was made to arrest the home of Fred L. Hughes of the Girls' Normal University with dynamite. A stick of the explosive, placed in the window sill, demolished the front of the house and sprinkled the Parkway. A passer-by ran of a domestic employed by the professors is charged with the crime. No cause is known.

Another Fruitless Raid by Sheehan.

Capt. Sheehan's workman made an effort said on the River Club at 10 West Thirty-fourth street yesterday afternoon. As in other raids, nothing was accomplished. The detectives said that they found twenty-five men in the place, but that whatever evidence of a gambling house might have been had had been thrown into a fire and destroyed.

Anarchistic Fire.

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QUEEN IS GROWING WEAKER.

DOCTORS DIVIDED IN OPINION AS TO THE DANGER.

Her Interesting Condition Makes Fever More Serious—Dutch People's Anxiety Increasing—Need of a Regency—Queen Remembers Husband's Birthday

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

THE HAGUE, April 19.—Despite her serious illness, Queen Wilhelmina to-day offered congratulations to her husband on his birthday anniversary. She also ordered that gifts should be distributed to the staff in commemoration of the event and that the laborers on the royal farm should have a holiday.

The general celebration that had been planned was abandoned. A few flags were displayed, but there was no military parade, which was to have been the chief feature. The members of the Diplomatic Corps and the Dutch public authorities, however, inscribed their names in the visitors' book at the palace.

The doctors are divided in opinion as to the probable outcome of Queen Wilhelmina's illness. Some of them are of the opinion that there are reasons for grave fears owing to the patient's interesting condition. Others believe that nothing is to be feared unless complications set in.

The bulletin issued this morning said: "The Queen passed a fairly quiet night. The disease is following the normal course, although her Majesty's strength is diminishing slightly in proportion to the duration of her illness."

The bulletin issued this afternoon says: "Her Majesty's condition is satisfactory. Her temperature has decreased and the weakness is not excessive."

The public anxiety in regard to her Majesty's condition is increasing. It is known that the Queen is very much weaker. The fever period must last from three to four weeks.

The illustrated papers throughout Holland represent the Dutch nation as praying for the recovery of the Queen. Impressive services were held in the synagogues to-day "before the open ark."

It is expected that the length of the Queen's illness will make the establishment of a regency necessary. It is believed that the Dutch Government will announce this by stating that the Queen is temporarily incapable of governing the country, whereupon the States-General will ratify the decision and empower the Council of State to act as regent. Under the law, however, an individual regent must be appointed within a month. There is no doubt that the Queen's mother, Emma, will receive this appointment, as Prince Consort Henry is not sufficiently familiar with the affairs of State to fill the office.

THE SWISS-ITALIAN ROW.

President Roosevelt May Be Named as Arbiter—Anxious for Settlement.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, April 19.—The diplomatic rupture between Italy and Switzerland, arising out of the Italian Government's complaint that Anarchist publications are not adequately punished by the Federal authorities at Berne, has necessarily stopped the negotiations for a new commercial treaty between the two countries. It has, moreover, caused such other grave inconveniences that both sides are already seeking for means to settle the quarrel by arbitration.

It has been suggested from various quarters that the President of the United States should act as arbiter, but it is more probable that the dispute will be referred to The Hague arbitration tribunal.

WEBERFIELDS BUY W. COLLIER.

Said to Have Paid Jacob Litt $30,000 for Him—Bid High, Anyway.

According to an announcement made last night by the parties interested, William Collier, who is now appearing in "The Diplomat" at the Madison Square Theatre, and who has been the star in "On the Quiet," will be a member next season of the Weber & Fields's company at their music hall.

Collier's contract with Jacob Litt for two years after the end of this season with an option on Litt's part for a renewal of the contract for three years has been transferred to Weber & Fields for a consideration which was paid in real money yesterday by Joe Weber and which all hands declare was $30,000.

Joe Weber went to A. W. Dingwall, general manager for Mr. Litt, on Friday and told him that as De Wolf Hopper was going on the road next season, the Weber & Fields company would be shy a comedian. Mr. Weber said that he wanted Collier, and Mr. Dingwall said that the price would be high and named it.

At 9 o'clock yesterday morning Mr. Weber and a lawyer appeared at Manager Dingwall's office and deposited the price in cash. The papers were drawn up, and at the opening of next season Collier will join the Weber & Fields company. Mr. Litt said last night that he was sorry to lose Collier's services. He said that the sum paid for the transfer of the contract was probably the largest ever received for such a transaction in the theatrical business.

Joe Weber said that Collier would get the largest salary ever paid, but refused to say that he ever been paid to a member of the Weber & Fields Company. Collier says he is satisfied.

William Collier will stay in "The Diplomat" at the Madison Square until summer.

De Wolf Hopper will again head a comic opera company, producing a musical version of "Pickwick Papers."

According to present plans Mr. Hopper will be the only playmaker from the present company. Fay Templeton, Lillian Russell, Sam Bernard, Frank Williams, Lee Harrison, John T. Kelly will remain, and of course the artist manager Hampden.

Fareweels were said last night to "Hurly-Burly" and the actors who were engaged to speak Weber & Fields's company will go on a tour until June and the theatre will remain closed until September.

A speech was extended at the Republican night from Democratic Company. "We thought last long night," "As You Like It" at midnight, one for Shakespeare to a chap. David Belasco will assume control of the theatre in June or September with Mrs. Leslie Carter as "Du Barry."

Bank Robbers Get $9,000 in Tennessee.

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EXTRA SESSION, OR NOT?

Nothing Will Be Done About It Until Gov. Odell Returns in May.

About an extraordinary session of the Legislature, to pass an act that will enable the New York Central to enlarge its terminal facilities in this city and to change the motive power in the tunnel, which was the purpose of the vetoed Bedell bill, nothing will be done, it was said last night, until after Gov. Odell returns to the State on May 23, and nothing then unless extraordinary circumstances require such a step.

LILLIAN NORDICA SUES

Southern Railway for $50,000 for Injuries in Collision.

Lillian Nordica Doeme, the singer Lillian Nordica, has brought an action in the Supreme Court through Howe & Hummel to recover $50,000 damages from the Southern Railway Company for personal injuries suffered in a railroad collision on Jan. 12 last on her way from Atlanta, Ga., to Nashville, Tenn., while they were near Rome, Ga.

The plaintiff was travelling in her private car Brunnhilde and was in her stateroom and in bed when another car struck the Brunnhilde. She was thrown from the bed across to a partition and sustained severe injuries about the person. She does not give particulars. She says she suffered damages in being unable to fill engagements.

TO BUILD A MODEL VILLAGE.

Western Cooperative Association Buys Land in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, April 19.—The Western Cooperative Association, through its founder, Walter Vrooman, has bought eighty acres of land in Wyandotte county, near Kansas City, Kan., and is negotiating for adjoining land. It is the purpose of the association to secure 1,000 acres, and on the land to build what is termed by Mr. Vrooman, "a model village."

In a short time factories for the production of "package articles," such as the products of creameries and chocolate works, broom factories, to be sold in the stores to be shortly opened in Kansas City, and in northwest Missouri, will be built. Dwellings will be erected and a school or house for children will be placed in the centre of the village.

"The school will be a paradise home for the children," said Mr. Vrooman to-day. "It will be planned and conducted on the lines suggested by John Dewey."

PRIEST FALLS THROUGH DRINK.

The Rev. Father Cusack of Cincinnati Arrested on the Street.

CINCINNATI, April 19.—Father John Cusack, formerly pastor at the Church of the Atonement, was found intoxicated on upper Vine street at an early hour this morning and locked up after quite a resistance. A policeman saw Cusack, who was dressed in citizen's clothes, trying doors along Vine street.

Several Catholic clergymen at Police Headquarters advised the police to let the law take its course. They had made efforts to reform Cusack, they said, and thought the disgrace of arrest might have a good effect. In police court the costs were remitted. Cusack made no defence, merely saying he had been drinking for some time and could not change his habit.

Father Cusack is one of the best-known priests in this city and his downfall is a surprise.

BUYS TWO FIFTH AVE. HOUSES.

Archer M. Adopted Son of C. P. Huntington Makes $500,000 Purchase.

Archer M. Huntington has bought the two new six-story American basement dwellings at 1080 and 1081 Fifth avenue. They have just been completed by George C. Edgar's Sons & Co. on a plot 50.6x102.3 feet, and were valued at about $500,000. They were so constructed that they can readily be united into one dwelling.

Mr. Huntington is an adopted son of the late Collis P. Huntington, and with his wife, formerly Miss Helen Gates, lives with Mrs. Collis P. Huntington in the Huntington mansion at Fifth avenue and Fifty-seventh street.

The double house at 1080 and 1081 Fifth avenue is one of the most expensive dwellings built in New York on speculation.

DOG ENDANGERS THREE LIVES

By Breaking Gas Stove Connection—Seventeen Overcome in Three Rooms.

Teddy, a fox terrier belonging to Mrs. Sarah Cohen of 265 East Broadway, nearly caused the death of his mistress and her two young sons, Joseph and Bernard, early yesterday morning. In his efforts to reach a bowl of water behind a gas stove he tore the gas tubing from its connection.

Neighbors who smelt the escaping gas broke open the door. Mrs. Cohen, who is a widow, and her two boys were unconscious and were revived with some difficulty.

Joseph Lubinsky of 11 Rutgers street, his wife, his six children and his two boarders, all of whom lived in three rooms, were overcome by gas early yesterday morning. They were discovered in time and all were readily revived.

FOE OF THE ALLEN'S 'PHONES.

Wants the County Detectives to Close Their Peekroom.

Some one called up the County Detectives' office yesterday afternoon and said:

"If you'll send a man up to The Allen's at 80 Sixth avenue, he'll see something interesting."

The man would not say who he was. The Allen is the alleged foe of Capt. Chapman of the detectives and he has a peekroom at the Sixth avenue place.

Reporters who went up to see what might be interesting found nothing extraordinary, as the peekroom was open and doing a thriving business.

GEORGIA CAYVAN DYING.

Actress's Death Is Expected at Any Time Now. It Is Said.

It was learned yesterday that the death of Miss Georgia Cayvan, the actress, who has been an inmate of Sanford Hall, a private sanitarium in Flushing, for several months, is a question of hours, if not a few days at the utmost. For several weeks she has been sinking rapidly, with occasional intervals.

A relative of her family said to-day to a friend of the actress that she was sinking so fast that she could not live much longer. She is said to be suffering from paresis.

Rapids Side Lady Takes the Middle Aisle.

Miss May Agnes Carey, the eldest and only daughter of E. J. Carey, a well-known Brooklyn contractor, received the hand and the white veil yesterday from Rev. General McMahon in the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Clinton avenue. She passed the church six months ago. Miss Carey inherited a large estate from her mother, who died a few years ago.

"Beauty's Wages Are Pure."

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INSTALLATION OF DR. BUTLER.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS ATTEND COLUMBIA'S EXERCISES.

Ovation for President Roosevelt Feature of the Impressive Ceremonies—Practically Every College in the Country Represented—Reception by Alumni Council to Visitors—Procession in Academic Costume to the Gymnasium Where the New President Receives the Keys of the University and Takes the Oath—Addresses by College Presidents—The Needs of the University, as Seen by the Undergraduate.

Nicholas Murray Butler, LL. D., was yesterday installed as President of Columbia University with distinguished ceremonies. The President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New York, the Mayor of the city of New York with many of their associates in the government of the nation, State and municipality joined with the Presidents and other high officers of most of the principal American universities in congratulating Dr. Butler on the honor that had come to him no less than they congratulated the university on its happy selection of a governing head.

It was a beautiful April day from dawn till sunset. In speech and in the behavior of the distinguished gathering which met to do honor to the university's new President, there was nothing out of harmony, and the bright sunshine, the brilliancy of the academic costumes and the enthusiasm which pervaded all things animate on University Heights were accessories that added pleasure to the occasion. Gayety, culture and learning went hand in hand.

Dr. Butler was elected as temporary President of Columbia University soon after the proffering of Seth Low's resignation because of his nomination for Mayor by the anti-Tammany forces last fall. After the election of Dr. Low to the head of the city government Dr. Butler was selected as the permanent successor of Dr. Low. Yesterday's ceremonies marked his formal induction into the office.

BEGINNING OF THE FESTAL DAY.

The beginning of the festal day at Columbia was the opening of the buildings and grounds to visitors at 10 o'clock in the morning. After that hour no one was admitted to any part of the Columbia University campus without some symbol of admission. Heavy police guards were placed at all the entrances to the university buildings and also at the openings of the streets leading to them.

Besides hundreds of breakfasts and luncheons given to guests of the university by members of the faculty and resident students there were a number of more formal entertainments given by different parts of the Columbia body politic.

The University Council received the Presidents of other colleges in the Avery Architectural Library. The heads of some sixty colleges and universities were gathered there for this ceremony. With them were members of faculties of pretty nearly all the institutions of higher education between New York and San Francisco.

The formal and informal entertainment of visitors from other colleges lasted until nearly 1 o'clock. Among the more formal hospitalities were those extended by the trustees of Barnard College to the members of the faculties of women's colleges and the general luncheon served in University Hall to invited guests who were not included in the other festivities.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ARRIVAL.

President Roosevelt, who had come over from Washington early in the morning with Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Roosevelt and several members of his staff for the ceremonies, arrived at a little after 1 o'clock. President Roosevelt has always counted President Butler as one of his most steadfast and trustworthy friends. The intimacy between the head of the nation and the head of the university dates back far beyond the appearance of Mr. Roosevelt as a candidate for the votes of his fellow citizens.

All through the day there was every evidence that the pleasure of the President of the United States in doing honor to the President of Columbia was only equalled by the joy which the President of Columbia took in the spontaneous tributes paid to the President of the United States by scholars and representatives of all the various walks of life represented in the day's doings.

The guests at the principal luncheon of the day, that at which the President was the guest of honor, were President Eliot of Harvard, President Hadley of Yale, President Patton of Princeton, President Harper of Chicago, Commissioner William T. Harris of the United States Education Commission and others of the especially distinguished guests of the day, including Lord Kelvin, Gov. Odell, Mayor Low and other important members of the city and State and National Government. This luncheon was given at [illegible] and was over at 2 o'clock. At this time the heads of the great industrial procession began to wind their way [illegible] of the buildings. The procession was divided into eight divisions.

THE DISTINGUISHED PROCESSION.

The leading division was made up of undergraduates and graduates students of the university. With their black gowns, mingled in any length of time, except for the occasional flash of the gay dress of a Barnard girl who had worn the more black of her sex, [illegible] They formed a striking contrast to the gaudy colors which distinguished some of the rest of the procession.

The line was in a column of twos. The music for marching was furnished in part by a brass band [illegible] the steps of one of [illegible] between the library, where the more distinguished guests were gathered and the gymnasium, where the principal exercises were held.

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The new President of all was announced the Hall Hymn, [illegible]