

THIEF THREATENS DYNAMITE,

BU HIS SATCHEL CONTAINED ONLY MORPHINE TABLETS.

Dawson Calls On Two Women and Declares He'll Blow Them Up Unless He Gets Their Jewels—Inspired by a Newspaper Story—A Victim of Drugs.

Henry Dawson, a young bookkeeper out of employment, locked up in the West Side police court prison for threatening to blow up Mrs. Amy G. Watkins and her daughter Mabel with dynamite unless they handed over to him their jewelry and money. When Dawson made the threat he had a small hand satchel which he said contained dynamite. As a matter of fact, there was nothing in it but a bottle of morphine tablets. His appearance indicates that he was in the habit of using the drug.

Last Thursday burglars got into Mrs. Watkins's apartments in the Rosedale, at 854 Seventh avenue, and carried away several dresses. An evening "yellow" in its account of the robbery said that the thieves had overlooked several thousand dollars' worth of jewelry. The clippings from the newspaper was found in Dawson's pocket after his arrest.

Mrs. Watkins and her daughter live alone in the Rosedale. At 6 o'clock yesterday morning Dawson was directed to her apartment by the hallboy. To Mrs. Watkins, who opened the door, Dawson said he represented a law firm and had called in regard to some Western property which a St. Louis relative had left to her.

Dawson's appearance bore out his story. With his black suit he wore a white collar and tie and patent leather shoes. A pair of gloves showed the finger tips above his vest pocket. He carried a small, new hand bag, such as used by lawyers.

Mrs. Watkins told Dawson that she had no relatives there, but she invited him into the dining room and gave him a chair near the window. She placed herself at the dining room table.

Dawson took from his pocket several sheets of legal cap paper and handed them to Mrs. Watkins.

"Read that carefully," he said, in a low voice, "and don't get excited."

Mrs. Watkins was about to go for her glasses when her daughter, who is 23 years old, came in.

Mrs. Watkins handed the papers over to her. "Read it," she said. "My glasses are not here."

Miss Watkins read to herself the first few lines. They were as follows:

Kindly read the following words without comment, and above all, do not show any undue surprise. In the house in which I have there are explosives enough to wreck the entire room, and if I should, perhaps, let the bomb fall, it would doubtless kill me and I would perish.

"I think that I had better read it aloud, mother," said the girl. "Shall I?"

The girl began the reading once again, this time aloud. When she finished the first paragraph Mrs. Watkins jumped up and ran to the door, unlocked the door and pounded on the door to the adjoining apartment. When she was robbed last week the tenant in the other apartment told her that a loaded revolver was always kept in a bag near the door.

"The revolver, the revolver!" shouted Mrs. Watkins. "We have burglars again!"

At this Dawson rose and drew a loaded revolver. First he pointed it at Mrs. Watkins, who was only a few feet away. She rushed into the main hallway and shouted down the stairway.

"Murder! Murder! Thieves! Get a policeman!"

Dawson hesitated a moment when he heard the woman cry out and then ran out and down the stairway. He was caught by John McLean, a clerk in a drug store on the ground floor, who held him until Policemen Glenn and Kelly, who were on duty at the station, came up.

Mrs. Watkins and her daughter went along to the station house with Glenn and Kelly. They took a loaded satchel and the threatening paper with them. After the first paragraph it read in part as follows:

As you have some knowledge that you have several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds, I want them at once. If you do not give them to me I shall drop the bag. Do not say to yourself that "He will not do it," because if he did he himself would die. I do not fear death. I would rather die to-morrow than live to-morrow.

This is the position I am in. I have been going with fast companions, and in order to keep up the pace I took money—a large amount—from them. I am now in a bad way. If I cannot replace it by to-morrow my crime will be discovered and I shall go to prison.

I am of good family, and rather than be a disgrace to my name, I would prefer death to years in prison. I would prefer death to do not say that it is my wish to die. No one really wishes to die under certain circumstances it becomes necessary.

Crime is not my trade, and when I replace the money that I took from my employers, it is my firm intention to do entirely different, avoiding the old companions and leaving cards and wine alone.

At the station house Mrs. Watkins became so weak from nervousness that she had to go back home. It was nearly noon before she was able to go with her daughter to the West Side police court, where she formally charged Dawson with attempted robbery.

Dawson refused to answer any questions, further than to say he was 21 years old. He looks ten years older. He admitted that the name he gave was not his own. He waived examination and Magistrate Cornell fixed his bail at \$2,500.

Dawson said that his family, which was a good one, would not come to his assistance, as they would never know of his trouble. He would tell nothing of himself, except that he had a "girl" and was anxious to go away with her.

TOLD WIFE HE WAS A FORGER.

Deserted Her, After Admitting Shortage in Accounts. Also—She Asks Divorce.

Vice-Chancellor Stevenson heard testimony in Chancery Chambers, Jersey City, yesterday in a suit for the annulment of the secret marriage of Mrs. Lida Mullen of Long Branch, and Samuel G. Mullen, at Red Bank, by the Rev. John McKellar on Aug. 16, 1900. Mrs. Mullen says that she was deserted Oct. 18, 1901. She was formerly a Miss Price and was 17 years old when she met Mullen, who said he was a millionaire lawyer. He paid diligent court to her at the seashore during the summer of 1900, she said, and often asked her to marry him. She finally yielded and eloped with him to Red Bank. She told her mother on the following day Mrs. Mullen lost faith in her husband when he confessed that the police were looking for him because he had forged checks for \$7,000.

Mr. Price testified that the supposed lawyer admitted that he was a forger and that there was a shortage of \$15,000 in his accounts.

The defendant was not represented in court. The Vice-Chancellor reserved decision.

CALLED TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.

Peace-Making Rector of Douglaston Will Go to Brooklyn in November.

The Rev. R. M. W. Black, rector of Zion Episcopal Church at Douglaston, Queens borough, announced on Sunday that he had accepted a call to St. Bartholomew's parish in Brooklyn. His resignation is to take effect Nov. 1.

Mr. Black has been in charge of Zion parish a year. He came at a time when the affairs were in a bad condition owing to the conflicts between the former rector, the Rev. J. B. Blauvelt, and the vestry. He brought order out of chaos and put the parish on a prosperous basis. He is 30 years old.

CART WHEEL IN A TROLLEY SLOT

Treats Park Row to Fireworks and Frightens an Italian Pedlar.

A pushcart with a load of chromos and an Italian shoving it got tangled up in the slot of the uptown track of the Third Avenue surface road opposite Spruce street last evening, short-circuited the current and set free enough electricity to light up Park row for a couple of blocks. The Italian had come from uptown and was trundling his load home along Park row. He took the uptown tracks, presumably so that he should not be bumped by a car from behind.

Opposite Spruce street one of the wheels of the cart went down in the slot. In a second flames enveloped the cart and shot up and down the track. The Italian didn't know what had happened and didn't wait to find out. Having received one shock as the fire of the wheel came into contact with the electric current he made a dash for the curb line and not an inch from it would he budge.

The motorman of the first uptown car that was stopped by the obstruction yelled to him to jerk the cart wheel out of the slot. The Italian suggested that he had had one shock and that it was the motorman's turn now. As for him he was content with the curb.

The motorman saw that he'd have to climb down to be held where he was, so he jerked the wheel loose. The lower rim was pretty badly burned and some of the pictures got scorched in the flame. That was all the damage, but there was no more of Park row for the Italian. He was taking no more chances with electric roads and disappeared down Nassau street.

CHIEF KILLED AT CONVENTION.

O. B. Smith of Newtown Run Over by Train at Hicksville—Fakirs Fooled.

HICKSVILLE, L. I., Oct. 15.—Obadiah B. Smith, District Chief of the Newtown Fire Department, was run over and killed here this morning. Chief Smith was at the station to meet some visiting firemen. The platform was crowded and it is supposed that he was pushed off. He fell on the rails in front of an incoming train. Chief Smith's home was in Woodside. He was a candidate for reelection as District Chief at to-morrow night's meeting of the Newtown Fire Department.

The village was in gala dress to-day in honor of the parade of the Southern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, whose seventh annual convention opened here yesterday. Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Richmond, Westchester, Kings and New York counties were represented. There were 3,000 men in line when the parade started, headed by Grand Marshal Henry Purgal. Manhattan was represented by a delegation from the Volunteer Firemen's Association of New York city. The parade started at the time the fire started and the old fire apparatus. In line were also delegations from the Exempt Firemen's Association of Brooklyn.

The fire started in the rear of the village and they reaped a big harvest, but each was compelled by somebody to subscribe \$10 toward the expenses of the parade. The fire started in the rear of the village was not incorporated and that no one had authority to make them pay anything, they expressed their feelings in forcible language.

A. P. ROBERTSON MISSING.

Grieved Deeply Over Wife's Death—Mind Believed to Be Affected.

The Brooklyn police were notified yesterday of the disappearance of Alexander R. Robertson, a tea merchant of 138 Front street, Manhattan, and were requested to assist in the search for him. Mr. Robertson has been missing from his office for ten days and from his home in the Montague, an apartment house, Montague and Hicks streets, Brooklyn, since Monday, and no trace of his movements has been discovered. His wife died about six months ago, and for a month he has been living alone in the Montague. Since the death of his wife it was noticed that he had become somewhat erratic in his habits and less attentive to business. He is 44 years old, 5 feet 11 inches high, weighs about 175 pounds and has brown hair and mustache. He is dressed in a suit of dark clothes when last seen.

A brother-in-law of Mr. Robertson, who reported his disappearance, said that he had these officers will be placed on trial as soon as the trial of Chief Croker is finished. They will be tried on the same charges as was Chief Ryan. They are attached to the repair shop.

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ORDER MAY HASTEN WEDDING.

Captain Overton Must Go to San Francisco, but Probably Not Alone.

Capt. Winfield Scott Overton, Jr., U. S. A., who has been stationed at Fort Totten, Willets Point, since last December, has been ordered by the War Department to proceed to the Presidio, San Francisco, on duty. Capt. Overton is a native of Whitehead, L. I. He is one of the four officers at his post who have been successful in developing their studies in the school of submarine defence.

It is probable that Capt. Overton will be married to Miss Constance Lydia Mills, daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Anson Mills of Washington, D. C., before going West.

Beri-Beri Cases at Queenstown.

QUEENSTOWN, Oct. 15.—The Norwegian bark Aurora arrived here to-day with eight cases of beri-beri aboard. The captain and a number of sailors were sent to the hospital.

Chicago Grain Broker Suspended.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Robert T. Thorburn has been suspended from the Board of Trade for one year for dishonorable conduct. This is the result of his firm, Wait, Thorburn & Co., being short \$1,250,000 bushels of corn in July and failing to pay Harris, Gates & Co. \$38,000 due for cash corn sold at 68 cents. In the hearing the directors sustained the point that it is unprofessional for a banker or broker to disclose the business of his clients.

Auto Hits Mrs. Seath's Victoria.

Mrs. William H. Seath of 78 Riverside avenue had just left her victoria to drive her house yesterday afternoon when an automobile swerved into the victoria with a crash and smashed the hind wheels. The horses started on a run and the victoria was pulled up by Mounted Policeman Gorman before they did any damage.

CROKER'S CONDUCT DEFENDED

WITNESSES TELL OF THE PARK AVENUE HOTEL FIRE.

Chief's Trial Resumed and the Defence Begins Its Case—Firemen May the Hotel Did Not Appear to Be in Danger—Water Supply at the Wicke Fire.

The defence of Fire Chief Edward F. Croker was begun yesterday, when his trial was resumed at Fire Headquarters after more than a week's adjournment.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Charles S. Whitman superseded Capt. Cosby as adviser to Commissioner Sturgis, and the examination went on without the wrangles which characterized the early part of the trial.

Foreman John Kenon of Engine 72 was called to show that the accused Chief had properly handled the Park Avenue Hotel fire. The witness said it was difficult for the firemen to approach the burning Seventy-first Regiment Armory because of the platform erected over the Rapid Transit tunnel. He said he had not considered the Park Avenue Hotel in danger, as the wind was blowing the sparks down the avenue.

"At the time those charges were being prepared did Deputy Chief Purroy ask you to testify here," asked John J. Delany, Croker's counsel.

"No, sir."

"Did he not say that Chief Croker was going to be broken?"

"Not to me."

"Did you not tell me that he had asked you to testify here about the Wicke fire?"

"No, sir."

The witness said that when he arrived at the armory fire the hotel windows were closed on the Park Avenue side.

Assistant Foreman Edward Levy of Engine 8 declared that the wind was blowing straight down Park Avenue at the time of the fire, and added that the snow and slush prevented them from getting the engine near the armory until he got a number of orders to help the horses.

Under cross-examination he said that Chief Croker had ordered him to inspect the front of the car stables and also the hotel about twenty-five minutes after the fire started in the latter place. This witness also said that the hotel windows were closed previous to the fire.

The foreman of Truck 3 expressed the opinion that the fire in the hotel originated in the elevator shaft and not from sparks from the armory. Foreman John Anderless of Engine 10 testified that the roof of the hotel was not damaged and said that at no time was there any danger to the hotel from the armory fire.

Foreman Hanlon of Engine 2 said he was ordered by Chief Croker to go to work on the armory from Thirty-third street, and when about to do so a citizen notified him that the hotel was on fire and he went back to the hotel, which was in the elevator shaft.

In answer to Mr. Whitman the witness said that he was the first fireman to enter the burning hotel, and the first officer he met there was Croker. He afterward saw Chiefs Duane, Burns and Winters.

Assistant Foreman Callagy of Water Tower 3 testified that the water pressure at the Wicke fire, at First Avenue and Thirty-first street, was poor and a stream of water only reached to the second floor. Several witnesses testified that the water pressure was weak at that fire, which burned for two days.

Foreman Charles Sheridan of Engine 8 testified that he and the first officer ordered by Chief Croker to get down from the wall of the burning armory a moment before it fell, and this saved their lives.

Battalion Chief Farrell said that so far as he knew the hotel did not catch fire from the armory. However, he saw several sparks from the armory light on the hotel roof.

Former Deputy Police Commissioner Thurston was a spectator at the trial in the afternoon.

The hearing was adjourned until 10 o'clock to-day.

More Fire Department Officers to Be Placed on Trial.

More charges are being prepared by direction of Commissioner Sturgis against six officers of the Fire Department, who have been under suspension for six months with Chief Ryan, who was dismissed to take effect Saturday. These six cases make a total of nearly fifty cases that are now awaiting trial by the Commissioner.

These officers will be placed on trial as soon as the trial of Chief Croker is finished. They will be tried on the same charges as was Chief Ryan. They are attached to the repair shop.

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CROKER STOPS A RUNAWAY.

Fire Engine Horses Dash Toward a Crowd—One Death From the Fire.

John Spencer, who was asleep in the stable at 339 West Sixteenth street when it caught fire early yesterday morning, died yesterday in the New York Hospital from the burns he received. Three alarms had to be turned in for the fire which did about \$10,000 damage. Thirty horses were destroyed.

While the fire was blazing fiercely the horses attached to the searchlight engine became frightened and started on a run toward the crowd at the end of the block. Chief Croker, who was standing near the engine, managed to catch the horses by and after being dragged about twenty feet succeeded in stopping the runaway engine.

SWISS MILITIA REVOLT.

Government to Court-Martial Men Who Refuse to Serve Against Strikers.

GENEVA, Oct. 15.—A serious sequel has followed the strike disturbances here. The authorities have announced that the men who refused to serve with the militia, when they were called out to quell street riots, will be tried by court-martial. Hundreds of the comrades of these men declare that if there is any court-martial they will return their rifles and equipment to headquarters and will not serve in the militia again.

The federal authorities, nevertheless, persist in their determination to hold the court-martial, and have issued an order that if a soldier when called to serve with the colors does not report himself immediately he will be arrested and tried, and if found without excuse will be deprived of his civil rights.

There was some rioting here last night and the cavalry charged with their sabres on some men who were singing Anarchist songs.

Spain Renews Copyright Treaty.

MADRID, Oct. 15.—At a council of the Ministers to-day the renewal of the literary copyright treaty between Spain and the United States was agreed to.

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FRAUD IN MAIL INSTRUCTION?

POSTAL OFFICIALS ARREST FOUR SCRANTON MEN.

They Managed the Correspondence Institute of America and in Two Years Have Taken in \$90,000—Government Authorities Say School is a Fraud.

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 15.—Alton F. Clark, Conrad Lutz, Louis Conrad and W. M. Bingham, conducting the Correspondence Institute of America, were arrested here to-day at the instance of Post Office Inspector Hugh Gorman, charged with a fraudulent use of the mails. They were taken before United States Commissioner Searle and held in \$1,000 bail each for a further hearing on Saturday.

The Correspondence Institute of America must not be confounded with the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton. The former occupies two floors of the Mears Building in this city and the management of affairs seemed to be solely in the hands of the president, Alton F. Clark. The other mentioned are business men of the city and up to to-day the public was not aware that they were connected with the concern.

The allegation of Inspector Gorman is that the Clark concern advertised to do service for its patrons that it was impossible for it to perform. The Correspondence Institute of America was a heavy advertiser. It spent thousands of dollars in informing the people through the leading newspapers what it proposed to do, and it advertised to give instruction by mail in journalism, electricity, stenography, art illustration and advertising writing. Inspector Gorman says he has discovered that the concern did not possess facilities and instructors to carry out their promises.

The books of the institute show that the firm netted about \$90,000 during the two years that it has been operating. It has been ordered to pay \$100,000 a day in postage. The mails were flooded with letters to and from the firm. The instruction that was given the patrons was comparatively worthless, it is alleged.

According to the inspector the methods of securing patrons were interesting. They would offer tuition free and send the instructions about 8,000 per cent. following the course that the student would select. The application that the student signed for the instruments needed for the course was comparatively worthless, it is alleged.

Under the contracts made by the institute with its patrons it is required to give personal instruction to each student. The contracts were printed circulars. The allegation is made that there are no instructors at the institute at all now and that the contracts were printed circulars. The allegation is made that there are no instructors at the institute at all now and that the contracts were printed circulars. The allegation is made that there are no instructors at the institute at all now and that the contracts were printed circulars.

A hearing will be held on Saturday.

BRITAIN'S AWAKENING.

Premier Balfour Speaks at the Opening of Manchester School of Technology.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. MANCHESTER, Oct. 15.—A. J. Balfour, the Prime Minister, opened the Manchester municipal school of technology, which is probably the largest and best equipped institution of that kind in the world, to-day. Mr. Balfour said the building was an outward and visible sign of the awakening that had come.

In view of the ever changing conditions of international industry the time had passed when they could say they were the first of the industrial nations and the rest were nowhere. That time had passed never to return. The cause was inevitable, but it might not be sad for them. The growth of the wealth of the world must be a benefit to every part of the world. What they had to do was to bear their own share in the development.

Still more important, said Mr. Balfour was the change from the pre-scientific to the scientific stage of industry. "Henceforth and for evermore," said the Premier, "there will be closer connection between the most remote and abstract scientific study of the chemist, the physicist and of the electrician in their laboratories and the great industries of the community. We must give that complete scientific training which is more and more the basis of our industrial fabric."

Mr. Guld starts for Manila. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. Rome, Oct. 15.—The Pope this morning received Archbishop Guidi, the Papal Delegate to the Philippines. Mr. Guld started for Manila this evening.

COLOMBIAN TROOPS WIN.

Rebel Leader Uribe-Libré Beaten in a Battle at Bolivar.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. COLON, Oct. 15.—Gen. Perdomo and his staff arrived here to-day and started for Panama, accompanied by a double guard of American marines.

An engagement has occurred at Bolivar in the Southern part of Colombia between the Government forces under Gen. Telez and the rebels under Gen. Uribe-Libré, in which the Government forces were victorious.

NEW LINE TO BOSTON.

Combine's Service From Manchester Will Start Next Month.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The correspondent of THE SUN learns that the direct Boston-Manchester service of the International Mercantile Marine Company and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company will probably start on Nov. 21 with the sailing of the Iberian of the Leyland Line from Manchester. The Iberian will be fitted with telescopic masts in order to enable her to pass through the Manchester ship canal.

It is probable that the Sheldon-Chicago line, which has hitherto handled a considerable part of the Manchester freight business, will also run boats up the canal, though this has not been absolutely decided upon.

OUR GENERALS ENTERTAINED.

Luncheon to Them at the Pilgrims' Club in London.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The Pilgrims' Club gave a luncheon at the Carlton to-day in honor of Gen. H. C. Corbin, Gen. S. B. M. Young, and Gen. Leonard Wood. Major-General Nicholson presided. Sixty persons were present, including Secretary of War Brodrick, Andrew D. White, the American Ambassador at Berlin; Anthony Hope, the novelist; Jerome K. Jerome, the writer; Henry Clay Evans, the American Consul-General, and C. T. Yerkes.

FOR STOMACH DISORDERS.

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BALFOUR'S HAPPY FAMILY.

EXCHANGE OF COMPLIMENTS AT BRITISH CABINET DINNER.

Chamberlain Says New Premier is the Soul of Honor and Balfour Declares Colonial Secretary is the Best Ever—Premier Tells of Debt to Lord Salisbury.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Oct. 15.—The Cabinet to-night gave Prime Minister Balfour a demonstration of its solidarity on the eve of the meeting of Parliament, which will assemble to-morrow. The occasion was a banquet given by the Lord Mayor of London to celebrate Mr. Balfour's assumption of the premiership. Two hundred guests were present.

In the chief speech of the evening Mr. Balfour unwittingly furnished an instance of his habitual unconcern for practical arrangements, which, it is predicted, will make the coming session lively for the Ministry, despite its enormous majority.

He was thanking the Lord Mayor for the toast to his health when he said that there were subjects on which it was difficult to speak in public. One of these was his relations with his predecessor. He had been associated with Lord Salisbury in all transactions where he had taken a leading part, and owed a great deal to Lord Salisbury for the encouragement given him when he was a mere boy. These were debts that he owed to Lord Salisbury. He would not have referred to them except for the ears of private friends.

The Lord Mayor thereupon informed him that there were reporters present. Mr. Balfour was quite surprised at this information, but he declared that he was not ashamed of his words. He would not have said them, however, if he had been aware that they would be made public.

Later in the evening Mr. Balfour and Colonial Secretary Chamberlain exchanged the warmest compliments. The latter described Mr. Balfour as the soul of honor, who broke no promises, served no private ends and represented the best traditions of the English Parliament. Mr. Balfour, in return, declared that Mr. Chamberlain had done more for the British Empire than any other Colonial Minister.