

of Judge Bedford's will under which her husband had inherited the estate and by Underaker James H. Lewis, whom Mr. Bushe had engaged.

Mr. Lewis said yesterday that his only dealings were with Mr. Bushe, and that while perhaps forty persons attended the funeral in St. Patrick's Cathedral, only Mr. Bushe and the widow and another woman, so far as he remembered, went to the cemetery. The body arrived here on April 11.

When Countert Brothers' office in New York was informed of the discoveries made in London and Antwerp, the firm, Mr. Semple said, notified Mr. Bushe as trustee of the three estates in which Mr. Bedford had his life interest, that the alleged infant heir brought here by Mrs. Bedford was spurious, and that the other persons interested in the estates would hold the trustee to account for the property.

Within three days after the notification, Mr. Semple said, Mrs. Bedford was on her way to Europe. Mr. Bushe said, when notified that the child was spurious, that such a statement was not to be made by him, Mr. Bushe had received a cable from Mr. Bedford while he was ill telling him that he expected his wife to die and that he had accepted the child as Mr. Bedford's heir.

Unless Scotland Yard had information beyond what is now known, the trustee will be regarded in some quarters as perhaps premature, for, in the opinion of persons familiar with detective and legal operations, Mrs. Bedford's case was when Mrs. Bedford left here for England, after the trustee of the estates she expected the child to inherit had been notified that the child's parentage was disputed, she would go straight to the place where the child was born or where she obtained it.

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HE WAS A KISHINEFF FAKIR,

LEADING JEWS SAY OF THE FIRST "REFUGEE" FROM THE RIOTS.

Who Put Him Up to Telling His Tale of Woe? He Didn't Know About the Riots When He Arrived Here by Steamer—More Riot News Received—More Sympathy.

Many Jews who are interesting themselves in raising funds for the relief of the Kishineff sufferers, among them Dr. David Blaustein of the Educational Alliance, assert now that Jacob Friedman, accepted last Thursday as the first Kishineff refugee to reach this city, is an impostor. As proof of their assertions they refer to the Jewish World of yesterday, which contained a story of a fake.

The newspaper made a feature yesterday of a story with the headline "Bluffed With Kishineff." The story said that three men coming originally from Suwalk, where Friedman lived, had come to the newspaper office and asserted that Friedman's whole story was a fake.

The story said that the supposed refugee came to this country on the Friedrich der Grosse, which arrived last Wednesday, and that until he arrived here he knew nothing about the massacre.

One of the informants, the Rev. Dr. Abrahamson, who lives at 21 Montgomery street, came here on that steamer and was a friend of Friedman. He says that the supposed refugee let Friedman write him up after the Kishineff troubles, but before anything had been heard there about them. On the trip Friedman said nothing about the riots.

According to the three, Friedman's real name is Jacob M. Kishineffsky. Wolf Silberman, who lives at 111 Montgomery street, knew him in Suwalk under that name. Abrahamson says he heard that some of the Jews in Suwalk were posing as a Kishineff refugee and renominated with him. Friedman, he says, replied:

"What's the use of posing? Nobody will lose by it and you will make a few dollars, too."

It is understood that Friedman received the money from Jews here who believed his story, but it is not thought that he received a large amount.

A letter from Friedman dated May 3 was received yesterday by Sadie Maltz at 28 East Broadway. In part it says:

On the second day in Easter (Monday) about half of the town were taken to the streets by the police, because they were not allowed to go to the streets. They were treated the Jews like dogs and proceeded to the principal street of the town where they burned the houses and destroyed property. Feathers from ripped beds covered the pavements like snow.

When they met in the streets they struck each other with clubs. All Jews were taken to the streets and killed. The rioters kept yelling that the order had come from the Czar to kill all the Jews in the town. Nobody was allowed to help the murdered people lay in the streets like pigs and the mob kept on killing and killing.

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Some of the most prominent people of the town—Government officers and some of the great landowners—took part in the massacre. Things are now so bad that some of the poor and diseased survivors wish they had died.

The Jewish Daily Journal received yesterday a batch of newspapers from Russia which contain accounts of the massacre. One Jewish organ contains a proclamation issued by the Governor of Kishineff on May 2. This proclamation says:

After the riots, which were contrary to the law and against the interests of the people, were left in distress, without shelter and without a piece of bread, the authorities have taken steps to relieve the distress. The authorities have taken steps to relieve the distress. The authorities have taken steps to relieve the distress.

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DEATH OF BISHOP STARKEY. HEAD OF EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEWARK FOR 23 YEARS.

One of the Most Able of Church Statesmen and One of the Kindest and Most Generous of Men—Death Due to Old Age.

Bishop Thomas Alfred Starkey of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Newark died suddenly at noon at his home, 45 North Arlington avenue, East Orange, of infirmities due to old age. He had been sick for about two weeks and had been under the care of Dr. William B. Graves of East Orange and Dr. Archibald Mercer of Newark. New York physicians were called in consultation yesterday morning, but soon after their arrival the Bishop died. Mrs. Starkey was at his bedside when the end came, and he was conscious and recognized her almost to the last moment. While no definite arrangements have been made for the funeral, it is understood that it will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, Orange, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

With the death of Bishop Starkey passes away from the ranks of the Episcopal clergy of the United States one of the most able church statesmen and one of the kindest and most genial of men. Though he was 84 years old Bishop Starkey's faculties were as clear and his judgment as keen as when he first became an Episcopal minister, on May 21, 1848.

He was born in Philadelphia in 1819 and received a common school education in the schools of that city and on leaving school started business as a civil engineer in Pottsville, Pa. He developed a love for the church at a very early age and came to New York and entered Trinity Church, of which he was a member. He was ordained deacon in 1846 and his first parish was at Pottsville. He became a priest two years later.

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BODY HANGING IN A COAL BIN.

ROPE ABOUT THE NECK AND THE HEAD WRAPPED UP.

Hirsh Zeismann, a Baker, Found Dead by His Wife—Police Coroner Tell Whether It's Murder or Suicide, but Arrest Two Men With Whom He Had Worked.

The body of Hirsh Zeismann, a baker of 12 Chrystie street, was found last night standing erect in a coal bin in the back of the bakehouse at 102 First street, where he worked. A rope tied around his neck was attached to a water pipe running along the ceiling.

Over the head was a piece of cheap cloth twisted in front, under the chin, and tied at the back of the neck. Then, over this was a white cloth which fell down over the face, and covering all was a strip of green mosquito netting. A padlock with the key in it was attached to the body.

The bakery is run by Mrs. Lizzie Weiss. She and Mrs. Zeismann found the body. They screamed, and Fred Schneider, who lives next door, cut down the body. The police and Coroner Goldenkrans were unable to decide whether Zeismann had committed suicide or been murdered. Schneider said that Zeismann's feet were resting on the ground when he cut the body down.

There was a red mark around the neck, which had apparently been caused by the rope being drawn taut. What made the police suspicious were the wrappings about the head.

The police arrested on suspicion Kalman Janos, who is employed and lives in the bakehouse, and Louis Gavora, of 85 St. Mark's place. Gavora used to work in the bakery, but was injured about two months ago, and has been hanging around the bakery since then.

The police heard that he and Zeismann had frequently quarrelled and were not on friendly terms. Zeismann left his home at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon and went to the bakery. He was supposed to quit at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. His wife went to a confectionery yesterday, and not finding her husband when she returned about 6 o'clock last night she went to the bakery.

Mr. Zeismann told Mrs. Zeismann that she hadn't seen her husband. Then the two women went to the cellar. Janos appeared to be asleep on a couch, although Mrs. Zeismann said she was afraid. He said he hadn't seen Zeismann.

Then the two women went to the cellar behind the bakehouse. The door into the cellar was closed and fastened on the bakehouse side with a rag. Zeismann's body, the women say, was erect and touching the ground, although the police were unable to get a clear statement from them.

In a wallet in Zeismann's pocket was found one cent and three rings, one wedding ring. His wages, \$12, which Mrs. Weiss says she paid to Zeismann earlier in the day, were gone.

According to the police Mrs. Weiss and Mrs. Zeismann each said that the wedding ring was hers. This may have been a misunderstanding, as neither of the women speaks good English.

Janos, who worked with Zeismann, on Saturday night, said that Zeismann had been in the bakery at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. He said he didn't see him after that. Gavora said he called at the bakery at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Gavora said he went away at once, rode to Highbridge and returned to the bakery at 1 o'clock. He stayed talking to Mrs. Weiss all the afternoon. She told the police he had been there all day.

The police learned that Zeismann left the bakery some time ago and refused to be interviewed because his relations with Gavora, who was working there at the time, were so unpleasant. Then Gavora himself and Mrs. Weiss sent for Zeismann.

Zeismann's cousin told the police that Zeismann had told him the Gavora had threatened to kill him. It is said that Zeismann and Gavora recently had a quarrel.

Another Goldenkrans sent the body to the Morgue and an autopsy will be performed to-day. The coroner said later that after having made a careful examination of the head he had found that the cloth had been wrapped around the forehead, then across the face, and finally around the neck.

The rope was around the neck and was outside of the cloth, which might have accounted for the fact that the mark on the neck was not so deep. Zeismann had told his wife, the coroner said, that he feared Gavora.

STARRED HIS WIFE AND CHILD. Sullivan First Threw a Lighted Lamp into the Bed Where They Slept.

Mortimer Sullivan, a locksmith, whose wife has been living apart from him for several months because she says he was cruel to her, found out on Saturday that she was living at 782 Columbus avenue. He went there early yesterday morning, broke down the door of her flat and nearly killed her and her son William.

Several months ago the wife had him in the police court for non-support and assault. He was put under bonds to pay her \$10 a week. According to her friends, he fell behind in his payments and about two weeks ago stopped them altogether. Then she went to live at the Columbus avenue address.

She returned to the house about 5 o'clock yesterday morning, and didn't stop to knock at the door, but broke it open. Then he took a lighted lamp from a table in the room and hurled it into the bed, where she and the baby were. The lamp did not explode and he then drew a knife from his pocket and stabbed her and the child. The first thrust cut a serious but not fatal wound in her breast, and the second a slight wound in the child's head.

Lengthy screams, and Mrs. J. A. Browning, her son and Mrs. Mieston, who live in the house, ran to her aid. They were too late to catch Sullivan, who ran away.

The woman and the baby were taken to the Harlem hospital. Mrs. Sullivan was compelled to remain there, but the baby was taken away by relatives. Capt. Nally of the West 100th street police station sent out three detectives to find Sullivan, but up to a late hour last night they had not caught him.

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In Coney Island's Latest Chute—Women Prefer Descent After Dark—100,000 at the Island Yesterday, One Bath.

If early signs count for anything Coney Island is going to have a record-breaking season this year. Despite the fact that yesterday was a day when it didn't need a sight of the sea waves, let alone a dip in them, to keep one's temperature down, a crowd which the police estimated at over 100,000 overran the place and brought joy to the hearts of every one there who is out to make money, from the humblest fakir to the proprietor of the latest million-dollar show.

Coney Island's "formal opening," if it ever has any, is supposed to occur on Decoration Day. That's the time ordinarily when the shows begin to do more than pay rent. But the show people and concert hall owners have taken in so much money already that they're liable to serve champagne in mistake for beer before the season ends.

Yesterday's crowd would have been considered a record-breaker for the middle of the season. They didn't mind the fresh sandwiches for every drink, and during the day only two excise arrests were made. They were in a place where the fact that it was Sunday had been overlooked and drinks were being served in the barroom in regular week-day style.

The police worked Leg Knappe's instructions, started in to enforce the Sunday law at midnight Saturday, which was a departure from the rule of former years, under which Sunday at Coney didn't begin until 1 o'clock Sunday morning. Promptly at midnight a policeman notified every corner salarman that it must close at once, and it did.

The result was that 80,000 persons, turned out of such places, got mixed up in one of the most riotous scenes in the history of Coney Island. The trolley people had prepared to take the crowd away gradually and got badly mixed up when the police began fairly pushing the people toward them in order to keep the streets clear.

By having to close an hour earlier Saturday night, the hall and saloon people say they lose \$30,000. Capt. Knappe said midnight would be the closing hour this summer, at any rate, the least attraction to the big crowd that went to the island yesterday. Only one bath was in sight in the afternoon. Several were rumored that he wasn't an attraction. As a free show his vote was one of the best in the island.

There is a novelty every year. The one that seemed to get the palm yesterday is unusual for its simplicity. It is nothing more or less than a trough made of rattan, polished and made slippery and running down in a zigzag manner from a height of about fifty feet.

At the top of this trough some few thousand persons, mostly men, sat themselves down yesterday and enjoyed the sensation of sliding to the bottom. Some landed sitting fashion, some stretched out full length, and a few completely reversed from the way they started.

The chute, which is called "The Heller Skelter," is washed and smoothed and the owners of them frequently tried it again. A few women essayed the feat and got down all right, but the thing doesn't lend itself so well to feminine garments. Several women said they might try it after dark.

People went down so fast in the chute yesterday that it frequently got choked up. It is only the "free show" in the new Luna Park. Although the park is only half finished, so far as shows go, 80,000

NO ELECTRIC LIGHTS THERE FOR THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES LAST NIGHT. Coney Island's electric lights were out of business between 11 and 11:35 o'clock last night owing to a breakdown in the plant. Luna Park, which has 250,000 lights, was also dark during the time. The cause of the trouble was a short circuit in the main line of the plant. The trolley lines had a hard time taking the people away from the island when night came and the cars were as crowded and as frequently blocked as in the middle of summer.

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MARRIED. LANE-PALMER—On Tuesday, May 12, in Christ Church, Andover, Mass., by the Rev. Dr. Robert Palmer, assisted by the Rev. Robert Keating Smith, Newton, Bertha Lane, daughter of Dr. P. M. Palmer of New York, and William Coolidge Lane of Cambridge.

DIED. CHITTENDEN—In New York, on Sunday, May 17, 1903, Charles M. Chittenden, in the 60th year of his age. Notice of funeral hereafter.

POSTER—On Saturday, May 16, 1903, Benjamin F. Foster, aged 71 years. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, funeral private.

LAUER—At his residence, 4 Union st., Jersey City, on Saturday, May 16, 1903, John E. Lauer, beloved husband of Mary Lauer, aged 79 years. Funeral services at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, May 19, at 9 A. M.

SCHERER—On May 15, 1903, Alfred Henry, beloved husband of Catherine A. Scherer. Funeral services at his late residence, 741 Jefferson av., Brooklyn, on Monday evening, May 17, at 8 o'clock. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery. STARKEY—At the Episcopal residence, East Orange, N. J., on Sunday, May 17, 1903, the Rev. Thomas Alfred Starkey, D. D., Bishop of Newark. Funeral services at Grace Church, Orange, N. J., on Wednesday, May 20. For notice of hour see Tuesday's paper. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery, Albany and Washington papers please copy.