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Rain or snow to-day; fair to-morrow.

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SUBMARINE BOATS IN DANGER.

MOCCASIN AND ADDER DRIFT HELPLESS AT SEA.

Broke Away From Their Convoy, the Tug Peoria—One of Them Picked Up and One Reported Ashore—Cruiser Sent From Norfolk to Help—Her Quest Fails

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 3.—All day the Government tug Peoria has been following two drifting submarine torpedo boats down the North Carolina coast. The boats are the Moccasin and Adder. They were seen first off the Little Island life saving station after they had broken the hawsers to the Peoria and were drifting with the wind and heavy seas.

When the news came here over the Weather Bureau wires of the perilous condition of the boats, Admiral Harrington, commandant of the navy yard, sent the cruiser Yankton to the rescue, but after following the drifting vessels, which were dragging their anchors, down as far as Currituck Inlet, the Yankton abandoned the task and started north.

Meantime, after the boats had broken away twice, the Peoria succeeded in catching one of them and started north with her in tow. She will be satisfied if she gets in the Virginia capes to-night. The boats left Newport bound for Annapolis, where they were to be used by the midshipmen for practice. There were four men on each boat.

Late to-night the Weather Bureau had a message from Currituck Inlet, N. C., saying that the submarine boat which the Peoria was unable to pick up was stranded five miles south of Currituck life saving station. The life savers were preparing to board her and bring the men off in the breeches buoy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The first information that the submarine boats Moccasin and Adder were in trouble was received at the Navy Department at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in a telegram from Rear Admiral Harrington, commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard, saying that he had sent the Yankton to relieve vessels reported in trouble fourteen miles below Cape Henry and off shore three miles.

A few minutes later a despatch came from Admiral Harrington saying that the Yankton passed Cape Henry bound outward at 1:40 P. M. After the close of office hours this telegram, dated Norfolk, 3:46 P. M., came from Admiral Harrington:

"The Yankton joined tug and tow abreast of False Cape at 3:30 o'clock. Both tug and tow drifting southward. Will report later."

The tug Peoria and the submarine torpedo boats Adder and Moccasin left Newport on Nov. 30 for Annapolis. The object of the trip was not only to get the submarines to Annapolis for practice use by the midshipmen at the Naval Academy, but to have a sea test of their stanchness and ability.

Junior Lieutenant Frank L. Pinney, who commands both the submarines, was told by the Navy Department that he might use his discretion as to whether the Adder and the Moccasin should be lightened up and taken in tow by the Peoria and their crews transferred to that vessel, or proceed under their own power, with the crews aboard, convoyed by the Peoria. It is not known at the Navy Department whether the vessels were being towed or were proceeding under their own power.

An officer of the Navy Department said to-night that the Department was not worried about the submarines.

LOSS OF BRITISH SHIP FLORA.

Second Class Cruiser on Rocks in Bayne Sound.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 3.—H. M. S. Flora, a second class cruiser of 4,600 tons displacement, of the Esquimalt squadron, while returning from Union, after loading 600 tons of bunker coal, stranded heavily on Village Point, Bayne Sound, four miles from Union, during a fog, and she will probably be a total wreck. She now lies with her bow high out of the water, and her stern submerged ten feet.

The Flora left Union at 7 o'clock in the morning and on nearing Village Point her navigating officer mistook the beacon there for another about four miles further away in an opposite direction. He turned to port, seeking to avoid the danger marked by the beacon he believed it to be, instead of to starboard as he should have done.

The result was that the cruiser struck heavily on a shelving ledge of rock and soon half filled with water. Six hundred tons of coal shipped yesterday, together with a lot of stores, is being removed, but the work is made difficult owing to the sharp angle at which the vessel lies.

When the ship struck, her hatches were off and the water rushed in at an uncontrollable rate. The officers' quarters being all in the stern, the gold braided men of the ship were at once flooded out and it is likely will be forced to take refuge on board the Admiral's steamer.

To-night Rear Admiral Bickford and H. F. Bullen, one of the proprietors of the British Columbia Salvage Company, are hurrying to Village Point. The Egeria will proceed from Esquimalt at once, and the flagship H. M. S. Grafton, which, in the ordinary course of events would not come out of dry dock until Monday, will be floated to-morrow and will at once leave for Deman Island.

The Flora left here for Comox on target practice Friday last. She has been in commission on this coast now for almost a year, having come to the coast in relief of the Phaeton. She is in command of Capt. Casper J. Baker.

BARK GOES ASHORE IN A STORM.

Swedish Vessel Dharwar Wrecked on the Maryland Coast—All Hands Saved.

OCEAN CITY, Md., Dec. 3.—In a heavy snowstorm that was whipped and lashed by a thirty mile gale the Swedish bark Dharwar, from Hong Kong for New York, with a cargo of matting, lost her bearings and came ashore last night off North Beach, seven miles below this place. When she struck, her topmast went by the board, carrying away considerable upper hamper. The eleven members of the crew and the wife and two children of the captain were landed by the aid of the breeches buoy.

The vessel left Hong Kong on July 28. She has sprung a leak and it is feared that she will be pounded to pieces. The Dharwar is old, having been built at Belfast, Ireland, in 1864. She is 226 feet long, 37 foot beam and has a draught of 23 feet. The bark came ashore during high water.

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Special assorted cases for Holidays. A very acceptable present. Send for descriptive price list. Dewey's, 158 Fulton St., New York City.—Adv.

PRESIDENT TO GET $30,000.

Will of His Uncle, J. K. Gracie, Leaves $5,000 Each to Ethel and Kermit, Too.

MINEOLA, L. I., Dec. 3.—The will of James King Gracie, uncle of President Roosevelt, was admitted to probate by Judge Seabury here yesterday. It bequeaths to the President $30,000, and the same amount to each of the President's sisters, Mrs. Cowles, the wife of Commander Cowles, U. S. N., and Corinne Roosevelt Robinson.

Two of the President's children, Kermit, for whom the late Mr. Gracie was godfather, and Ethel, who was the godchild of the testator's wife, were remembered with $5,000 each.

The Orthopedic Dispensary and Hospital in Manhattan gets $5,000 for the endowment of a bed and $25,000 for a general endowment fund.

Other bequests are: $150,000 in trust for the nieces, Elizabeth Gracie Ogden, Esther Gracie Ogden, and a nephew, Archibald Gracie Ogden, share and share alike; $50,000 in trust for the benefit of Archibald Gracie and $50,000 for the benefit of Adeline Gracie, paying the income to the beneficiaries annually.

The sum of $15,000 each is left in trust to a grandniece, Eleanor Roosevelt, and to Gracie Hall Roosevelt, children of Emlen Roosevelt; $10,000 in trust for a sister-in-law, Ella S. Bulloch; $10,000 in trust for Martha Louise Bulloch, a niece, and $5,000 in trust for Maud Elliott, a niece; $15,000 to Theodore Douglas Robinson, $5,000 to Monroe Douglas Robinson; $5,000 to Stewart Douglas Robinson.

Heirlooms are left to various relatives. The residuary estate is to be divided equally among Elizabeth Gracie Ogden, Esther Gracie Ogden, Archibald Gracie Ogden, Adeline Gracie and Archibald Gracie.

MARROQUIN'S AUTO IN SMASH.

President of Colombia Must Wait for His Red Devil Wagon.

President Marroquin of Colombia, who has recently had other troubles, won't be able to ride in his new red automobile as soon as he expected. Some time ago he ordered a machine made for him by an automobile concern in Steinway, L. I. It was a big two-seated car and it was to have been shipped to Bogota to-day on a Red D Line steamer.

To make sure that the running gear was in good shape John J. McNulcin, an employee of the makers, was sent out yesterday to try the machine. Why he brought it over to this city instead of trying it on the roads in Queens he only knows. Late yesterday afternoon he was running it south on Broadway and at Fortieth street he ran into a danger zone.

Edward Hemmeth of 1280 Madison street, Brooklyn, is the driver of a two horse mail wagon. He was driving west in Fortieth street at a good pace and he struck Broadway just in time to ram the mail wagon into the rear seat of the new automoile. Mail wagons are hardy vehicles, and this mail wagon played havoc with President Marroquin's new car. That is the reason it won't be sent to Bogota to-day.

NOW WANTS TO BUY AN EAR.

Man Who Sold His for $5,000 Offers to Pay $1,000 for Another.

IRONWOOD, Mich., Dec. 3.—The grafting of an ear to the head of a Western man in a Philadelphia hospital has a sequel. Though the man who sold his ear to a rich man for $5,000 made the sacrifice willingly, now that the ear is gone he misses it, and is seeking for another ear to replace the one he sold.

That is the story which has developed from the visit to Dr. C. V. Stebbins of this city of a Hungarian miner from Hurley, Wis., who has received a letter from the East offering him $1,000 for an ear to replace that which was taken from its owner in the hospital. The Hungarian's name is kept a secret by the physician, who says that the call made upon him was professional, the Hungarian wanting to know if the operation would be safe. The doctor thinks that the caller will undergo the operation, as he was advised that the process was not dangerous.

The Hungarian was applied to, it is understood, because he was one of those who responded to the New York advertisement offering $5,000 for an ear.

FARMERS JOINING UNIONS.

Movement in Texas Spreading Rapidly—40,000 Members Already.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 3.—The farmers of Texas are being unionized at a rapid rate. There are more than 3,000 unions in Texas, with a total membership of 40,000 and the organization is spreading like wildfire. It began at Emory, Hains county, under the name of the "Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America," and is now established in nearly every populous county in the State.

About the middle of February next a meeting is to be held for completing a State organization, and it is believed that the movement will spread to other States, as the Farmers' Alliance did.

Former Governor Hogg has favored political action, and it seems as if the farmers are taking his advice. The purposes of the union are to buy and sell in bulk, to educate along agricultural lines, to study politics and to discuss political economy. Several north Texas lodges during the last few days have made extensive purchases of supplies in carload lots and are encouraged by their savings.

CHICAGO HOLD-UP FATAL.

Lawyer Shot on His Way Home on Wednesday Night Dies of His Wounds.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—James A. Fullenwider, who was attacked and shot by robbers at Forty-second street and Wabash avenue last evening, died at the Mercy Hospital to-night without regaining consciousness. Half a dozen detectives have been detailed on the case and are at work, but as yet no arrests have been made.

Mr. Fullenwider, who was an attorney, was returning to his home, 472 Fifty-second street, when at Forty-second street and Wabash avenue two men who were in an alley called to him to hold up his hands. Fullenwider complied and then ran. The men pursued him for several yards and then fired, striking him in the back above the hips.

Robbery is thought to have been the motive which prompted the attack upon Fullenwider.

Burnett's Extract of Vanilla
Is the standard everywhere. Sold by best grocers.—Adv.

Christmas Number Out To-Morrow.
Double number of the Commercial Advertiser, with 36 page Pictorial Review—5c., all newsdealers.—Adv.

GOT TWO OF THE ROBBER GANG

STATION ROBBERS IN PENNSYLVANIA NOW IN JAIL.

Police Think They May Have Murdered Operator Clendennen—Property Stolen in Their Raids Found on Them—Were Arrested as Tramps on Suspicion.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 3.—Two of the gang of express and station robbers who have terrorized the railroads in eastern Pennsylvania for several weeks past are now in jail here. It is practically certain that these are the men who robbed the Girardville and Frackville stations, and it is also believed that they robbed and murdered Operator Clendennen at Brown's Tower. They had a large amount of stolen plunder, and one of them wore the overcoat stolen from Station Master Berkheiser of Frackville. The desperadoes gave their names as Frank Gallagher and Peter Davis.

The Coal and Iron policemen have been on the lookout for the thieves ever since the murder of Clendennen and the holding up of several other operators in Lycoming county. The crimes were brought nearer home when John Dalton, the watchman at the Girardville station, was overpowered and locked in the station after having been robbed of a sum of money. The Girardville affair was followed last week by the robbery of the Gilberton station, when a small sum of money, some dress goods and 1,000 cigars were stolen, and then came the breaking in of the Frackville station, when three overcoats were taken.

This series of crimes has kept the police force on the jump and they have been getting but little sleep for some time. The capture of the two men, who are at least members of the gang, if not the entire gang, was brought about by chance. When they were captured there was no evidence against them except that they were tramps. They were put under cross-examination and at last they made a slip.

Suspicion as to the truth of the story which the men told was aroused by the fact that Gallagher said his home was in Cartown, there being no place of that name in this State. Several officers, after looking at the prisoners, identified the man who had given his name as McFadden as James Gallagher of Coaldale. He has a bad reputation in this county and in 1900 was convicted of robbing the railroad station at Auburn and other places in the county. He was sent to jail for a short term, and soon after being released was arrested in Columbia county for robbing the station at Centralia. Last June he was released from prison and it is believed that since that time he has been at the head of an organized band who have been robbing stations throughout the State.

The description of the man who was seen by the watchman at Brown's Tower, where Clendennen was murdered, tallies with the description of Gallagher and he is considered by the police to be the murderer. The officials of Lycoming county will make a thorough investigation. When the men were taken before Squire Lewis, Thomas Matthews of Gilberton identified the men as being the pair he saw near the Gilberton station the day of the robbery. Next Matthew Blasius of Park Place was summoned and identified them as the men who were in Park Place a few days after the robbery selling cigars. John Humanes also identified them as men who had been peddling cigars, and Station Agent Berkheiser of Frackville identified the overcoat which was worn by Gallagher as one of the three which had been stolen from the station at that place. The overcoat was torn under the sleeve.

W. K. VANDERBILT, JR., TRAINING.

Tackles New York Central Finance After Studies in Seaboard.

William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., son of William K. Vanderbilt, the head of the New York Central system, has taken a desk in the financial department of the Central, in the Grand Central Station, and will hereafter devote much of his time to the study of the financial side of railroading. William K. Vanderbilt began his active connection with the road in the same department and served a rigid apprenticeship there under the orders of his father, William H. Vanderbilt.

For some months young Mr. Vanderbilt has been familiarizing himself with railroad affairs. He has had an office in the North American Trust Company building, at 185 Broadway, and has spent much time there with President Oakleigh Thorne of the North American Trust Company, who is also a director of the Seaboard Air Line. Mr. Thorne became a director of the Seaboard when it was taken over last summer by Frisco railroad interests. There were many details in this deal which presented opportunities for minute study of railroad matters, particularly as to finance, and advantage of these opportunities was taken by Mr. Vanderbilt, under Mr. Thorne's general supervision. Recently when new interests came into control of the Seaboard he decided to remove to the Grand Central Station and tackle New York Central. W. K. Vanderbilt, since his return from Europe, has been devoting much time to the Central's affairs and it is understood that young Mr. Vanderbilt will relieve him of many matters of detail. He will have no official connection with the Central.

Alfred G. Vanderbilt, second son and successor of Cornelius, has had a desk in the financial department for some time.

M. HARJES'S DAUGHTER SICK.

Child of Paris Banker Has Ptomaine Poisoning at Carlsbad, N. M.

CARLSBAD, N. M., Dec. 3.—The oldest daughter of M. Harjes of Paris, France, is dying here of ptomaine poisoning, caused by eating canned meat. Six physicians are in attendance upon the child and are exhausting every means known to medical science to save her, but her case appears to be hopeless.

Mr. Harjes came here recently for the benefit of his wife's health. He is a partner in the Paris branch of the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co.

COMBINED TO CONTROL PRICES.

Seven Plumbing Supply Concerns and Five Individuals Indicted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Seven concerns engaged in the plumbing supply business were indicted by the Grand Jury this evening on charges of being a combination to control prices. Five individuals, officers of the alleged combination, were also indicted. The following are the concerns alleged to be parties to the trust, as charged by William S. Moore, Jr., of Evanston:

Sanitary Specialty Manufacturing Company, Western Plumbing Supply Company, The John Davis Company, Weir & Craig Manufacturing Company, The Federal Company, L. Wolff Manufacturing Company and Weil Bros. The individuals against whom true bills were voted are the following:

Paul Blatchford, secretary of the alleged pool; Emil Larson, auditor; Angus Morrison, William T. Geary and George H. Tompkins.

RUSSIAN WAR MINISTER OUT.

Gen. Kourapatkin Forced to Retire by the War Party.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—A despatch from St. Petersburg says Gen. Kourapatkin, the Minister of War, has been forced by the war party to retire. He has been appointed Governor of the Caucasus. Acting Finance Minister Pleske has got a long leave of absence. Privy Councillor Kobeko has been appointed in his place.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to Great Britain, discredits the story from Paris of an agreement between Russia and Japan in regard to Manchuria and Corea.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—All the information available here indicates that the tension between Russia and Japan is as acute as ever. Confirmation of the rumored settlement is not only still wanting, but the story is everywhere ridiculed.

It is reported that the Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg has twice within ten days demanded a definite reply to Japan's proposals. Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Foreign Minister, expressed his willingness to go to Alexandrov to obtain the Czar's sanction to the draft of a reply drawn by Baron de Rosen, Russian Minister to Japan, and Admiral Alexieff, Russian Viceroy of the Far East, but the continued illness of the Czarina has hitherto prevented him from going.

It is further reported that the Japanese Cabinet on Dec. 1 actually proposed sending an ultimatum to Russia, but the idea was eventually abandoned in favor of reinstructing the Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg to resubmit his demand for an answer.

It is expected that the Mikado will open the Diet Saturday. It is hoped that the speech from the throne will allay the popular impatience.

PEACE ASSURED IN THE EAST.

Announcement by the Japanese Minister at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese Minister, said to-day that he believed to be true the reports that Japan and Russia were on the verge of a settlement of the question at issue between them affecting Manchuria and Corea, although he had not been advised officially for several days of the progress of the negotiations. This is the first official acknowledgment that Japan and Russia had at last decided to maintain peace.

His Government, Mr. Takahira says, had always entertained the hope that such a solution was possible, and while the progress of the negotiations had been slow, and while, also, there had at times been reason to believe that the sincerity of Japan's motives was not fully appreciated, the result showed that it was now well understood that throughout the whole controversy, even when popular agitation was highest, her Government had been actuated by but one purpose, the preservation by honorable means of peace and order in the Far East.

BRIDE DIES OF GLANDERS.

Caught the Disease From a Horse—Had Been Married a Week.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 3.—Mrs. Richard T. Mueller, née Ritchell, a bride of just one week, died to-day as a result of glanders which she contracted from her father's horse. The day before her wedding, Thanksgiving, she drove to the business part of the city and purchased some wedding clothes. As usual, she unharnessed and stabled the horse when she got home.

It is believed that she became infected through an abrasion on her right hand. She was married next day, and the disease soon developed. A physician treated her for rheumatism at first, and then for varioloid before the real character of her ailment was discovered after a consultation of doctors. It was too late to check the malady, and the young bride, who was 24 years old, died to-day. It is said that a veterinary surgeon warned the girl's father that the horse had glanders and that it was a disease that human beings could contract.

WICKED, WICKED CHICAGO.

Alderman Mayor Says It Is the Most Lawless City in the Country.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Alderman William Mayor, chairman of the finance committee of the City Council, yesterday eased his mind regarding the crime situation in Chicago. Among other things he said:

"A few hangings are what Chicago needs.

"There are policemen enough to patrol the city if they were active.

"Without more respect for law it would be impossible to preserve order if there were a policeman for every thug.

"Chicago is the most lawless city in the country, and a wave of anarchy and outlawry seems to be going over it at present.

"No one respects law, no one respects the courts, the courts don't respect themselves. By their methods cases are not disposed of, but piled up.

"Even the respectable Chicago citizen violates the laws constantly, heedlessly, and almost unconsciously."

BRYAN SPEAKS IN LONDON.

Made a Remarkable Impression—He Goes to Paris To-day.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—William J. Bryan was entertained to-night at the National Liberal Club, T. P. O'Connor, the well known editor and Irish Member of Parliament, presiding. Mr. Bryan spoke on good government, and made a remarkable impression.

He will go to Paris to-morrow. Later he will visit Berlin, St. Petersburg, Vienna and Rome.

NAKED, HE PURSUED BURGLAR

And Caught Him, Too—Temperature Close to Zero Mark.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 3.—Albert Mier, proprietor of a carriage establishment on State street, just opposite the Capitol building, was in a bathroom in the rear of his office, disrobed for a bath, this morning, when his attention was attracted by a noise made by some one trying to force open a side window.

Seizing his rifle Mier threw the sash up and jumped out. The burglar ran up State street through the heart of the business centre, with Mier, naked, in pursuit.

Finally Mier overhauled the burglar, and with the rifle pointed at his head marched him to police quarters.

"I felt pretty chilly with the thermometer registering close to zero," said Mier, "but I was determined to catch the thief."

Nowadays It Is California.
The Overland Limited is one of two daily trains, Chicago to California, every day, via Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Union Pacific lines. 461 Broadway.—Adv.

PLANT WILL SUIT COMPROMISE

HOADLEY HEIRS OF WATERBURY BOUGHT OFF.

New York City to Be Recognized as Mr. Plant's Legal Residence and the Estate of $30,000,000 Is to Be Divided According to the Laws of This State.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 3.—An agreement was reached this afternoon between the heirs of the estate of the late Henry B. Plant whereby the Plant fortune will now be distributed according to the widow's plans in New York. The case has been in court for four years, because part of the heirs, the Hoadleys of Waterbury, contended that Mr. Plant was a resident of Connecticut, while the widow and son claimed New York as his legal residence.

Mr. Plant died in June, 1899, leaving a fortune of $17,000,000 to be distributed when the unborn son of his grandson, now a minor, should reach 21. By the terms of his will his widow, Margaret F. Plant, and his son, Morton F. Plant, received only annuities. The will was admitted to probate in this city, Connecticut being claimed as Mr. Plant's legal residence on the ground that he had purchased land to build a home here.

Three months later the widow applied to the courts of New York to establish that State as his legal residence and the courts there so decided. By the laws of New York the estate cannot be entailed, according to the will, but will be divided between the widow and son.

Charles E. Hoadley, Emma J. Hoadley and Horace G. Hoadley, all of Waterbury, the children of a half-brother of Mr. Plant, objected to the removal of the estate to the jurisdiction of the New York courts, as under the will, in the event of the death of the direct heirs to the property, they would come into a large share of the millions. For three years they have fought the case in the courts here, but to-day they petitioned the Probate Court of this city to recognize New York as Mr. Plant's legal residence. They have received, it is said, a large sum for their withdrawal.

The estate during the litigation has grown from $17,000,000 to $30,000,000, and if allowed to accumulate, according to the terms of the will, would have reached $80,000,000 before its distribution. By the agreement to-day Connecticut loses a large income tax which New York will now receive, but this State has already got about $80,000 out of the estate.

In the will Margaret J. Plant, Morton F. Plant, George H. Tilley, Lynde Harrison and R. C. Erwin were named as executors, but Lynde Harrison and R. C. Erwin resigned about eighteen months ago.

J. L. BLAIR UP FOR FORGERY.

He Is Guarded in Hospital—He Had Made Good Amount Embezzled.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 3.—Two indictments, charging forgery in the first degree, were returned by the Grand Jury to-day against James L. Blair. A capias for his arrest was at once put into the hands of deputy sheriffs, who went to Mullanoppy Hospital and arrested Blair. He was not removed from the hospital, two deputies remaining with him as a guard.

The Grand Jury investigated charges against Blair involving the dissipation of the Blow estate to the extent of $60,000 and the alleged embezzlement through forgeries amounting to over $300,000 from Dick Bros. of Philadelphia and their clients. The amount of his embezzlement was made good by Blair, but forgery is a felony, in which, it is alleged, the statute of limitations does not apply. The Grand Jury found, accordingly, that Blair is answerable to the State for his alleged crimes, the maximum penalty for which is life imprisonment.

Late this evening, in chambers, Judge Taylor accepted bonds of $10,000 in the Blair case and the deputies guarding him were withdrawn.

BLEW A SAFE IN CENTRE STREET.

Near the Criminal Courts—"Sh-h!" Said the Headquarters Sleuths.

The fact that burglars had blown open a safe in a building near the Criminal Courts Building and got $900 was first made public yesterday, when two policemen were on trial at Police Headquarters for failure to prevent the robbery. The cops who knew about it were taken into the presence of Inspector McClusky, whose first order was:

"Sh-h-h. Keep mum! Fight shy of reporters."

Weary of waiting for the arrest of the robbers, Capt. Kear of the Elizabeth street station went to Police Headquarters and preferred charges against Policemen Stern and Sullivan, who were on post at the time.

The robbery occurred in the office of H. B. Hardenberg, on the third floor of 58 Centre street. The concern manufactures leather goods. On the night of Nov. 20 a bunch of what the Central Office sleuths call "bingers" got into this place and used nitroglycerine on the safe.

The records of the Tombs prison show that at 12:30 o'clock on the night of Nov. 20 some of the occupants of the upper suites were aroused by a detonation which was thought by some to be another subway blast.

At the trial yesterday the two cops told Commissioner Davis that they hadn't seen any robbers or heard anything of the safe blowing. They also told of a lot of work they had done that night. The Commissioner, after hearing the testimony, dismissed the charges against Stern, but fined Sullivan one day's pay.

TRUCKMEN FIGHT MOTORMAN.

Lively Row When a Crosstown Car Ran Into and Hurt a Horse.

An impatient motorman in charge of an eastbound Fifty-ninth street crosstown car at 8 o'clock last night ran his car alongside of a truck that was slow in getting off the track. In doing so the front of the car struck the hind leg of the nigh horse tearing its flesh badly.

This so enraged the truck driver and his helper that they attacked the motorman, and in doing so broke several windows in the car, showering glass over the passengers. The crowd in the street sympathized with the truckmen, and made all sorts of threats against the motorman. The situation was relieved by the arrival of several policemen, who took driver, helper, motorman and conductor to the Arsenal in Central Park.

The two former were held on complaint of the conductor and motorman. The prisoners are Thomas B. Smith of 622 East 137th street and the helper, Thomas O'Keefe of 417 East 123d street. Both are employed by the Lenox Express Company of 389 Lenox avenue. They are charged with violating a section of the Penal Code relative to throwing missiles through the windows of a street car.

Electric Refrigeration and Power. Westerberg & Williams, 120 Liberty street.—Adv.

HANGING FATAL TO SHERIFF.

Mines Never Recovered From the Effects of Woodward's Execution.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 3.—Sheriff Christopher J. Mines of Camden died to-day. Ever since he dropped the trap under Paul Woodward, who murdered W. Price Jennings and John Coffin, Camden boys, he had been ill.

It was his first and only execution and he dreaded carrying it out, although he knew Woodward deserved death.

He went through the ordeal and immediately thereafter began to fail. From a hale and hearty man he wasted away into almost a skeleton. The execution was a topic to which his mind continued to revert.

A few weeks ago he collapsed in his office and was carried home. He never left the house thereafter. Specialists diagnosed his case as acute indigestion brought on by worry.

MORE BUSINESS NEXT YEAR.

Westinghouse Company Managers Report the Outlook as Favorable.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 3.—Nineteen managers of the Westinghouse Electric and Machine Company concluded a meeting here to-day. Before parting they were asked to give an expression as to the prospects for business during 1904. Nine of the managers, including the one in charge of the export office and those from New York, Boston and Philadelphia and the State of Texas, gave it as their opinion that while Wall Street had influenced business it was their opinion that they could secure as much business for 1904 as they did in 1903.

Eight managers, including those from San Francisco, Seattle, Los Angeles and Western States, reported that business was so brisk and money so plentiful in their respective territories that they would greatly increase their orders for next year over this year. Two of the managers reported that they believed there will be a falling off in their districts next year.

KISSED AGAINST HER WILL.

Miss Sullivan Accuses Deputy Sheriff Cook—He Gets Three Months.

WOODMERE, L. I., Dec. 3.—Deputy Sheriff Louis L. Cook of this place was convicted to-day by a jury of six on the charge of assault made by Miss Mary Sullivan, a very pretty school teacher. Justice William Jay sentenced Cook to three months imprisonment.

Many cannot believe the story of the assault, as Cook has had a good character. It was charged by Miss Sullivan that while in a carriage with the deputy he put his arm around her and kissed her against her will. She was on her way home on her bicycle when the machine broke, and she was walking along the road about 2 o'clock when Cook offered to drive her home. She gladly accepted the offer.

The case will be appealed.

HONORED BY THE SULTAN.

Mrs. Edwin S. Cramp Receives a Decoration for Naming a Warship.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—The Sultan of Turkey has decorated Mrs. Edwin S. Cramp, wife of the shipbuilder, for naming the man-of-war Medjidie in August. The honor was conferred through Minister Chékib Bey. The decoration is in the shape of a huge star of green and red enamel, set in gold and encircled by a chaplet of oak leaves and acorns. It is studded with almost three hundred diamonds of various sizes.

The centre of the star is inscribed with Turkish characters on raised gold. The crescent forming the pin is enamelled and diamond studded.

PANIC IN DIVORCE COLONY.

A Number of Women, in Sioux Falls Seeking Divorce, Driven Out by Fire.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 3.—Fire started so suddenly and the wind fanned the flames so furiously in the Masonic Temple at 4 o'clock this morning that the lives of twenty women were in great danger.

Policeman Jack Tracy endangered his life to take three women seeking divorce out of their beds clad only in night clothes and make three trips through the flames with them in his arms. Firemen then came and seven more women, clad no more warmly, were taken from the windows in the blizzard and carried down ladders.

BROKE HIMSELF TO PIECES.

Old Man Died of the Terrible Injuries He Received in Falling Down Stairs.

DOBBS FERRY, N. Y., Dec. 3.—William Wellington, 84 years old, a retired contractor of New York city, recently moved to Dobbs Ferry. Early one morning last week he fell down stairs and broke his back, dislocated his neck, cut off his right ear, cut a big gash in his cheek, cracked both kneecaps, dislocated every finger on his hands and was paralyzed from his shoulders down.

In great agony, he lived until Monday. His funeral was to be held to-day, but the heavy snowstorm prevented, and it was postponed until to-morrow.

HELD UP IN TOWN BY A BEAR.

Assistant Postmaster of Hollidaysburg, Pa., Has a Queer Morning Adventure.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 3.—Assistant Postmaster Edward R. Dobbins of Hollidaysburg, the county seat, was held up by a bear at 5 o'clock this morning while on his way to open the office. The bear attacked him in the heart of the town. He saw it standing in his path, but in the darkness mistook it for a man. When it put its paws on his breast, he was borne to the ground.

Dobbins, who is an unusually strong man, threw the bear to one side and scrambled to his feet. He whipped out his revolver and fired several shots at the animal, which ran away. Dobbins's clothing was almost torn off him in the encounter.

Wildcat Sent to the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—President Roosevelt has received by express from Georgia a full grown wildcat. The barred cage containing the animal was delivered at the White House yesterday afternoon and the servants and employees of the mansion gave it a wide berth. The President has no use for a wildcat, and it has been presented to the authorities of the National Zoo Park.

Comfortable Ferry
Accommodations Lehigh Valley R. R., 23d St., Cortlandt St. and Desbrosses St., N. R.—Adv.

Unusually attractive and exceedingly interesting is the December Four Track News. Five cents at newsdealers.—Adv.

Brotherhood Champagne—Why not try it?—Adv.

GEN. WOOD FRIEND OF BELLAIRS

INTERCEDED TO HAVE HIM RETAINED IN HAVANA.

Melville E. Stone Testifies to the Intimate Personal Relations Between the Former Convict and Gen. Wood—Ray Stannard Baker Contradicts Major Runcie Regarding the Magazine Article Attacking Gen. Brooke, and Then Hurries to the White House to Lunch With the President—Gen. Wood's Orders to the Courts in Havana.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Three witnesses were examined to-day by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs as to the charges filed by Major Estes G. Rathbone against Gen. Leonard Wood. They were General Manager Melville E. Stone of the Associated Press, who told what he knew of the convict "Bellairs" and of Gen. Wood's request that "Bellairs" be retained as Associated Press correspondent at Havana; Ray S. Baker, who gave his version of the famous Runcie article in the *North American Review*, and Dr. Pablo Desvernenie, formerly Secretary of Finance under Major Gen. Brooke, who told of Gen. Wood's orders to the courts having jurisdiction over the postal cases.

Information reached the committee early in to-day's session that the White House was in communication with Ray Stannard Baker. Several members of the committee were angered by what they regarded as an attempt on the part of the President to see Mr. Baker and forestall the committee in its examination, and they questioned Mr. Baker closely as to his intercourse with anybody in Washington prior to his appearance before the committee.

Mr. Baker assured the committee that he had not discussed the Wood case with any person before appearing as a witness and that the communication from the White House was from Mr. Loeb, who invited him to lunch with the President. The incident caused some feeling in the committee, until it was made plain that there had been no attempt by the President to interview any witness supposed to be friendly to Gen. Wood.

Melville E. Stone was the first witness. He was asked what he knew concerning the alleged intimacy between Gen. Wood and the former convict, Bellairs, who was a correspondent of the Associated Press in Cuba, and what Gen. Wood had done to have Bellairs retained when it was proposed to dismiss him.

Mr. Stone testified that in December, 1899, certain matters came up which caused the Associated Press to become dissatisfied with Bellairs, who was stationed at Havana. There was some talk of dismissing Bellairs at that time. A letter from Major James E. Runcie was received by Assistant General Manager Charles F. Diehl of the Associated Press, requesting, in behalf of Gen. Wood, that Bellairs be retained at Havana on account of the intimate relations he sustained toward Gen. Wood. Major Runcie pointed out that it was important that the Associated Press representative be on intimate personal relations with the head of the military government, and asked as a favor that Bellairs be retained.

This letter was submitted to the committee by Mr. Stone, who suggested that Mr. Diehl knew more about the Bellairs incident than he did. The committee accordingly issued a subpœna for Mr. Diehl.

Mr. Stone was asked about the discovery of Bellairs's criminal record, and whether he had reason to know that Gen. Wood was acquainted with Bellairs's true character when the Runcie-Diehl letter was written. Mr. Stone replied that Gen. Wood was in a better position to know Bellairs's character than the Associated Press was at that time.

Mr. Stone further testified that the truth about Bellairs was not known by the Associated Press until this year, when he received a letter from Senator M. A. Hanna, inclosing a letter from a friend of his in Florida, declaring that Bellairs, the Associated Press man at Manila, was a former convict. Senator Hanna forwarded the letter to Mr. Stone with the mere statement that he regarded it as his duty to make the management of the Associated Press acquainted with the charge made by his Florida correspondent. Mr. Stone immediately despatched another man to Manila and discharged Bellairs.

The letters from Senator Hanna and his Florida friend were given to the committee by Mr. Stone.

Ray Stannard Baker, associate editor of *McClure's Magazine*, followed Mr. Stone. Mr. Baker was summoned from Denver by the committee to testify concerning the charge made by Major James E. Runcie that at a dinner in Santiago in the fall of 1899, which was attended by Gen. Wood, Major Runcie and Mr. Baker, the three arranged for the publication of an article attacking Gen. Brooke, Military Governor of Cuba, and Gen. Wood's superior, and that the article published in the *North American Review* in February, 1900, was the article in question.

Mr. Baker told the committee that never, so far as he knew, had he, Runcie and Wood, talked on the article in question, at a dinner or anywhere else. He did not deny that Gen. Wood may have read the article previous to its publication, but he had never talked with Gen. Wood about it. It was possible, he thought, that he and Gen. Wood and Major Runcie may have discussed the publication of articles setting forth the true state of affairs in Cuba, but the particular article was never read jointly by them nor discussed. Major Runcie, according to Mr. Baker, was an admiring friend of Gen. Wood, and was anxious to have the facts regarding Wood's improvement of affairs at Santiago set before the American public.

The origin of the *North American Review* article, said Mr. Baker, was in this fashion: Major Runcie once said to Mr. Baker: "I wish the truth regarding affairs in Cuba could be published, but I don't suppose any magazine in the United States would print it." Baker replied that there would be no trouble in procuring the publication of an article of that nature, but that he did not think it exactly suited to *McClure's Magazine*. Major Runcie then suggested that it be printed in *Harper's Weekly*, and Baker assured Runcie that if he would forward the article he would do his best to have it published.

In due time, said Baker, the article was received in New York, with a letter from Runcie asking that his signature be left off unless it was absolutely necessary to use it. The article was mailed to Col George Harvey, who did not acknowledge its receipt.

Early in 1900 he remembered the Runcie article and asked Col. Harvey what had become of it.

"We are printing it in the *Review* for February," replied Col. Harvey.