MICKEY SPLAINE ON THE HOOK

ESCAPES ONCE MORE BY STATION HOUSE ELOQUENCE.

In the Fragrant Days When Even Sitting on the Curb Beats School He Is Run Down by New Policeman, but Shakes the Charge in a Highly Immoral Way.

Mickey Splaine sat on the curbstone on East Forty-sixth street yesterday and basked in the warm sunshine. It's mighty fine when a boy can romp the streets all day while the other lads are penned in classrooms, but what is liberty when you have your sister Mary, five years old going on six, in tow the whole blessed day. It is sure hell, mused Mickey, as he looked sourly at Mary and wished that for the time being she was some other feller's sister.

Nobody else in the gang had gone on the hook yesterday, and therefore Mickey and Mary and Patsy the dog found time heavy on their hands. So they sat there on the curb waiting for school to be let out. After all it was much better to be out in the street with nothing to do than to be struggling with readin' and spellin' in school.

As Mickey sat and mused there came along Tom Cummings, a brand new young cop, who only recently reported for duty in the East Fifty-first street station. For several days he had noticed Mickey and Mary and Patsy playing in the street.

"Say, little boy, why ain't you in school?" asked Tom.

Mickey rose to his full height of 3 feet 8 inches and looked defiantly at the cop resplendent in his new uniform. "Wot's dat yer business?" came the reply. "Has I done annyt'ing tuh yuh?"

Cummings was staggered for the moment. He had never seen the East Side terror before and the urchin's defiance flabbergasted him.

"Now see here, kid, I'm not taking any lip from you," Tom retorted, "and what's more I think you're playing hookey and I've a mind to lock you up."

Mickey backed away to a safe distance, snapped his fingers to Patsy to be in readiness to flee and then remarked:

"I t'inks dat yuh're on de hook from school yerse'f an' yuh ought tuh be home wid yer mudder helpin' her wash de dishes. If de truant cop knew where yuh was——"

Cummings made an effort to grab Mickey, but Mickey was waiting for the move and in a second he was racing down Forty-sixth street, Patsy in the lead and Mary a poor third. Ever since Mary fell overboard last summer Mickey had been warned to never take her down to the docks, but the pier at the foot of the street seemed to be the only safe place to enjoy a siesta out of reach of the cop; so that's where Cummings nailed him an hour later while he was fishing for eels with a piece of string and a bent pin.

"Now are you going to tell me why you're not in school?" demanded Cummings as he got a tight grip on Mickey's collar.

"Naw I ain't," Mickey replied, "an' yuh kin go tuh hell." Whereupon the cop, being young in the department and conscientious, placed Mickey under arrest on suspicion of playing hookey.

There was an air of peace and quiet in the East Fifty-first street police station as Cummings dragged his tiny prisoner up the steps. The big clock behind the desk ticked monotonously, Chief Roache wearily entered a squeal on the blotter and Capt. Lantry and the station house cat were enjoying a snooze in the office. The reserves in the section room had felt the touch of spring and abandoned their checkers and dominoes.

Lieut. Dan Daly emitted a yell when he beheld Mickey Splaine in custody. Capt. Lantry almost toppled out of his easy chair. The cat opened its eyes. Chief Roache was too much overcome to speak and the reserves crowded to the door. In a second all was excitement in the station house.

"What's the charge?" asked Dan.

"Playing truant," said Cummings; "and he's the freshest kid I ever met in my life, lieutenant."

Mickey said never a word of protest and amazed all hands by giving his pedigree without a murmur. Then Capt. Lantry asked for the circumstances, and Tom Cummings told how he had seen Mickey on the streets in school hours nearly every day for the last two weeks and of his suspicions that he was a chronic truant.

"Well, Mickey, what have you got to say about this?" asked Capt. Lantry, pretending to look terribly stern.

"Is de cop t'rough wid his spiel? He is? Well, den, I foist wants tuh know has he got a right tuh pinch a kid fer doin' nottin'! He ain't? Well, I wants youse all tuh know dat I'm a inn'cent bloke wot ain't done a t'ing to nobody, an' w'en I tells me fadder wot youse does tuh me an' me fadder tells Moiphy—well, I afn't sayin' wot's goin' tuh happen tuh all o' youse.

"Me an' me poor sister Mary wot might be lost be now and me dorg Patsy was sittin' down in Forty-sixt' street doin' nottin' w'en dis cop comes 'long. Right off de bat he says I'm on de hook from school. He don't know dat me little brudder has de measles an' t'ree o' de Sullivan kids on de top floor was took away in de amb'lance wid de smallpox. He don't know dat I was chased home from school w'en de kids ketches de sickness an' dat me poor sister Mary had tuh quit de kindergarten.

"He don't know dat me and Mary and me dorg Patsy has tuh go tuh live wid me grandmudder down de street so's we doesn't ketch de sickness an' dat dey wudn't let me in school if I wants tuh go. He don't know none o' dem t'ings, but jest de same I gits pinched."

"By gracious, Mickey, you're a victim of circumstances," Capt. Lantry interrupted.

"Nix on dem fancy coises yuh're callin' me," Mickey retorted. "I gits a lemin, but I ain't goin' tuh let yuh rub de juice in. I knows me rights an' Moiphy'll see dat I gits dem."

"But you didn't explain all that to the officer, did you?"

"Has I got tuh tell every cop I meets de hist'ry o' me life? Ain't I got no rights? Wot'll me fr'en's t'ink o' me w'en dey hears I gits pinched? Wot if dey t'inks I gits nabbed fer boigl'ry? Ain't a bloke got no rights in dis town?"

"It's been a sad mistake, Mickey," said Capt. Lantry, "and you can go now. I'll see that you're molested no more. You and Patsy can beat it while your shoes are good."

"An' dat's wot a guy gits fer bein' on de level an' blokes wot steals an' robs an' moiders kin git away and none o' youse kin ketch dem. Wot's de use o' bein' good w'en de cops is down on yuh and keeps a-houndin' yuh? Dey doesn't let me go tuh school 'cause dey're 'fraid de sickness might be in me clothes an' de blokes in me class might ketch it. An' if anny o' youse ketches it from me now and croaks don't blame it on Mickey Splaine."

Then Mickey walked out of the station house with Patsy at his heels.

"Gee, Patsy, dat was a narrer 'scape," Mickey remarked, "an' I t'inks fer sure dat dey has me. But it's no more on de hook fer me, Patsy, an' I'm goin' back tuh school termorrer, fer if I doesn't dey'll sure git me.. I ain't goin' tuh take no more chances—fer a little w'ile annyhow."

Roosevelt—Willis.

Miss Mary C. Willis and James Alfred Roosevelt, a cousin once removed of President Roosevelt and a son of the late J. A. Roosevelt, were married yesterday at the Church of the Heavenly Rest. The Rev. W. Montagu Geer performed the ceremony at 12 o'clock and was assisted by the Rev. Spence Burton of Boston. The bride was given away by her brother, Pierre Willis. The bride wore a pale yellow liberty satin gown trimmed with Venetian lace and a gray Neapolitan hat trimmed with feathers of the same hue. She wore a corsage bouquet of gardenias. There were no bridesmaids or ushers. Percival Lowell of Boston assisted as best man.

TWO METROPOLITAN CHORUSES

And Two Orchestras Decided Upon for Next Year.

Giulio Gatti-Casazza, the general manager of the Metropolitan Opera House, held a conference with the directors of the Metropolitan Opera Company yesterday. The plans for the next opera season were discussed. The most important reform which has been instituted by the new management will be the engagement of two choruses and two orchestras.

The Italian chorus will number 100 and each member will be selected by Mr. Gatti-Casazza with the assistance of Mr. Toscanini. The German chorus will also number 100 and will be engaged by Mr. Dippel, who will be guided by the advice of Mr. Mahler and Mr. Herts. The Italian chorus will be under the direction of Signor Setti, who has been the chorusmaster of La Scala for several years. Mr. Dippel has engaged a chorusmaster from the Munich Opera House to look after the German contingent.

The engagement of two orchestras for next season has been made necessary by the number of performances that will be given by the Metropolitan Opera Company, not only in New York but in Philadelphia and Brooklyn. One of the orchestras will consist of ninety men and the other of sixty. The orchestra pit of the Metropolitan Opera House will be enlarged. It is also the intention of the management to give a series of symphonic concerts with the combined orchestras under the direction of Mr. Mahler and Mr. Toscanini.

Mr. Gatti-Casazza has not settled upon definitely the number of novelties that will be given next season. They will be selected from a list that includes D'Albert's "Tiefland," Catalani's "La Valli," Smetana's "Die verkaufte Braut," Goldmark's "Das Heimchen am Herd," Puccini's "Le Villi," Dupont's "Cabrera," Bruneau's "L'Attaque du Moulin," Tschaikowsky's "Pique-Dame" and Lapara's "Habanera." The revivals will include Verdi's "Otello," Bizet's "Carmen," Mozart's "Le Nozze di Figaro" and Massenet's "Manon." All the scenery for the new Italian and French operas will be designed and painted in Milan and Paris. The scenery for the German works will be executed in Vienna and Berlin.

Mr. Gatti-Casazza is now studying a plan that will enable him to raise or lower the orchestra pit. This will make it possible to have a sunken orchestra for the more polyphonic works in the repertory, while the musicians will be on a level with the orchestra stalls when they interpret the lighter Italian operas.

SHORTAGE GROWS $100,000.

Pittsburg Cashier's Thefts Now Foot Up $1,350,000—Forgery His Method.

PITTSBURG, May 13.—As the result of further investigation to-day by Bank Examiner Folds the shortage of William Montgomery, former cashier of the Alleghany National Bank, has been increased $100,000, making the total $1,350,000.

Montgomery was taken to the office of his attorney this afternoon, where a further confession was got from him by Clarence Burleigh, counsel for the bank. It is said that much information was secured which may result in the arrest of other persons.

Details of the system used by Montgomery became known to-day. Most of the money was taken in exchange for spurious notes signed with the names of prominent business men.

This afternoon it was announced at the Pittsburg Stock Exchange that the Marine National Bank, which for many years has cleared through the Alleghany National, would, commencing to-morrow, clear through the Union National.

The first clue to Montgomery's peculations was found when an inventory of the bank's assets was made preparatory to a deal by which the First National was to take over the Alleghany National. William Stewart, the president, is advancing in age and wished to retire. He had arranged for an extensive European trip this summer.

MEXICAN BANK BILL ADVANCED.

Committee of Congress Reports Measure Framed by Minister Limantour.

MEXICO CITY, May 13.—The Committee on Finance of Congress has reported favorably the bill prepared by Minister of Finance José Y. Limantour for the regulation of chartered banks. The prime object of the measure is to protect depositors and to add to the solidity of the banks. It prohibits officials of banks from borrowing from their own banks during the first year of the existence of the institutions. All loans must be amply secured. Loans of banks of issue are limited to periods of not more than two months. The bill contains many other stringent regulations.

The new clauses governing banks of promotion direct that depositors received by such institutions shall be protected by keeping on hand at least 20 per cent. more than at present, either in cash or in first rate securities, with the remaining 60 per cent. in notes liable to discount and taken for a period no longer than six months. In the matter of bonds the existing regulations will be amended to the effect that the total amount of the issue may not exceed the holding of the bank in cash plus its holding in first class securities. In no event shall the total issue exceed five times the paid up capital of the bank.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORMERS

Celebrate the Association's Silver Wedding With Feasting and Much Talk.

More than a hundred members and guests of the Civil Service Reform Association dined at the Hotel Astor last evening in celebration of the association's twenty-fifth anniversary. As Everett P. Wheeler feelingly and touchingly said in addressing the diners, "This is really our silver wedding." And all the men and women present smiled and looked approvingly at one another and just mildly applauded. Some of the women wore hats, some were in dinner gowns.

Mr. Wheeler said that among the services rendered to the American people by Theodore Roosevelt none was greater than the part he took in the passage of the civil service law by the New York Legislature. Senator Ackerman of New Jersey said that a free press was the lighthouse of our liberties and that the great American newspapers were the citizens' pride.

Frank L. Polk, Fullerton L. Waldo and Corporation Counsel Pendleton also spoke.

The Twists of the Turners.

There was a mixup in the Court of General Sessions, Jersey City, yesterday over the cases of John Turner, indicted for cutting a man's head open with an ax and John Turner, accused of carrying concealed weapons. Turner No. 1 is a fugitive from justice and Turner No. 2 was a jail prisoner. Witnesses were subpœnaed for the trial of No. 1 and as soon as they saw No. 2 they said a mistake had been made. Turner No. 2 added to the confusion by pleading guilty to the indictment against No. 1. The plea was subsequently withdrawn. There is no indictment against Turner No. 2.

Long Sentence for Knockout Man.

Isaac Averich, a young crook who was caught by two detectives with chloroform in his possession, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Malone of General Sessions to nine years and ten months in Sing Sing. It is a felony for a person not a physician to carry any narcotic or anæsthetic with intent to administer it illegally, and as Averich was caught in a hallway in Chrystie street with a couple of men the jury believed that he purposed to use the chloroform on them.

Woman Killed Walking on Railroad Tracks.

WANTAGH, L. I., May 13.—Mrs. Frances Senf of this place was killed while walking on the tracks this morning by the Amagansett express train on the Long Island Railroad between this place and Seaford.

CAT ON PAY ROLL AT $2.60 PER

MICE NO LONGER DESTROY N. Y. CENTRAL TICKET STUBS.

Auditor Passes Her Salary Account, but Warns the Broadway Office Not to Give Her a Raise These Times—She Made the Job for Herself by Just Taking Hold.

The first intimation that the New York Central had that there was a cat on its pay roll came out yesterday when the auditor's pencil stopped at the item:

"Ralphina, sal., $2.60."

The item was buried in a heap of incidental expenses in the accounts of the general eastern passenger agent, L. F. Vosburgh, whose offices are at 1216 Broadway.

"What's this?" demanded the auditor, curtly. So then they told him.

It seems that about eighteen months ago a long lonesome cat with a limp tail and a green appeal in its eyes blew in through the second story window of Mr. Vosburgh's private office and began snuggling up against his leg. Most likely the cat had padded along the ledge from Jenssen's, next door.

"Where'd you come from?" he cried. "Scat!"

So the cat scatted into the next room, where Chief Clerk W. V. Lifsey was at work. When Mr. Lifsey looked up there was the cat coiled up in his letter basket.

"Go 'way," he said, and brushed the animal into the scrap basket. Then the cat climbed back to where she was before and got brushed off again and climbed back again and got brushed off again and climbed back again and——

Toward the end of the day Mr. Lifsey remembered the anecdote of Robert the Bruce and the spider, and left the cat alone in the letter basket. To-day Chief Clerk Lifsey is assistant to the general eastern passenger agent, just as Robert the Bruce got to be king of something.

Anyhow, that was Ralphina's introduction to the Broadway office of the New York Central. She wasn't called Ralphina at first. Primarily, she was known as Ralph, but when the force saw that that couldn't be, the name was adopted. Her last batch of five, which came along last week, brings the total up to fifteen.

It wasn't long before Ralphina found her work. In the cellar underneath the office are stored the stubs of all used tickets, which are kept for reference in case of mistakes. Now every station agent on the New York Central that knows enough to swing a lantern or tell a passenger that he really ought to go to Boston via Albany and Springfield, when the passenger wants to go on the Shore Line, also knows that mice had rather chew up ticket stubs than any other kind of paper in the world. Tickets are food and drink to mice, they tell you. When a mouse feels hungry it can nibble the serial number on a stub, and when it is thirsty it can go for the watermark. Or maybe the true explanation of the fondness of mice for ticket stubs is that the gaudy greens, blues and pinks are so satisfying to their sense of the æsthetic. But anyway, it happened the mice were making sad work of the ticket stubs stored underneath the Broadway offices of the New York Central, in spite of every precaution that could be taken. Ralphina was put on the job and the ticket nibbling suddenly stopped.

So then they put her on the payroll, "which," as the auditor observed yesterday, "is all right, considering her services, but don't raise her, that's all."

"Well, we had thought of it," admitted one of the boys.

"Why? Why?" snorted the auditor. "Why? Why? She gets a place to sleep, don't she, and three squares a day, and she ain't worrying about her wardrobe, is she?"

They said that that was so.

"Well, that's all that any of us are getting out of our jobs."

But even the auditor had to own up that Ralphina is worth at least $2.60 a month to the Central.

INCOME OF A SONG WRITER.

Wife Says A. J. Lamb Makes More Than $8,000 a Year—She Gets No Counsel Fee.

Arthur J. Lamb, who writes songs and plays, is being sued in the Supreme Court for a divorce by his wife, Isabella, to whom he was married on June 6 last. She charges him with adultery with "divers unknown women" at various places between September 26, 1907, and last month. He entered a general denial. The suit will be tried before Thomas W. Churchill as referee under an order made yesterday by Justice Davis.

Mrs. Lamb asked Justice Dowling to award her a counsel fee of $500, alleging that Lamb makes from $8,000 to $10,000 a year at his profession. She says that he sells about 150 songs a year to the music publishers, at prices varying from $50 to $100 apiece. She asserted also that he got $450 for the song "You Splash Me and I'll Splash You" and $1,500 for the "The Rose Girl" and $2,000 for "The Fisher Maiden."

Lamb denied that he made any such income or got any such remuneration for his work. Justice Dowling denied Mrs. Lamb's application on the ground that her charges of misconduct against her husband were too vague to warrant a belief that she would succeed in her action for divorce.

LEPER WOMAN SAILS TO-DAY.

Bertha Osis Did Not Know When She Left Russia That She Had the Disease.

Bertha Osis, the Russian leper woman who arrived at City Island on Tuesday aboard the schooner Ramona from the Massachusetts leper colony on the Island of Penikese, in Buzzards Bay, was transferred to the tug Bailey yesterday morning and put aboard the Scandinavian-American liner Hellig Olav in the afternoon. The tugboat men viewed the young woman without alarm, and the ship's surgeon, who knows something of leprosy, personally attended to her and saw that she had a good room all to herself.

The theory that anybody who looks at a leper will get leprosy was not regarded seriously by even the most superstitious Norwegian sailors aboard the Hellig Olav. The young woman expressed a preference for America, but said that if it was necessary for her to go back to Russia she was willing to obey the regulations. Save for an eruption on the face she looks normal. An immigration inspector from Ellis Island will stay aboard the ship, which sails to-day, until he is reasonably certain that Miss Osis is on her way to her old home, which she left for America two years ago, unaware that she had leprosy.

BROKE THE SCHOOL WINDOWS.

Essex Street Method of Getting Hunk on Offending Teachers.

Three pupils at School 13 in Essex street were in the Children's Court yesterday for breaking the school windows. It is alleged that more than a hundred windows have been broken in four months by boys who hoped in that way to get square with teachers who had kept them after school.

Yesterday's prisoners, Philip Heitner, 11 years old, of 166 Norfolk street; Harry Fleischner, 9, 160 Essex street, and Charles Mendel, 9, 21 East Houston street, were found guilty by Judge Kean and held until to-morrow for sentence. The Heitner boy produced a letter from Principal Hartman certifying to his good attendance and conduct while in school, but Judge Kean decided that he could not hold this as mitigating his conduct out of school.

17 Years Old; on Trial for Murder.

John Lukoszeviczius, 17 years old, was placed on trial for murder in the Court of Oyer and Terminer at Newark yesterday. Less than an hour after the trial opened the jury was selected and the testimony was under way. It is charged that Lukoszeviczius shot and killed Michael Miszkunas in the basement of St. George's Lithuanian Hall, 180 and 182 New York avenue, on December 21, 1907. It is said he also robbed the body of $368.71. He was captured a block away directly after the killing.

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WILL STUDY THE BOY'S HEAD

And Find Out What Job He Fits Before Training Him—A Boston Y. M. C. A. Idea.

The directors of the educational work of the Young Men's Christian Association in this city got together at the Hotel Astor last night to talk over the year's work and the future of this branch of the association. It was an ice water dinner, and only a few had the temerity to light cigars.

Frederic B. Platt presided at the dinner. Frank R. Speare, who is director of the work in Boston, made the first announcement of an interesting experiment that is to be tried in that city with money furnished by Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw.

This is the organization of a vocation bureau and the employment of a psychologist who will make a scientific analysis of the men applying for instruction based on their traditions, inheritance and other characteristics as shown by their answers to questions and a phrenological study of them. Dr. Frank Parsons is the psychologist who is to be employed, and after making such an examination he will advise the candidate what vocation he should take up to succeed. He may then get the training for this in the Y. M. C. A. school.

Mr. Speare said that experience had shown that the trouble was not with the schools, but that most of the boys beginning in the different walks of life were misfits. It will be up to the phrenologist and psychologist to pick the job that fits in Boston hereafter, and the work is to be extended to other cities.

Mr. Speare said that Dr. Parsons had experimented with sixty boys already and that the results had been particularly encouraging, so much so that Mrs. Shaw had come forward with an offer to defray the expenses.

Marcellus Hartley Dodge said the manufacturers were looking to the Y. M. C. A. schools for help and that the association must meet the requirements of the industrial man if it hoped to be successful.

R. Fulton Cutting said that if the public schools provided a technical education for boys they would stay in those schools, but that all that they did now was to give a boy an increased intellectuality. It was for the Y. M. C. A. to lead the way in teaching industrial training. Dean Russell of the Teachers College, Dr. Thomas M. Balliet and Charles B. Towson were the other speakers.

SHERIFF OUSTS A JAILER.

Barth of Richmond Makes Complaint and Acts as Judge.

Deputy Sheriff and City Marshal John Peterson of Richmond yesterday afternoon served on Thomas Banning, jailer of the Richmond county jail, the decision of Sheriff Joseph Barth, relative to charges of insubordination made against Banning by Sheriff Barth. The Sheriff considered his charges sustained and dismissed Banning from office.

Banning got notice to quit the jailer's cottage at the county seat within two days. Banning, who has been in office twelve years, turned over his keys and will move out, but will appeal to the courts. He claims civil service protection and says he was not properly tried when the Sheriff acted as complainant and judge.

Sheriff Barth had planned to move from his home in Stapleton to the cottage early in the year, and it was Banning's refusal to vacate the cottage that led to the charges of insubordination.

CAHILL IN JAIL.

Convicted Ex-Assemblyman Surrendered by His Bondsman.

Former Assemblyman Joseph J. Cahill of Brooklyn, whose conviction for perjury in connection with fraudulent registrations in the Mayoralty campaign of 1905 and sentence of two years imprisonment were confirmed on Tuesday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, was rearrested yesterday and taken to Raymond Street Jail. Since his conviction more than two years ago Cahill had been at large under $30,000 bail furnished by Election Commissioner James Kane, the Democratic leader in the Third Assembly district. Cahill had long been one of Kane's chief political lieutenants.

Kane surrendered Cahill yesterday and his removal to jail followed. The case will be carried to the Court of Appeals. His conviction was sustained by the Appellate Division by a vote of three to two.

JERSEY CITY TO BE DRY.

Civic Righteousness Federation Stirs the Police Board.

A letter from Samuel Wilson, general superintendent of the Civil Righteousness Federation of Hudson County, asking the Jersey City police board again to instruct Chief of Police Monohan that it is his duty to enforce the Sunday excise laws was read at last night's meeting of the board. President Gleeson told Chief Monohan that the board demanded from him an enforcement of the excise and all other laws.

"We don't care where it reaches or whom it hurts," he said. "It's up to you, Chief; get busy."

The forecast for next Sunday is "Very dry."

News of Plays and Players.

Beginning with yesterday's matinée Shubert & Anderson started a series of afternoon parties at the Hippodrome for the orphans of the city. From 700 to 1,000 seats, or one-seventh of the seating capacity of the big playhouse, will be given up to the little folk. Two entire sections were filled with children yesterday afternoon.

The Shuberts announced yesterday the full répertoire for the first week of the Knickerbocker Grand Opera Company, opening at the Majestic next Monday night. The répertoire is as follows:

Monday, "Lucia"; Tuesday, "Trovatore"; Wednesday, "Traviata"; Thursday, "Cavalleria" and "Pagliacci"; Friday, "Trovatore"; Saturday matinée, "Lucia"; Saturday evening, "Cavalleria" and "Pagliacci."

The Friars' Festival will be held at the New York Theatre this afternoon. The bill is one of unusual excellence. The reunion of Lew Fields and Joe Weber for this one occasion is in itself an accomplishment which no other organization, theatrical or otherwise, has ever been able to attain.

Girl Found Drowned in Five Feet of Water

Coroner Brewer, who has been investigating the death of a girl found drowned in five feet of water early yesterday morning off the foot of Twenty-second avenue, Bensonhurst, has decided that the girl was a suicide. The body was taken to the Brooklyn morgue. The girl, who has not yet been identified, is believed to have been a servant. The police are looking for a negro boy who reported seeing the girl drowning.

DOESN'T WANT TO MARRY HER

BEIRNE NEVER PROMISED MRS. THOMPSON, HE SAYS.

He Submits Some of Her Letters and Leaves Them to the Court to Consider—She Wants $10,000 for Damages—Never Sent Her Picture to a Man Before.

Charles Beirne, said to be in the real estate business and to be well advanced in life, is being sued in the Supreme Court by Sarah A. Thompson, who he says is sixty years of age and a grandmother, for breach of promise of marriage. She wants $10,000 damages.

Mrs. Thompson's counsel, K. Henry Rosenberg, obtained some weeks ago an order for the examination before trial of Thomas A. Beirne, son of the defendant. Mrs. Thompson alleges that young Beirne was to be present at the wedding of herself and his father and that he can give most important testimony to substantiate her statement that his father promised to marry her.

On motion of Paul B. Judge, counsel for Beirne, Justice Greenbaum granted a motion yesterday to vacate the order for the son's examination before trial, but ordered that young Beirne present himself as a witness on the trial.

On the motion affidavits were submitted by both Beirne and his son, in which the latter states that he never knew Mrs. Thompson until after he had been served with the order to appear for examination, never heard of any proposed marriage between his father and Mrs. Thompson and could give no evidence to establish any engagement.

The elder Beirne, after denying that he ever promised to marry Mrs. Thompson, says that he believes her suit is brought merely to harass and annoy him and his family, as her claims upon him are purely imaginary. He attached to his affidavit copies of several letters he received from her, parts of which he says he felt compelled to expurgate before presenting them to the Court. In one of these, dated November 23 last, she wrote:

MR. BEIRNE: This morning I received the news of your being served with the papers in a suit I am bringing against you. * * * You cannot say I did not warn you, and had you done a little different the last time I saw you at the Eighth avenue office I even at this late day might have come to a different opinion of the kind of heart you have. * * * I deceived you in nothing in regard to religion. * * * No man on earth can control my conscience. * * * To my God alone am I to answer. Every man on earth has enough to answer for himself. But God did nothing for me except to give me the open Bible. There is no other road on the way to salvation. * * * Thanks be to God for such a Saviour.

Another letter submitted by Beirne reads in part as follows:

MY DEAR MR. BEIRNE: Enclosed you will find a postal card with my face pictured on it. It is the first time I ever sent a picture of myself to a man. * * * It was fated we were to meet, I think, and we will be the ruin of each other, I am afraid, but I have made up my mind to tell you all the truth.

Another letter, dated December 4, reads:

Oh, blessed God, would it not have been a terrible mistake to have married you, thinking you were an honest and honorable man, and when it was too late to have found out the kind of man you were! * * * It takes a far smarter man than you are to make a successful fraud. * * * You are only a conceited ass. If you swear falsely at this trial, as I expect you to do, there will be another person you will have to reckon with, but I will not let him meet you. I know his life is of too much value for that.

BISHOP HORSTMANN DEAD.

Head of Cleveland Diocese Stricken With Heart Disease at Canton, Ohio.

CANTON, Ohio, May 13.—The Right Rev. Ignatius P. Horstmann, Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, died at 9:20 o'clock to-night in the parish house of St. John's Church here.

He was stricken with heart disease this morning after celebrating mass. At 11 o'clock a second attack threatened the Bishop's life, but through the afternoon he showed improvement. The end came with little warning.

Bishop Horstmann was born in Philadelphia, December 16, 1840, and was ordained with the degree of D. D. in Rome, June 10, 1865. From 1866 to 1877 he was a professor in St. Charles Seminary, Philadelphia, and was pastor of St. Mary's Church in that city from 1877 to 1885, in which year he became Chancellor of the Philadelphia diocese, serving until February 25, 1892, when he was consecrated Bishop of Cleveland.

OBITUARY.

News of the death of Arthur Koppel, the railway engineer, was received here from Germany yesterday. Mr. Koppel died in his fifty-seventh year at Baden Baden, where he was under treatment. Born in Dresden in 1851, he entered the structural iron business on his own account when only 25 years old. He assisted in making the narrow gauge railway known throughout the world by using it in all his factories and by urging other large concerns to do likewise. He was the inventor of what is known as the "flying railroad system," namely, two rails on portable steel ties made in twenty-foot sections which can be laid by a couple of men easily. He was also the inventor of a dumpcart known as the Koppel cart, which is in use all over the world. Year by year the Arthur Koppel Company grew until now it has branch houses in nearly all the principal cities of the world. In 1907 the Koppel Land Company, of which he was president, bought a town of 600 acres thirty-five miles from Pittsburg on the Beaver River which is called Koppel.

Samuel Sinn died yesterday at his residence, 12 East Ninety-fourth street, from acute pneumonia. Mr. Sinn was born in Baden, came to this country in his youth, and for over forty years was connected with mercantile and banking interests here and abroad. He was a member of the Stock Exchange firm of Sternberger, Sinn & Co., this city, for nearly a quarter of a century. He is survived by a wife, three daughters and a son.

William G. Fenner of Field, Chapman & Fenner, a well known auctioneering firm of New York city, died at his home in Richfield on Tuesday night. Mr. Fenner had been ill for several months. For many years he was president of the Paterson Board of Trade. He was one of the organizers of the Old Ladies Home, of which he was chairman of the finance committee. Two sons survive him.

Alfred F. Farnell, who had been engaged in the stationery and book business in Court street opposite the Borough Hall in Brooklyn for thirty years, died on Tuesday at his home, 26 Garfield place, in his seventy-second year. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

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The New York Globe says: "Nothing more sparkling and more witty could be asked for." The New York Sun thinks: "Mr. Chambers' stories come like a breath of fresh air." The Philadelphia Public Ledger calls it: "A delightful love story."

Some Ladies in Haste

is the title, and I guess it is a corker, for the Detroit News says: "Really, this is refreshing. Here is a novel with a new idea! A book amply worth reading." According to the New York World: "Mr. Chambers has written delightfully, as usual. There is nothing better than his book for Springtime reading." The Baltimore American finds it: "An exceedingly humorous story."

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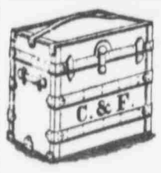

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MAN AND WIFE IN HOSPITAL.

They Quarrelled Apparently on Very Violent Terms.

Herman Koehler of Evergreen avenue and the Shell road, Corona, Queens, and his wife are occupying cots in the Flushing Hospital as a result of a mixup they had at their home yesterday afternoon. Both may die of their hurts. The man was shot in the back and the woman had her skull fractured.

According to their own stories they quarrelled repeatedly. The husband yesterday threw a stove lifter at the wife. It struck her on the head. Mrs. Koehler grabbed a revolver from a drawer and fired at her husband.

Bust of Schurz for Hebrew Technical Institute.

The Hebrew Technical Institute held its commencement exercises for the class of 1908 at Cooper Union last night. A number of prizes of bank books averaging $25 were distributed. Former President Gottlieb, in the name of the board of directors, presented a bust of Carl Schurz to the principal of the school, Dr. Edgar S. Barney.

Tiger Clawed Boy's Face.

TRENTON, May 13.—John Morrissey, a fourteen-year-old boy who attended the Barnum & Bailey circus here to-day, put his face against the bars of the tiger cage. One of the animals struck at his face. His nose and a corner of one eye were badly gashed. He was taken to a hospital, where his injuries were dressed.

The Seagoers.

Passengers by the White Star liner Baltic off to-day for Queenstown and Liverpool:

Mrs. George S. Bowdoin, the Rev. Dr. Henry Melville Curtis, Mrs. Effingham Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Emory McClintock, Frederic R. Newbold, Mrs. William Tumbridge.

Sailing to-day by the French liner La Lorraine for Havre:

Mgr. J. A. Forest, the Viscount and Viscountess N. de Vaux, Gen. Domingo Vasquez.

Aboard the Hamburg-American liner Hamburg, for the Mediterranean:

The Count and Countess François de Cisneros, Mr. and Mrs. David Warfield, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Quaries, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Ogden.

Passengers by the Hamburg-American liner Bluecher, for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Hamburg:

Mr. and Mrs. John E. C. Kobbé, William F. Whittemore, Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Compton.

Aboard the Cunarder Pannonia for the Mediterranean and the Baltic:

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sherman, the Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Smith and Mrs. H. D. Fargo.

Sailing by the North German Lloyd steamship Main for Bremen:

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Former Brooklyn Pastor Gets a Third of His Mother's Estate.

The Rev. Dr. David Gregg, long the pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, who recently resigned the presidency of the Western Theological Seminary on account of ill health, has inherited an estate valued at over $500,000 by the will of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Gregg, who died in Pittsburg two weeks ago, leaving a fortune of over $1,500,000. The Rev. Dr. Gregg's father had practically disinherited him because he had left the Church of the Covenanters.

The $7,000 lot in Pittsburg with which Dr. Gregg is cut off eventually sold for $150,000.

Dr. Gregg is at present on a visit to his married daughter in Brooklyn. He is to preach in the Old First Presbyterian Church, Fifth avenue and Twelfth street, Manhattan, next Sunday.

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