that the mother of the two sisters was the seamstress in the family of Miss Gertrude H. Thomas of 1024 Broad street. Miss Thomas has been ill for years and is in charge of a companion, who refused to allow any one to see her. The nurse also refused to ask Miss Thomas anything about the two women.

Mrs. Wallace M. Durand of Saybrook place, who is a member of Trinity Church, said that the sisters were in the dressmaking business and had done work for her several years ago. She did not know anything about them or who their parents were. Neither did she know of anybody who might know something about them. Mrs. Durand said that she always found the two sisters very reserved. They never told anything about themselves.

Cortlandt Parker, Jr., said last night that all he knew about the victims was that they were maiden ladies and old attendants at Trinity Church. He said that he did not know anything about their financial matters. Mr. Parker explained that the women used to come to see his father, the late Cortlandt Parker. He thought that his father gave them Christmas presents, but outside of that had no dealings with them.

County Physician Mackenzie performed the autopsy to-night on the bodies of the sisters. He said at its conclusion that both he and Dr. Martland were convinced that they had committed suicide and both had died from hanging.

The hatpin found sticking in the heart of Frances had gone clean through the heart and protruded through the back. He said there were other stab wounds, as though made by the pin, in the region of the heart also.

He said that he was convinced that these wounds had not caused the woman's death, as the hole made by the pin in the heart was so small, with the pin remaining in the heart, that death would be slow. He said as far as he could determine Frances had opened her corset, plunged the pin into her heart and then rearranged her clothing, after which she hanged herself.

Dr. Mackenzie said he also found a number of stab wounds, as though made by the same pin, about the heart of Isabel, but that these wounds were comparatively slight. The doctor said there was no doubt in his mind that both women had ended their lives a week ago yesterday, as stated in the note found in the place.

REPUBLICANS ONLY HOPEFUL.

They Fear They Will Lose Control of the Next House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Republican leaders express concern over political conditions throughout the United States. They are apprehensive for the next House and declare privately that the contest between the two parties in the next Congress elections will be the bitterest waged in many years. Advices received by the officers of the Republican Congressional committee are that the issue of "good times" alone will not suffice. There appears to be dissatisfaction among party workers, and the rank and file unless stirred up in the meantime will enter the campaign apathetic and indifferent.

"The trouble is," said a member of the Republican Congressional committee, "that despite the fact that fat times are in prospect there is a lot of dissatisfaction. Some people are sore over the tariff, others are worked up over the conservation row, and there are many Republicans who are firmly convinced that all they will be able to take off the pie counter will be their elbows. The people know that the Republicans will have control of the Senate and the White House until at least March 4, 1913. There are a good many people with a grouch who would be willing to tie up Congress by electing a Democratic House. We've got a big job on our hands and are hopeful of so stirring up the people as to convince them that if the present Administration is to put through its programme of reform legislation Congress must remain Republican in both branches for the next three years or more."

Some weeks ago a report gained circulation in Washington that the insurgent Republicans need expect no help from the party organization in the next elections. This report created a good deal of excitement, and inquiry disclosed that there was more or less truth in it. The indications now are that the Republican Congressional committee will reverse its policy in this respect. Its members have changed their minds on the proposition that it would be just as well to have Democrats in the House as Republican insurgents. The Administration will not countenance a policy that contemplates the slaughter of the insurgents. Administration leaders declare that while the insurgents are all worked up over Cannonism, so called, in the House, they are not hostile to the Taft policies, and that accordingly where they are secure of renomination they should get as cordial support as those identified with the Cannon organization.

WISSAHICKON'S CREW SAFE.

Men Take Off from Wreck After a Week of Hardship.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 19.—Another chapter was told to-day in the story of the loss of the steamer Wissahickon of the Anchor Line and the narrow escape of the crew of thirty-four men from death when the vessel struck.

A week ago to-night the steamer hit the rocky ledge of Outer Duck Island, far out in Lake Huron, and it was not until late to-day that the men who had sailed on the wrecked steamer reached the mainland. A week of privation it was, for the men were almost without food for four days, and even when help did come the men were unable on account of the gale and sea to leave their rocky haven.

The men finally got word to shore through the daring of Mate Casey and Engineer Erskine, who made a hundred mile trip in a gasolene fishing boat. They got word to the owners of the boat last Thursday and tugs were sent out at once. It was not until to-day that the men reached this city, as the tug was unable for two days to get to them on account of the sea.

The tug General, one of the biggest on the great lakes, was sent with a smaller craft to get the men, who were without food from last Sunday until the tug arrived. The men had been able to get back to their boat since the mate left, as they found the Wissahickon was so solidly wedged between rocks that it could not move. The men had gone back to the forward deckhouse for shelter and had secured food by breaking into the cargo forward, where there was a quantity of miscellaneous provisions for Duluth from Buffalo.

Late Friday the tug Donald McKay arrived with the General and offered to take the men to the General, which lay outside the breakers, being unable to get close on account of the rocky shore.

The men were nearly crazed by their experience and were beginning to fear that Mate Casey and the engineer had perished. The waves during the storm broke over the smokestack of the steamer and the men were in great peril at times owing to the fact that they only reached there during calm periods and there was practically no shelter there. The crew left for Buffalo late to-night by rail.

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WON'T SING OLD COON SONGS.

Negro Students of Howard University Revolt Against President's Orders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A threatened revolt among the colored students at Howard University against the president of the institution, Dr. Thirkield, because he persisted in requiring them to sing old time plantation coon songs and "religious rags" has stirred up the negroes of Washington.

President Thirkield delivered a lecture four minutes long yesterday urging the students to enter into the spirit of the exercises he had prescribed. He justified his action on the ground that it was well for negro students to keep alive the traditions of their ancestors and emulate their spirit of contentment and happiness expressed in the folk lore and plantation melodies of before the war.

Some of the students resent the revival of the antebellum spirit and have agreed to stand mute when the "prexy" calls for the rendition of plantation melodies. The critics of Dr. Thirkield say that he calls for the ragtime music to entertain visitors. On the occasion of a visit recently by a Government officer the president's effort to start an old time coon song failed because nearly all the students would not sing. Dr. Thirkield was embarrassed and later lectured the students.

SHIPS START NORTH TO-DAY.

Georgia Only Ship of Fleet Not Coming to New York.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 19.—With all work suspended save ship routine, the Atlantic fleet spent a quiet day in Hampton Roads, ready for departure at noon to-morrow for New York, where the holidays will be spent.

The battleship Georgia, which has an ugly wound below the waterline on the starboard side, inflicted by the collier Vestal, is the only vessel that will not go. The Georgia is to come to the Norfolk Navy Yard for repairs.

The extent of the damage to the Georgia has been only inperfectly ascertained by divers and nothing more can be known until the vessel has been put in dry dock. Officers think she can be repaired in short time, but it is evident that the vessel has been badly cut, probably in two places, as two of the watertight compartments are filled. One of the compartments is fairly good sized and the other small. These compartments kept the vessel afloat. The bruises received by the Georgia in collision with the Nebraska will not require much work.

The fleet is scheduled to leave New York for Caribbean waters on January 5. It has not been definitely decided whether it will again stop in Hampton Roads on its way south.

ROBBER IN THE HALLWAY.

Wanted to Get $500 of Grocery Receipts—Miss Deegan Screamed and He Ran.

As Sarah Deegan and Philip Lynch, her nephew, walked into the hallway of their home at 237 Cleveland street, East New York, early yesterday morning they were attacked by a man who had been waiting for them to come home. He hit them both over the head with the stump of a Christmas tree, which he left behind when he ran away. Miss Deegan had $500 in her purse but the robber didn't get it because she fought him off. He became frightened when she screamed.

Michael Deegan, a brother of Sarah and an uncle of Lynch, runs several grocery stores in Brooklyn and Queens. The two were returning from the store at 2983 Fulton street yesterday morning with the Saturday receipts. Miss Deegan thinks that the man may have been a former employee in the store and knew that she carried the money with her.

Neither she nor Lynch was hurt seriously. The police of the Liberty avenue station expect to catch the man soon.

FIRE IN HOSPITAL.

Hundreds of Patients in Danger When Amusement Hall Burns.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Dec. 19.—A fire of unknown origin early this morning destroyed the new $25,000 amusement hall at the Watertown Hospital and endangered the lives of hundreds of patients.

The blaze was discovered by an employee of the hospital kitchen who was on his way to work. The blaze had spread through the whole structure before being discovered and the efforts of 300 employees who were soon on the scene were in vain.

Two lines of hose were laid and kept playing on the fire and the adjoining buildings, which also were threatened with destruction. The fire burned fiercely; in an hour and a half the whole structure was in ashes. The heat was so intense that all the windows on the near side of the new Hydrotherapeutic Hospital adjoining on the east were broken and the casings were set on fire.

CHINATOWN'S GOOD GIRL DIES.

Alcohol, Opium and Cocaine Kill One Whom the Police Respected.

Lizzie Dock of 12½ Pell street, known in Chinatown as a good girl, died in the Hudson Street Hospital last night of alcohol, cocaine and opium. She was the second woman in a month to die that way.

In Chinatown a "good girl" is one who doesn't let men fight over her and causes the police no worry. Twenty years ago as Lizzie Shannon the woman who died last night came to the quarter as the comrade of a Chinese gambler. Eventually he was shot in San Francisco and the jewels and good clothes he had given Lizzie went for opium or cocaine. Other husbands who came did not stay. Lizzie Dock's opium habit was strong, even for Chinatown.

Young Hunter Accidentally Shoots His Companion.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 19.—John Humann, Jr., of 355 Dudley avenue, Utica, 21 years old, shot and fatally injured Howard Lang, 13 years old, son of Peter Lang of this city, while they were hunting between Orville and Jamesville at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. The boy died two hours later at the Hospital of the Good Shepherd. Humann was unnerved by the shooting and the police took him into custody for fear he might harm himself until they were able to send him home with friends. Humann's gun struck a fence, causing its discharge.

Uncle Joe to Spend Christmas in Danville, Ill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Uncle Joe Cannon will spend Christmas Day in that dear Danville, Ill. He makes it a practice every year to go back home to share the Yuletide festivities with his grandchildren, and he is happy in the prospect of getting away for a few days from the hateful insurgents and the cares of office. The Speaker is in fine health and spirits. He will leave Washington after the House adjourns on Tuesday and return the day after New Year's.

BARGE CANAL ACT VALID.

Supreme Court Justice Foote So Decides in a Case at Rochester.

ALBANY, Dec. 19.—Supreme Court Justice Nathaniel Foote, at Rochester, has handed down a decision declaring the $101,000,000 barge canal act to be constitutional. This is the first time this question has been passed on by the courts, and it came up in a proceeding to enjoin the canal authorities from using certain private lands for barge canal purposes.

It was contended that the act was unconstitutional on the grounds that it compelled the abandonment of 330 miles of the present Erie Canal, in contravention of the express provision of the Constitution, which prohibits the sale or other disposal of the canals of the State; that the so-called improvement was not an improvement of the canal but the construction of a new canal; that the act did not provide a sufficient tax to pay for the bonds at their maturity, and finally that since the act directed the work to be done and did not limit the amount of the expenditure the fund might be exhausted and persons whose property was appropriated pursuant to the act would be left without compensation by due process of law, as required by the State and Federal Constitutions.

The court holds that the prohibition of the Constitution against the sale of the canals means the disposal of the means of water communication between Lake Erie and the Hudson River. The court further holds, by a very exhaustive discussion, that the tax provided by the original act and the amendment is sufficient to pay the bonds as they fall due, and further holds that because of the prohibition contained in chapter 302 of the Laws of 1906 against the incurring of any expense by any State officials in excess of the amount provided by the act for the improvement there must necessarily be a fund out of which compensation for appropriated property can be made and that therefore the act does not compel the taking of property without due process of law.

DROVE GIRLS TO THE STREET.

Two of the "White Slave" Gentry Get Six Months in the Workhouse.

Edna Leonard, 17 years old, and Sarah Einstein, 18, charged two young men in the West Side police court yesterday with living off the proceeds of their earnings on the street.

The prisoners gave the names of Paul Goldberg, 22 years old, and Michael Morano, 18 years old. The police say Morano's home is in Bensonhurst and that Goldberg comes from the East Side.

After hearing the case, Magistrate Moss said:

"The evidence is overwhelmingly clear as to your guilt and I am going to send you both to the workhouse for six months. I sincerely regret that that is the maximum punishment that I can inflict, as it is altogether too inadequate for the crime. The filthy, abominable, detestable crime of having girls earn money on the street and you to live off the proceeds of their earnings merits a much greater punishment."

Sarah Einstein is held in $100 bail until a proper guardian appears. Edna Leonard was paroled in the custody of Miss McQuade, probationary officer.

The girls say they were led into evil life by a man named Maxey Gardner. Sarah Einstein was a shirtwaist worker. When the strike started he persuaded her to take up an apartment with two of his "friends." He took her to the house where the Leonard girl was staying and introduced them. The three then visited a moving picture show in Rivington street and met Goldberg and Morano.

Goldberg and Morano, according to the girls, took them to a flat in West Sixty-sixth street and ordered them to go out and make money. Detectives McGowan and Baxter, who had been watching the house for some time, forced their way in when Morano and Goldberg were there and arrested all four.

Edna Leonard said she and Sarah Einstein did not return with enough money and they were punched and kicked and sent out for more. Gardner, she said, also called at the flat and beat them. Sarah Einstein had a black eye when she appeared in court.

Edna Leonard said she lived in Newark. Sarah Einstein has a sister living in Siegel street, Brooklyn.

DETECTIVES SAW THIS ROBBERY

Ex-Convicts Spotted a Drunken Man and Went Through Him in a Car.

William Clayton, alias Burns, and Martin Dillon, a cripple, alias Crutch Kelly, both known to the police as criminals, were sent to the workhouse from the Jefferson Market court yesterday for trying to rob a man in a Fourteenth street car early yesterday.

Clayton and Dillon were following a drunken man, and Detectives Mugge, Tower and Gaynor of the Central Office were dogging them when the drunken man got on the car at Third avenue. The thieves followed and sat down on either side of him. From the platform the detectives saw them go through his pockets. They got a memorandum book, papers and his keys, but no money. They had piled these things in a heap beside their victim and were prepared to delve deeper when the detectives grabbed them. The victim was a street railway workman.

Clayton has served three years at Elmira for burglary and Dillon has served three years for robbery, thirty months for grand larceny and six months for vagrancy.

TWELVE WAGONLOADS IN RAID.

Crap Game in Newark Broken Up—Patrons Hang to Window Ledges.

Shortly before midnight last night Police Captain Ryan of Newark, with a posse of men, broke into an alleged crap game on the fourth floor of the King Building, corner of Market and Halsey streets. There were more than a hundred men in the room, which is run by Joseph Zarr. They swarmed out the windows onto the broad ledges, but were unable to get further, as it would have been almost certain death if they had attempted to drop.

People in the street below shouted all kinds of suggestions to them, but they were obliged to remain in their perilous positions until the policemen were ready to take them through the windows again. Twelve wagonloads were taken to the station.

Gov. Hughes to Attend Raines Funeral.

ALBANY, Dec. 19.—Gov. Hughes to-night decided to attend the funeral of the late Senator John Raines at Canandaigua to-morrow afternoon. The Governor will go on the legislative train, which leaves here at 8:30 A. M. to-morrow, returning here at 10 P. M. to-morrow night.

PRESIDENT SETS A HOT PACE

OUT FOR A SUNDAY TRAMP A LA ROOSEVELT.

Clad in Short Coat and Sweater, He Leads Gen. Clarence Edwards and Capt. Butt a Merry Chase—Probably First of a Series of Strenuous Exercises.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—This was the coldest day Washington has had this season. That was why Brig.-Gen. Clarence Edwards wore the big fur overcoat which he got in Siberia three years ago when he was travelling around the world with President Taft, who was then Secretary of War. It is about the handsomest coat of its kind in Washington, but it has its drawbacks, as Gen. Edwards found before the day was over.

Gen. Edwards made a striking figure in his fur lined garment as he dropped in at the White House shortly before 5 o'clock this afternoon. He had been asked by President Taft to come over. Capt. Archibald W. Butt, U. S. A., was there in uniform. As military aid to the President Capt. Butt has to keep in uniform most of the time, for there's no telling when he may be required for official duty. The two guides, counsellors and friends, not to speak of riding and golfing companions of Presidents, wondered what was up. They found out soon.

When the President appeared things looked for a minute like a recrudescence of the Roosevelt administration. It was hard to believe that time hadn't turned backward in its flight. Barring size, the figure that presented itself to the two army officers was suggestive of the recent past. But it was Taft, not Roosevelt.

The President wore a bobtailed coat, a gray sweater, a soft felt hat and heavy shoes. He had no overcoat. He looked big and healthy and was evidently feeling strong and vigorous. Gen. Edwards in his fur overcoat and Capt. Butt in his tight fitting uniform wondered what it was all about. But being soldiers, it was theirs not to reason why, theirs but to do and die where the Commander in Chief was concerned.

Out back of the White House the sweater clad President led the way. The air from the river blew raw and chill as the three men reached the local speedway and passed into Potomac Park. The President set a good pace and Gen. Edwards's fur lined overcoat began to feel heavy. The route lay through Uncle Jimmy Wilson's government nursery, where trees of all sorts and descriptions are grown for experimental purposes.

Mr Taft turned eastward, striking over by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Agricultural Department. Thence the course was through the mall to B street at the southwestern corner of the Capitol grounds. There was no slackening of the President's pace as he started up Capitol Hill, a good deal of a pull for anybody even on a cold day. Gen. Edwards, fur coated, and Capt. Butt, uniformed, followed along.

At the top of the hill the President turned westward across the Capitol plaza, which had been knee deep in snow and slush when he went there to be inaugurated nine months ago. There is another B street which bounds the Capitol grounds on the north, and the President turned to the left down B street hill to First street, where the Italian quarter is. South along First street for two blocks brought the pedestrians to Pennsylvania avenue.

Nobody recognized the President as he ploughed along this well lighted thoroughfare until he and his companions reached Ninth street. The audiences of the dozen or more nickelodeons in the neighborhood were coming out about that time and some of the people in the crowd gazed curiously at the big man in the sweater and the soft hat as if there was something familiar about him. Capt. Butt's uniform gave them the cue. A few of the men took off their hats.

When the party of three got to the White House along toward 7 o'clock all of them were perspiring freely. Gen. Edwards's overcoat must have weighed about 150 pounds by that time. Capt. Butt got a bit hefty on his 13,000 mile journey with the President, when he had to eat at least three formal meals of fancy dishes every day, and additional weight in Sunday shoes was not conducive to enjoyment on a stiff walk. As for the President, he was prepared for business and looked as if he had had a bully outing.

Mr. Taft has been walking around the streets of Washington at early nightfall lately, but to-day's walk was the longest he has taken here since he has been President. When he was Secretary of War in Mr. Roosevelt's Cabinet he used to tramp out Massachusetts avenue to keep down a tendency to take on flesh. He has not had much chance for physical exercise lately, and without it his weight is likely to increase. To-day's pedestrian stunt is probably the beginning of a strict regimen of brisk walking.

STATUE OF LEE IN CAPITOL.

Corporal Tanner Not in Sympathy With the Movement in Opposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Corporal James Tanner, former Commissioner of Pensions and a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, is not in sympathy with the movement that has been started by some other members of that organization in opposition to placing a statue of General Robert E. Lee in the Capitol. Virginia has expressed a purpose to contribute a memorial in stone to Statuary Hall, and since announcement of the fact was made the bloody shirt has been waved vigorously.

"As Congress has granted to the several States the privilege to place statues of their sons in Statuary Hall we have no right to question what favorite sons they may select," said Corporal Tanner. "It is their right to send statues of whom they please, our individual opinions to the contrary notwithstanding. While I concede this, and no man will go further than I in acknowledging the superb character of Gen. Lee as citizen, soldier and statesman, yet I feel that in the time of his country's need he should have stood by the Union."

Corporal Tanner declared that it was unseemly in any one to question Virginia's choice and he hoped there would be an end of the agitation.

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MINERS' UNION ELECTION.

President Lewis Thought to Have Got a Majority of the Votes.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—The ballots cast in the election of officers of the United Mine Workers of America are being received at the national headquarters in this city, and private advices accompanying them are regarded by the friends of Thomas Lewis as clearly indicating his reelection over William Green of Ohio.

Lewis is said to have carried the anthracite districts by a large majority and to have more than held his own in Iowa, Kansas and other Western States.

Green nearly divided the Ohio vote with Lewis and in the bituminous fields of western Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia he is said to have secured a majority.

In this State, because of the revocation of the charters of some locals who struck contrary to the rules of the organization, and who were supported by the Indiana district officers against Lewis, Green received a majority of the vote, and it is believed that the Illinois vote is very close.

Friends of Lewis say that he will have a larger majority than he had last year, when a bitter fight was made against him and the organization came near going to pieces because of the factions that the contest created.

POSED AS HUNTED CRIMINAL.

Homesick Georgian Gets Back to State Under Extradition Proceedings.

ATLANTA, Dec. 19.—Stranded in Kansas City and longing to return to Georgia, John Chancey represented himself to be Olin M. Thomason, for whom a large reward has been offered by the State.

Chancey's representations were so clever that extradition proceedings followed and he was brought to Georgia, where the imposition was discovered.

Sheriff Smith, who went to Kansas City for the prisoner, reached here with him last night only to learn that he had the wrong man and had been wasting time and money. After reaching here Chancey admitted that he was not Thomason but he knew the latter was badly wanted here and he fixed up the story in order to get back to Georgia.

Chancey comes of a good family in Walton county but has been a wanderer. He says as Christmas approached he got homesick and decided to pose as a badly wanted criminal in order to be brought home at the expense of the State.

The officers are greatly angered but they say there is no law by which they can punish Chancey for his imposition.

HER FIVE CHILDREN DIED.

It Destroyed the Mother's Reason—She Jumps From Window and Is Killed.

Mrs. Winnie Lynch, 29 years old, jumped from a window on the fifth floor of her home at 1850 Third avenue last night and was killed.

In the past four years Mrs. Lynch has lost five children. Two months ago, at the death of her last child, her mind became unbalanced and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Rambach, came to live with her and watch over her.

Last night the two women were seated in the kitchen of the flat when Miss Lynch suddenly made a rush for the window. Mrs. Rambach attempted to stop her, but could only seize hold of her dress. Mrs. Lynch freed herself and plunged to the ground.

PALMIERI SAYS HE REFUSED.

Would Not Be a Candidate for Assistant District Attorney.

Judge John Palmieri said last night regarding statements attributed to District Attorney-elect Whitman:

"I doubt whether Mr. Whitman has been correctly quoted concerning the consideration of my name as First Assistant District Attorney. I have never applied for the position, nor have I seen or spoken to Mr. Whitman about it. In fact when I learned some weeks ago that some enthusiastic friends had suggested my name I wrote to Mr. Whitman that I could not possibly accept the office."

TO PROSECUTE SMUGGLERS

GOVERNMENT GOING AFTER THE SLEEPER TRUNK OPERATORS.

Twenty-five More Dressmakers and Milliners of This and Other Cities Under Indictment—Losses to the Revenues Amount to Several Million Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Department of Justice will proceed this week, it is said, against twenty-five or more dressmakers and milliners accused of smuggling. In some of these cases indictments have been returned, but arrests have not yet been made. In other cases the alleged smugglers have already been arrested, but indictments have not been handed down. The majority of the persons were concerned in the trunk cases about which a great deal has been printed. Most of the smugglers belong to New York, but some are in other cities. The cases are in the hands of the United States District Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Henry A. Wise.

Secretary MacVeagh admitted to-night that a number of indictments had been returned by the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York against persons accused of practising frauds on the customs through the "sleeper trunk" method. He said that the names of those indicted, some of whom are believed to be prominent, would be made public later.

United States Attorney Wise made a special investigation of the "sleeper trunk" frauds. He reported some time ago while on a visit to the Treasury Department in company with Collector Loeb that the losses to the revenues on account of these frauds probably would amount to several million dollars. When this class of frauds was discovered extra precautions were taken at the port of New York by placing additional guards at the gates leading to the docks and issuing strict orders that no piece of baggage, whether identified or not, was to be admitted through the gates until after it had passed inspection and had been marked by customs officers.

The "sleeper trunk" frauds were made possible in many cases, it was charged, through collusion between the smugglers and employees of the steamers. Some of the guilty employees were identified by customs agents and when their names were reported to the steamship companies they were dismissed.

"Sleeper trunk" is the general term applied to a piece of baggage, usually a trunk, that is found on the dock unidentified after a steamer is unloaded and the passengers have come ashore. When this surveillance of customs officers was more lax this unidentified baggage would be allowed to lie on the dock waiting for the owner to appear and claim it. After nightfall it would disappear.

Sometimes the "sleeper trunk" was shifted from the customs pier to an adjacent pier, from which a steamship had departed. Then an expressman would appear and take it away, explaining that the owner had missed the steamship. The unclaimed trunks seized by the customs authorities in New York several months ago and found to contain valuable dress goods were of the "sleeper trunk" variety.

AFRAID HE'LL KILL HIMSELF.

Man Whose Memory Is Broken Asks the Police to Save Him.

A man who said he believed his name was Harry Richards and that he was 32 years old presented himself before Lieut. McCarthy in the Tenderloin police station last night and asked that he be taken care of for a few days.

Richards told the Lieutenant that he had a strong impulse to kill himself and wanted someone to watch him. He was fairly well dressed. He said that as well as he could remember he had been walking the streets for ten days. One cent was found in a pocket.

The man thought he was a clerk in a wholesale house in this city. He said that he had just lost or given away an overcoat containing valuable papers. He will be cared for until identified.

BOY KILLS BOY IN FIGHT.

They Had Spent the Night Drinking in Saloons.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 19.—George Cline, aged 19, and Owen Logsden, aged 16, became involved in a quarrel in a saloon last night at midnight.

After leaving the saloon Cline followed Logsden several squares and the fight was renewed.

Cline was stabbed with a dirk and died early this morning in a hospital. Both boys had been drinking in various saloons during the night.

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PROVES BIBLE'S ACURACY.

Dr. Albert T. Clay Says Archæologists Have Found Evidence of Book's Truth.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Critics of the Bible were challenged to-day by Dr. Albert T. Clay, professor of semitic philology and archæology at the University of Pennsylvania, when he declared that almost every page of the Old Testament has received new light and the accuracy of the narrative has been verified, so that to-day its reliability can be depended upon.

The statement was made at the University service in Houston Hall, which was attended by Provost C. C. Harrison, Vice-Provost Edgar F. Smith, a sprinkling of the faculty members, several hundred students and many others.

"After receiving all the light that has been thrown on the pages of the Old Testament by the spades of the excavators and tedious deciphering," said Dr. Clay, "we can say that almost every page of the old book has been verified, and we can feel certain it is reliable."

Dr. Clay used as an illustration of corroborative evidence the story of the four kings mentioned in Genesis, which he says is the earliest historical event of the Old Testament.

"The story of the four kings," he explained, "is the earliest record in the old book we can hope to corroborate. There was a line of critics for decades who held this whole incident to be a myth created by a Jewish writer.

"At the present time the whole situation has changed. We have here in our university museum a cast of a stela which portrays in relief one of the kings formerly regarded by these critics as mythological.

"Arioch, another of the Kings, is represented by contracts dated in his reign. Inscriptions of the father of Arioch show that he was suzerain of Palestine, corroborating in a most remarkable manner the story in Genesis which says that Palestine remained subject to the King of Elam for twelve years and then rebelled.

"Further in this late date, 4,000 years after the events occurred, we can give satisfactory reasons why three of the four Kings were leagued together in this campaign. Arioch was the son of the Elamite King and Amraphel was subject to that country. The fourth King has not yet been discovered.

"But in view of the fact that the excavators have been making such startling finds in recent years is it not possible that the record of this very King may be turned up to our civilization almost any day? Surely that is far from impossible in the light of the success of late research.

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BURNS.—On December 18, C. Herbert Burns. Funeral services at his late residence, Church st., Richmond Hill, Monday, December 20, at 1 o'clock.

GEDDES.—Suddenly, on Thursday, December 16, at midnight, Charles Paul Geddes, in the 53d year of his age.
Funeral services at his late residence, 158 West 77th st., Monday, December 20, at 10 o'clock A. M. Kindly omit flowers.

McLAUGHLIN.—On December 18, George W. McLaughlin, aged 42.
Service at "THE FUNERAL CHURCH," 241 W. 23d st. (CAMPBELL BLDG.), Tuesday, 1:30.

WHITMAN.—On Friday, December 17, 1909, Janet McCook Whitman, wife of Malcolm D. Whitman and daughter of John J. and Janetta Alexander McCook.
Funeral services at the Brick Presbyterian Church, Monday, December 20th, at 10 o'clock.

WHITTINGHAM.—Entered into rest, Sunday, December 19, 1909, at her residence, 65 West 70th st., Sarah Chester Jones, wife of the late Harrison Whittingham and daughter of the late Samuel Beach Jones, D. D. Services at her late residence Wednesday morning at 10:45, and at St. Mark's Church, West Orange, N. J., on arrival of train leaving Hoboken at 1:05 P. M. Wednesday, the 22d inst. Philadelphia and Baltimore papers please copy.

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