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Fair to-day and to-morrow; light to moderate northerly winds.

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SWINDLED WOMAN HE MARRIED

DR. KEELER FLED WITH $13,500, BUT POLICE GET HIM.

The "Prize Pumpkin" Husband Played a Clever Game—Widow He Married Now Believes "Sister" Emma Was His Wife and Helped in the Swindle.

Detroit detectives yesterday grabbed Henry Bryan Keeler, doctor of dentistry, amethyst miner, prize pumpkin husband and talented flimflammer. They got the doctor and the smooth young woman who posed as his sister and with whom he has been dodging around the country for a year.

It was cheering news for Mrs. Keeler, whom the doctor robbed of $13,500 in cash and $800 in bonds after he married her on July 13, 1909. She had been waiting patiently, going now and then to the police to see if they had heard anything of her husband. It was largely owing to Mrs. Keeler that the doctor was caught. She furnished a description of the man and of his companion that was well nigh perfect.

The story begins back in July of last year. Mrs. Keeler, who was then Mrs. Wilhelmina Lynch of 24 Vernon avenue, Brooklyn, the widow of Walter B. Lynch, who had left her well provided for, took her little grandson to Ocean Grove. She is a well preserved woman who dresses tastefully. It was apparent that she had means. One day a man of fifty, good looking and affable, stopped as he was passing Mrs. Lynch and the boy and patted the child's head.

"Lovely boy," said the man. "I adore children. What a handsome little chap he is, Emma."

Emma, the young person strolling with Dr. Keeler, as he turned out to be, joined in admiring Mrs. Lynch's grandson. The next day there was another meeting, quite accidental, as Mrs. Lynch supposed, and the result was that in a few days Dr. Keeler, his "sister" Emma and Mrs. Lynch were on the friendliest of terms. Mrs. Lynch took rather a fancy to Emma and when the doctor was in New York, as he had to be often this business affairs were so pressing, the women were together constantly.

Emma, it appeared, had a delicate constitution. She was not as strong as she looked. The doctor grieved over her condition. He told Mrs. Lynch that he was afraid none but a specialist could benefit her so he bade good-by to the lady from Brooklyn and took his sister to Manhattan, where he had an apartment. Mrs. Lynch was genuinely pleased to hear from the doctor over the phone a few days later that the specialist had diagnosed Emma's complaint as nervousness and a generally run down condition and had told him that Emma must go to the mountains for rest. The doctor laid stress upon the delights of the Adirondacks in July. It occurred to Mrs. Lynch that it would be pleasant as well as entirely proper if she accompanied the Keelers. She suggested it herself. The doctor didn't mind. He was delighted, and he knew Emma would be.

For a short time before they started for the mountains the three lived at the flat in Manhattan. Mrs. Lynch learned more about the doctor. He was not disappointed practising his profession, since he had no need of it. He was rich. He owned amethyst mines in Mexico and his properties that were certain to be largely productive. Presently they travelled northward and stopped at Camp [illegible]. The doctor, an accomplished [illegible], professed undying love for Mrs. [illegible]. Life without her would be, he [illegible], just the proper touch of melan[illegible] hopeless thing. On July 13 he [illegible] Mrs. Lynch to accompany him [illegible] Falls and get a license. On the [illegible] they were married by the Rev. [illegible] Judkins.

Throughout the courtship Emma had been the model sister, quietly effacing herself, never demonstrative in her affection for "Brother Henry." But immediately after the marriage Dr. Keeler asked his wife to say nothing about it to Emma or Mrs. Keeler's relatives. He feared that Emma might be disturbed. She was [illegible] him. He didn't want it noised [illegible] that Mrs. Lynch had got "a prize pumpkin" for a husband.

About the same time he inquired gently into Mrs. Keeler's resources. He hinted that it was so much trouble for a woman [illegible] business affairs that perhaps he would welcome assistance from [illegible] disengaged mate. Then Mrs. [illegible] Along came a furious letter from Emma. Emma just knew that Mrs. Keeler was an adventuress and had married the doctor for his money. The doctor was mighty indignant that letter. He couldn't believe that his sister had become [illegible] no doubt. Women [illegible] about matters of the heart. [illegible] he would smooth Emma's ruffled feelings. Things would be all right while they were talking why it was a good thing to leave New York and make their home in the West, say, in Los Angeles, say, a place where the doctor had large [illegible]. Mrs. Keeler's money was largely in mortgages, why not reinvest in California where interest was so much better [illegible] 10 per cent. was [illegible].

[illegible] to Mrs. Keeler [illegible] mortgages, drew from banks [illegible] and turned the money [illegible] together with eight bonds [illegible] League Club of Brooklyn, [illegible] Keeler suggested [illegible] Boston before leaving [illegible]. He had some business [illegible] Boston.

[illegible] on July 31 Dr. Keeler [illegible] that they would stop at [illegible] for a few days until [illegible] his affairs in this city. On [illegible] they were at the Gilsey [illegible] a telegram signed "C. E. Harper" wanted to know [illegible] would wait at the Gilsey [illegible] could talk to him. The [illegible] to his wife. The matter [illegible] could she go on alone [illegible] wait for him? She thought she could. She did. She hasn't seen Keeler since.

Mrs. Keeler waited at the Commonwealth Hotel in Boston until her suspicions got the better of her trust in the man. Then she saw her lawyer, Charles Pope Caldwell of 42 Broadway, who looked into the matter. He discovered, among other things, that Keeler had sent the "C. E. Harper" telegram to himself. Endeavoring to check up Keeler's statements to the woman he had victimized, Mr. Caldwell learned that Keeler had lied pretty extensively. There was some ground to believe that Keeler and the woman named Emma, who posed as the sister, were married.

There hadn't been a trace of the couple for a year until yesterday. Then the Central Office here got a tip that the doctor and the young woman were in Detroit. They telegraphed the Detroit police to get busy. They located Emma at the Griswold House, where she was having her hair marcelled. She took fright and hurried to her room and from there telephoned the doctor at the House of the Good Shepherd, where he was taking the opium cure, that it was time to move on. The detectives outside her door heard the warning go over the phone and they arrested Emma a few minutes later while she was trying to slip out of the hotel from a rear entrance. They caught Keeler just in time. He was coming down the steps of the sanitarium carrying two suitcases. He admitted that he was on his way to catch a train.

They will be brought back to New York and tried for grand larceny.

MICHIGAN TELEPHONE CO. SOLD

Tel. & Tel. Acquires a Majority of the Common From N. W. Harris & Co.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has bought from N. W. Harris & Co. the control of the Michigan State Telephone Company. N. W. Harris, A. W. Harris, Allen B. Forbes and Isaac Sprague of N. W. Harris & Co. are on the directorate of the Michigan telephone organization and Mr. Sprague is one of the vice-presidents. Harris & Co. had about two-thirds of the $3,500,000 common stock issued. They turned it over to Tel. & Tel. on the basis of four shares of Tel. & Tel. for five shares of Michigan Telephone. To other shareholders the American Telephone and Telegraph Company has offered like terms.

The Michigan State Telephone Company was organized under the laws of that State in January, 1904. The company took over the property of the Michigan Telephone Company. It is part of the Bell telephone system.

The company operates telephones throughout Michigan. It has 209 exchanges and in January, 1910, had 132,270 telephones. Of the common stock $3,500,000 out of $6,000,000 authorized has been issued; of the preferred $2,285,000 out of $4,000,000 authorized.

PLATINUM THIEF CAUGHT.

Man, Evidently Touring the Colleges, Arrested at Cornell University.

ITHACA, July 19.—The police here have in custody awaiting a hearing to-morrow morning a man who was arrested this afternoon in the Cornell chemical laboratory and who, it is thought, was on a systematic tour of colleges to make a collection of platinum plates. He was caught this afternoon taking a piece of the metal after the police had shadowed him all day.

The man gave his name as Frank Kretner and his age as 45 years. He said that he had come to the United States from Germany. He told the police he was not a thief, but a newspaper reporter. He said he had written for some of the leading dailies in Germany and is a graduate of Yale.

Several days ago the local police were asked by the police of Philadelphia to look out for a man named Kretner, alias Werner. They sent a description which Chief Buck said to-day tallies with the man under arrest. A letter was mailed to the university authorities also telling them that a man would likely come here to try to steal platinum. He had stolen from the University of Pennsylvania, the letter said, several hundred dollars worth of platinum.

Hardly had the university officials read the letter when Kretner entered the chemistry building. Chief of Police Buck was communicated with and he went to the Hill. All the afternoon the chief and Prof. Cavanaugh followed Kretner about the campus. Through the night Chief Buck and Patrolman Smith watched at the chemistry building. Smith stood guard in the stock room of the building this morning. At noon Kretner appeared, differently attired from yesterday. He went into a recitation room. Patrolman Smith had gone through another door. As Kretner was about to place a platinum plate in his pocket Smith ordered him to throw up his hands.

Kretner sprang through a doorway and ran down a hallway, with Smith in pursuit. Kretner had almost reached a door when Smith shouted that he would shoot. This brought Kretner to a halt and he surrendered. The authorities are awaiting advices from Pennsylvania.

REAR END TROLLEY BUMP.

Two Passengers Sent to Hospital and Eleven Others Cut and Bruised.

Thirteen persons were cut and bruised in a rear end trolley collision yesterday afternoon on Ocean avenue at Avenue M, Brooklyn. Two of them were taken to the Kings County Hospital.

A car of the Ocean avenue line bound for Sheepshead Bay and run by Motorman Leslie Pynan had halted at the corner of Avenue M, when another car, with Motorman James S. Creighton at the lever, banged into it. Creighton had seen the standing car and had applied the brake, but it failed to check the car sufficiently, and when he saw that a collision was imminent he jumped off. Passengers in both cars were showered with broken glass and thrown forward against the seats.

When Capt. Formosa and his reserves from the Sheepshead Bay police station arrived the injured were helped to the grass at the roadside and Dr. Ives and Dr. Yarm from the Kings County Hospital attended them. The two who were taken to the hospital were Mrs. Maud Brennan, 28 years old, of 159 Garfield place, Brooklyn, who had been riding on the front seat of the rear car, and Mary Jackson, 12 years old, of 45 St. Marks avenue, Brooklyn. Both were badly bruised and cut.

The cars were not sufficiently damaged to prevent them continuing on their way.

$2.50 TO ATLANTIC CITY AND RETURN. Pennsylvania Railroad. Sunday next. Special train leaves 8.45 A. M.—Adv.

NOVICE'S FLIER WRECKED

STEPHENSON HAS A CLOSE CALL AT HEMPSTEAD PLAIN.

Machine Threatened to Turn Turtle and Came Down on One Wing—Aviator Under It but Not Much Hurt—"Ought to Be Locked Up," He Declares.

Joseph Stephenson, a novice aviator, barely escaped serious injury in an aeroplane accident on the Hempstead Plain aviation field at about 7 o'clock last evening. Capt. Thomas S. Baldwin, Joe Seymour and George Russell had all been flying in the afternoon and about the time Russell and Baldwin were rolling their machines off the ground Stephenson brought his flier out of the aerodrome of the Aeronautical Society on the north side of the field.

He had made only a short run when his aero shot up fifteen or twenty feet and it looked for a second as if it would turn turtle, but instead it careened and hit the ground on the left wing.

The machine was badly smashed, and Stephenson, who was stunned, was pinioned under the wreckage. His mechanicians hurried across the field in an automobile and were the first to reach the scene of the accident. The crowd on foot followed in wild pursuit, and when Stephenson was not seen climbing out of the wreckage it was feared that he had been killed. He was lifted from the heap of canvas and broken struts badly bruised but not seriously injured. As the steering device had caught Stephenson in the stomach it was feared that he was hurt internally and he was put in the automobile and taken to the Mineola Hospital. There it was found that the injuries amounted only to several cuts on the left side of his face and a strained ankle.

It was the third time that Stephenson had flown the machine, which was invented by Pincus Brauner. He thought the engine was too powerful for the frame. William Watson, who is a part owner of the aero, smashed it up several weeks ago in making the first trial.

After Stephenson had recovered from the shock he said:

"Any man who wants to drive one of those things ought to be locked up. It's a dangerous business."

It will take some time to repair the machine, which has little left except the motor. The propeller was snapped apart near the hub and the front rudder and steering gear were reduced to a mass of broken wood and crumpled canvas. More than half the struts in the main planes were splintered and the rear control was damaged.

Capt. Baldwin made a number of flights in the afternoon, and once he flew out over Westbury. He rose to an altitude of about 100 feet. Russell made four circuits of the course in one flight, and Seymour did some good flying.

The machine of A. L. Pfinzer, who committed suicide at Marblehead, Mass., last week, arrived at Mineola yesterday billed to A. C. Triaca. The aviator had written to Mr. Triaca and asked him to make space in his shed for the machine.

Clifford B. Harmon received a 50 horsepower Gnome motor and two propellers from Europe yesterday and will be ready for flying within the next day or so. Mr. Harmon says he intends to do conservative flying and will not go out for fancy stunts.

It was said that Stanley Y. Beach will take his monoplane out to the aviation field and will try it later over the Sound.

BRYAN RUMP CONVENTIONS.

His Alleged Plan to Regain a Foothold in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 19.—What is thought to be a desperate attempt on the part of William J. Bryan to gain control of the Democratic State convention which will be held next week came to light to-day when reports were received of rump Democratic county conventions called in several counties which have already instructed against Bryan. As none but Mr. Bryan can gain by any changes in instructions to delegates the scheme is charged to him.

The first report came from Douglas county, in which Omaha is situated. The Douglas vote is the heaviest in the State, comprising one-eighth the State convention. The instructions are solid against Bryan. The rump convention, called for Friday, is said by its promoters to be for the purpose of sending delegates to the State convention with Bryan instructions.

A similar convention is called for Cass county, which has also instructed against Bryan. Rumors of rump conventions in many other counties are heard in political circles here.

If a sufficient number of contesting delegations can be sent to the State convention and Mr. Bryan is able to control the committee on credentials he may be able to save his face and at least effect a compromise with his enemies, who now expect to conduct the convention without recognizing Mr. Bryan.

COMMUTERS GIVE UP THE FIGHT

New Jersey League Finds Time Too Short to Prevent Railroad Rate Increases.

ORANGE, N. J., July 19.—The Commuters League of New Jersey has decided that there is no way to prevent the increases in commutation rates on the railroads of New Jersey which will become effective to-morrow. Terry Parker, counsel for the league, announced the surrender this afternoon.

The league had hoped that it could get an injunction, but the time since the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission refusing to suspend the rates has been too short. A proposal to invoke the anti-trust laws on the ground that the increases constitute a combination in restraint of trade was also considered, but it was decided to-day that there was not sufficient time for such a proceeding. Mr. Parker said that while the league was convinced that the increases really amount to such a combination it was difficult to get evidence. In the case of freight rates, he said, the filing through one agent of a schedule showed that all were working together, but passenger rates are filed separately.

The league announces it will seek to secure the nomination for the Legislature of men pledged to enact laws against further increases.

SAILS BROADWAY BY NIGHT.

Dirigible From New Jersey Piles to Long Acre Square and Back.

A balloon going down Broadway only a few hundred feet above ground made rubbernecks of most persons along that thoroughfare last night. When it came into the glare of a searchlight on top of the Hotel Astor cheers went up from the crowd below.

Frank Goodale, who is making ascents at Palisade Park in a dirigible, concluded to make Manhattan a night visit and sailed from the park to Long Acre Square and back in just forty minutes, which was nine minutes better than he did last year.

Goodale said that he went up at night because there was no chance of the sun expanding his gas bag and bursting it, as it did a balloon in Europe a week ago. He could see just as well because of the many lights along Broadway.

He struck town over Eighty-ninth street, came above Broadway just below the Ansonia and continued down as far as the Astor. He circled the Times Building twice and went back home.

As soon as word of the balloon's presence got around the theatre district six press agents of as many productions sent out six stories, each describing the dirigible's circling over each particular theatre and dropping a letter to each particular star.

HAD FUN WITH FAIRBANKS.

Ex-Vice-President Arrested as a Crook and Taken in Police Patrol to Luncheon.

OMAHA, Neb., July 19.—The National Association of Advertising Clubs took liberties with Charles W. Fairbanks of Indianapolis to-day when they had the ex-Vice-President of the United States arrested and in the police patrol started ostensibly for the city jail, but instead carried him to the Field Club, where he was the guest at a luncheon which had been prepared for him.

Mr. Fairbanks protested vigorously against the arrest, insisting that he could prove his identity if given an opportunity, and it was not until the patrol drew up at the Field Club that he detected the joke. He then laughed heartily over the affair.

Mr. Fairbanks addressed the convention in the morning and when the meeting adjourned at noon left the hall with the reception committee. As part of the plan the committee "ditched" him for a moment and in that moment the two policemen stepped up and indentifying him as a notorious crook put him under arrest.

Mr. Fairbanks looked around for the committee, but not a member was in sight.

Protesting, he was quickly hustled into a closed automobile patrol and whirled away. When the car stopped and Mr. Fairbanks was led out he found himself in the midst of a crowd that included every delegate to the convention.

HELD FAST IN A CREVICE.

Cooper a Prisoner for Ninety Hours—Died Just After Help Came.

MATTEAWAN, N. Y., July 19.—After being fastened in a crevice of the rocks for ninety hours while relatives and friends were searching the Beacon Mountains for him Thomas Cooper, aged 60 and a well known resident, was found yesterday in an exhausted condition by John B. Moddock, a New York manufacturer. Cooper died before a physician could be summoned.

Cooper lived near the foot of the mountain. On Saturday morning he started away for huckleberries. He did not return, and when night arrived his family became worried. On Sunday morning searching parties were organized and the thickly wooded part of the mountains scoured for miles. The search was kept up Sunday night and Monday. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Moddock, who has a large estate near the foot of the mountain, went out to inspect some wall he is having built.

Passing by a rough part of his estate he heard a moan and found Cooper lying face downward, his foot fastened so securely in the crevice of the rock that it was necessary to remove the shoe to release him. On his back he had a large bundle of wood. He had evidently tied the wood to take it home, put it over his back and when his foot caught he fell. The weight of the wood prevented his releasing himself.

A physician was called, but he died before the doctor reached him.

A LITTLE LEGISLATIVE FUND.

It Didn't Get Anything for Assistant Foremen of Street Cleaners.

Commissioner of Accounts Fosdick has been asked by Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards to inquire about an alleged fund to secure favorable legislation which is said to have been collected by the Assistant Foremen's Association in the Street Cleaning Department. There are some 250 members of this association, and these are alleged to have contributed "from $10 each down" to the fund, $10 having been the amount asked for. Julius M. Mayer was engaged as their counsel.

Some time after the money was raised the Municipal Civil Service Commission passed a resolution placing the post of assistant foreman in the competitive class. Theretofore it had been unprotected, men acting as assistant foremen merely being detailed from among the sweepers. Later the members of the association, who had been jubilant when they learned of the change, were dismayed by the information that they would have to pass an examination before being installed in the new grade. They secured an injunction restraining the Municipal Civil Service Commission from holding an examination and then went to Albany for relief.

Assemblyman McGrath introduced in Albany a bill protecting the assistant foremen in their jobs. This bill was defeated as a result of Big Bill's intervention, he having gone to Albany for the purpose.

Accordingly members of the Assistant Foremen's Association are now just exactly where they started except as to the "contributions." The men get $900 a year.

BONDS & STOCK CERTIFICATES Engraved and printed by Corlies, Macy & Co. Inc. 46 John Street. Established 1857.—Adv.

All the Wall Street News. The Wall Street edition of THE EVENING SUN contains all the financial news and the stock and bond quotations to the close of the market. The closing quotations, including the "bid and asked" prices, with additional news matter, are contained also in the night edition of THE EVENING SUN.—Adv.

BLIND, STEERS PRAYS TO SEE

OLD POLICE INSPECTOR SURE HIS SIGHT WILL COME BACK.

Will Open His Window and Ring a Bell If It Does, Because Neighbors Are Interested—Doctors See a Chance That the Optic Nerve Will Revive.

Washington Heights is waiting earnestly to hear the sound of a great bell and cries of "Eureka! Eureka!" for these are the signals that ex-Police Inspector Steers has agreed to make in case his religious faith and his prayer avail to restore his sight to him. He has been totally blind since June 9 and he is 79 years old, but he says he feels sure he will be able to see again, because all his life time, and particularly in the last forty years of it, he has been a consistent Christian.

So many of the people among whom he has lived in the Washington Heights section for years have shown interest in his case that he has told them that he will throw open his window the moment his sight comes back to him and will jangle the big bell he keeps in his room, calling out meantime in the Greek to let all know that "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

The medical side of his case too gives him some hope that he will be able to see again. The cause of the blindness was a pus condition in the nose, because of an old catarrh, which pressed on the optic nerve. An earlier inflammation of the nerve has subsided, but the apathetic condition of the nerve and the age of the patient are the things that make it doubtful if he can regain his sight. The doctors who were called in in the case are Dr. Alfred Wiener of 616 Madison avenue, who is now in Europe, and Dr. Henry Steers Holland of 3605 Broadway. Dr. Holland is a grandson of the former inspector.

Inspector Steers makes his home with his son-in-law, Charles H. Holland, and his daughter, Mrs. Holland, at 473 West 152d street. He has lived there for years. He was there when he was still on the police force—and he has been retired since 1892—because it was by investment in Washington Heights property years ago that he prospered. And all the time he has been there, he has been prominent in the Washington Heights Methodist Episcopal Church, which is at Amsterdam avenue and 153d street. Only last Sunday the choir of the church came over to his place and sang hymns for him.

"I have been a consistent Christian for years," said Inspector Steers yesterday, "and for that reason I am sure my sight will come back to me. I have prayed ever since I became blind that I might see again. Since I began to pray to this end the pain in my eyes has disappeared. I believe that the flashes that have come before my eyes in the last two or three weeks are signs that I am to have my sight again. Faith in God and a firm belief in prayer I feel will attain the end I seek. But if they do not, I shall of course resign myself as a Christian to what is appointed for me."

Inspector Steers says he has had many letters from persons who heard of his blindness and many visits from those who have sympathy with him. These things have helped him greatly.

Henry Van Wart Steers is the full name of the former police officer. He was born in 1832 in Sing Sing, N. Y. His father, Henry Steers, was a police captain before him. After working in New York city for some years as a journeyman ship carpenter Steers joined the police force. He was made a patrolman on November 19, 1857. In the two years and a few months before he became a roundsman he saved seven persons from drowning and was once in great danger of losing his own life. He went from roundsman in 1860, to captain in April, 1874. In April, 1885, he became an inspector. It was in May, 1892, that Byrnes was made superintendent of the police force and to succeed him Steers was appointed chief inspector in charge of the detective bureau. It was this place that he resigned on October following, retiring with a pension of $2,500.

WOMAN SHOOTS BURGLAR.

Susan Stowell, Caretaker, Wounds a Thief as He Is Running Away.

AUBURN, N. Y., July 19.—Susan Stowell has been employed by Mrs. E. Jacobson on East Fall street to live in the house for the summer and care for it. The residence is in the business part of the town near the Mynderse public library. At 1.30 o'clock this morning Miss Stowell heard noise of some one moving around in her room. She jumped out of bed.

The intruder ran to a room leading to a porch and while stumbling about in the darkness Miss Stowell lighted a lamp and with a revolver pursued the burglar. The man had one leg through the open window in his exit when she fired. The man yelled in pain, rolled out on the porch and fell to the ground.

"You hit me," he called and started off. A few blood spots constituted the only clue to-day. The chief secured $80 which Miss Stowell received yesterday as pay for two months work. Chief of Police Clary thinks the robbery was committed by a local man who had knowledge of the sum which the young woman had in her room.

INDIANA NOT EXACTLY DRY.

Government's Whiskey Receipts Larger Than Before Saloons Were Closed.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 19.—Although the county option law has closed 989 saloons in the State, most of them having been closed since January 1, 1909, the consumption of whiskey, according to the Federal Government's report for the Indianapolis district for the fiscal year ended July 1, 1910, has increased, while the consumption of beer has remained virtually the same in comparison with the preceding fiscal year.

The increased amount of whiskey consumed in the district netted the Government in increased revenue $853,782.78.

While the revenues from whiskey showed an increase of a third of a million the receipts from beer showed a decrease of $1,014.85, the total receipts for the year being $938,199.50.

$03 SAN FRANCISCO AND RETURN Lehigh Valley R. R. July 24-27. Tickets 140, 255, 146 B'way, Hudson Terml, Manhattan; 30 Fifth Av., B'klyn, 241 Mkt. St., Newark.—Adv.

$500,000 WORTH OF GRATITUDE.

Dawson City Miner Leaves All to Motorman Who Nursed Him When Ill.

MACON, Ga., July 19.—Bread cast upon the waters several years ago returned to-day to W. W. Miller, a street car motorman of this city, in the shape of a fortune of $500,000.

In 1903 Miller, who was then in Atlanta befriended J. F. Curley, who was down and out. Miller nursed Curley through illness and afterward gave him money to go to the Northwest. Miller had not heard from Curley in years, but to-day he received a letter from a Seattle law firm saying that Curley had died in Dawson City and left a fortune worth $500,000 to Miller.

The lawyers said that Curley made his way to Dawson City several years ago and had struck it rich in mining.

PAPER BAG CAMPAIGNING.

"Votes for Women" on the Sugar From Your Grocer's.

Retail grocers in some parts of the city recently received requests that they deliver sugar and other articles of food in paper bags that will be furnished them free by the woman suffrage party. Several grocers promptly accepted the offer, and the bags were furnished. On them were printed campaign messages of the suffragist party urging women to join and to signify such intention by sending postal cards to its headquarters.

Some of the grocers, alarmed by this effort to make their delivery service an auxiliary of the suffrage cause, brought up the subject at this week's meetings of their trade associations. It was suggested that the grocers' wives be heard at the convention to be held by grocers in Brooklyn in the second week of August.

Most of the grocers who have consented to use the suffrage bags are in Brooklyn.

LOEB IN WASHINGTON.

"Not if I Know It," He Says When Addressed as Governor of New York.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—William Loeb, Jr., Collector of Customs at New York, spent the day in Washington. He came to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, of which he is a member. He had a conference at the Treasury Department with acting Secretary Hilles on a number of routine customs matters.

Mr. Loeb was greeted by a friend at the Treasury as "the next Governor of New York." He smiled and replied "Not if I know it."

Collector Loeb returned to New York on a midnight train.

LAWS BY PREMATURE BIRTH.

Mayor Gaynor Has Views on Forced Extra Sessions of Legislatures.

Gov. Shafroth, Democrat, of Colorado has called a special session of the Legislature "to fulfil Democratic platform pledges and pass a direct primary law, initiative and referendum, the bank guarantee, the headless ballot law and the public service commission law."

The editor of the Denver *Times* telegraphed to New York for interviews on the subject with Gov. Hughes, Col. Roosevelt and Mayor Gaynor. The Governor and the Colonel didn't respond, but the Mayor sent this reply:

I do not know enough concerning local conditions in Colorado to know whether the period of gestation is complete and the natural time arrived for the birth of the things you mention. This I do know, however, that premature birth should not be forced by means of extra sessions of the Legislature or otherwise. This is as true of laws as of all living creatures.

WILLIAM J. GAYNOR.

TAX RATE 8 POINTS UP.

$1.75 on $100 in This County and Higher in the Others.

The Aldermen determined officially yesterday the tax rate for the present year. The rate for Manhattan and The Bronx is 1.75, as compared with 1.67 last year. This agreed with the forecast made by THE SUN three weeks ago on computations by the experts of the Finance Department. It was stated at the time that the higher rate is necessary because of the obligations left over to the present administration.

The tax rates for the other boroughs, the varying figures being caused by differing county charges, are: Brooklyn, 1.81; Queens, 1.81, and Richmond, 1.87.

HELD FOR BRIBING CLERK

To Tell Him Who Used Telephones—Hoped to Sell Them Furniture.

Louis J. Weglein, an agent for a furniture concern who lives at 515 McDonough street, Brooklyn, was in the Tombs police court yesterday charged with buying confidential information from a clerk in the traffic department of the New York Telephone Company. Walter J. Keating, special agent for the telephone company, said that Weglein has been paying Walter H. O'Rourke, one of the company's clerks, $2 a week for a year for lists of the company's new subscribers. The police say that Weglein called on the subscribers to learn whether they were in the market for furniture as well as telephones. Weglein was held for Special Sessions.

THE UNIMAK VOLCANO.

Steamship Officers Report Violent Outbreak of Mount Shishaldin.

VALDEZ, Alaska, July 9.—Officers of the mail steamship Dora R. report that the eruption of Mount Shishaldin was continuing with unabated violence when they passed Unimak Island, affording a grand spectacle.

N. & W. TRAIN FIRED UPON.

One Man Seriously and Another Slightly Wounded.

ROANOKE, Va., July 19.—Reports received at headquarters of the Norfolk and Western Railroad give details of an attack made by unknown persons with rifles on a passenger train while it was taking coal at Vine, W. Va.

Several shots were fired through the windows. One of the bullets struck Thomas Maynard of War Eagle in the thumb, injuring him slightly. Lee Wirt, a section foreman, was struck in the breast. The ball lodged near his heart. He is in a critical condition.

The authorities are unable to account for the attack.

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CATCH BELGIAN BANK ROBBER

POLICE THINK THEY HAVE MAN WHO STOLE 400,000 FRANCS.

He Made Key to Bank in Liege and Cracked the Safe With Giant Can Opener—Traced to England and Here—Had Pawn Tickets for the Jewelry.

In Louis Mendelbaum, arrested yesterday by Detectives Unger and Deitsch of the Central Office as a fugitive from Belgian justice, the police are satisfied that they have bagged Leibus Brjinski, alias Louis Cohen, wanted in Liège, Belgium, for robbing a bank of some 400,000 francs in cash and securities and taking an unestimated amount of jewelry from the bankers François and Emil Marck. The robbery was committed on the evening of January 6 or the morning of January 7 of this year. After the robbery Brjinski went to London, and despite the fact that he had once been convicted in England and that the police there have his photographs and measurements he was successful in dodging the detectives until he came to this country early in the spring.

The arrest was made at the request of the Belgian Consul here, who had received from M. Benjean, Juge d'Instruction of Liege, the records of the case and the information that the man wanted was supposed to have sailed for America. According to this information Francois and Emil Marck, brothers, are banking agents at 3 Rue du Pont d'Avery in Liege. Their apartments are in the house next door to their banking office.

About the middle of December Brjinski came to live in the same house. After he had been there two weeks the brothers Marck were informed one night that there was a most peculiar odor coming from the room of the new lodger. They sniffed at the door and plainly detected the odor of scorched or melting metal. In view of what happened later they surmise that at that time the Russian was making a key for the door of the bank from one that in some way had come temporarily into his possession.

On the morning of January 7 the brothers woke up to find that their sleeping apartments had been entered during the night and some of their jewelry taken. Their grief over that loss was forgotten when they found that the bank had been entered by means of a false key, a hole a little more than a foot in diameter ripped in the door of the safe and the combination tumblers so manipulated through this hole that the safe door swung on its hinges. Collateral to the amount of 400,000 francs was missing, as was also the sum of 20,600 francs in silver and bank notes. Their new lodger was not to be found. The last seen of him was about 7 o'clock the preceding evening, when he left the house carrying a small satchel. Most of his effects were still in his room.

The robbery was reported to the authorities and they decided that three men had been engaged in it. One of them, Brjinski, they knew. They had his picture and measurements in Antwerp, where he was once arrested; from Russia, the country in which he was born, and in Portsmouth, England, where he once served a term for vagrancy. He was traced to London and the police there took up his trail. He was convivial by nature and they soon got track of him in some of the restaurants in the foreign quarter. They found he was a frequenter of the Odessa, largely patronized by his countrymen. Finally he was traced to his lodgings at 114 Anthony street. That was in March. When they got there the bird had flown. Then his photographs and measurements were sent to the New York police.

The New York detectives followed Brjinski from one East Side restaurant to another. In May a compatriot of his told them that he was to be found in a room at 82 Second street. The detectives went there, but Brjinski had left. Yesterday morning they learned that he had arrived from Panama the preceding night and might be found in his old haunts. Unger and Deitsch picked him up yesterday at First street and Second avenue. He had about $15 in his pocket and several pawn tickets. The police say that the pawn tickets are for the stolen jewelry, which was pawned in London. They did not tell how much Brjinski had obtained for his loot, but said it was a considerable amount. The stocks and securities valued at 400,000 francs had been recovered by the London police at his room on Anthony street. Inspector Russell does not think there is much chance of recovering any of the 20,600 francs cash which was stolen.

The prisoner denied that he was Brjinski or that he had ever cracked a safe in Liège. He said he was Louis Mendelbaum, a humble tailor looking for employment. His fingerprints and measurements were taken by Lieut. Faurot of the Bertillon bureau. Lieut. Faurot said that they corresponded in every detail with the records sent from Antwerp, Portsmouth and Russia. The Belgian Vice-Consul, Felix Bielloy, went to Police Headquarters and was shown the evidence against the man. He said that he was satisfied that the police had arrested the right man and that he would at once apply for extradition. In case the prisoner persists in denying his identity the police will call in Joe Niefeld of 162 River street, Paterson, N. J., who, the Belgium police have informed them, knows Brjinski well.

Inspector Russell is much interested in the statement made by the investigating judge of Liège that the safe crackers used a tool similar to a giant can opener in ripping a hole in the safe. In the latter part of the winter three men were arrested by detectives here charged with doing several yegg jobs in New England with the aid of just such an instrument. One of them, known as Itzka the Smith, said that he had invented the "can opener" while serving a term in the Trenton prison. Inspector Russell has an idea that maybe the "can opener" had its origin in the brain of Brjinski instead of in that of Itzka the Smith. It may be that their prisoner will be diligently questioned about Itzka the Smith and his two companions and that through his information they will once more be arrested, for on the last occasion they jumped the bail of $500 set by Magistrate Barlow and have not been heard of since.

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