

SCHOOLGIRLS GO TO GAYNOR

OFFICIAL NARRATIVE OF AN IMPORTANT INTERVIEW.

It seems the children have been transferred to a school so far that they can't get home to dinner—Hard to Get Relief From an Unpaid Board.

Four little girls called yesterday on Mayor Gaynor with a plaint that they were unable to go home to dinner because they had been transferred from the school they had been attending near their homes to one some distance away.

Little Misses Ethel Hale, age 14; Lillian Anderson, age 12; Tessie Clinton, age 14, and Anna Foss, age 12, called on the Mayor this morning with a grievance.

They attend the public school at 133d street and Eighth avenue, Manhattan, and were selected by their class of thirty to call on the Mayor.

They told the Mayor that the school in their district to which they had always gone was the one at 133d street and Fifth avenue, but that this year they were transferred to the school at the corner of 133d street and Eighth avenue because there was no room in the other school.

They said it was a great hardship on them, as the school they are now sent to is far away from their homes and they cannot get home to dinner at noon and get back in time.

They told the Mayor that too many boys were allowed in the school at 133d street and Eighth avenue and that part of the school was also given up to a boys' trades school.

They said that some of the boys ought to be put out of that school so that the girls who were sent away could go back and be near their homes, and that if there was any walking to do it should be done by the boys.

All four chimed in now and then as they were telling their grievance. The Mayor listened to them until they got through talking.

They were four very beautiful and intelligent little girls. When they got through talking the Mayor said:

"Why do you come here to me? Of course I am glad to see you and talk with you, but why do you not go to the Board of Education?"

Little Anna Foss spoke up and said sweetly:

"If we went to the Board of Education there are so many of them there that I fear they would not see us. And besides they pay no attention to school children," and she gave her little head a tip upward as she said it.

"Then," said the Mayor, "why did you not go to Supt. Maxwell?"

"Miss Charlton, our principal, told him, but she says no one pays any attention to school children except you," said little Miss Anderson, looking up at the Mayor.

The Mayor then asked where the girls could go if they were put out, and the girls told him that there was plenty of room for the boys in the schools at the corners of 141st street and Edgewood avenue and 135th street and Lenox avenue.

They said that these were boys' schools and that the boys ought to go to their own schools and leave the girls alone. After a pause the Mayor finally said:

"Well, I will try and see if I can do anything. I do not care for it, you know. You know the Board of Education consists of forty-six members, and it is a pretty hard job to do anything with so many people as that. You know that it has been recommended by two charter commissions now that that big board be abolished and that a small one be substituted in its place.

If there were a small board I am quite certain I could send for them, if necessary, and talk it over with them and have your request granted. I think also that the Mayor could do something like that if there were a small board. But this big board is so big that they would not fit in the room here if I wanted to talk to them; and I fear a good many of them do not pay much attention to what is going on. It is very hard to get anything done in the way of improvement. Some want a small board, but for some reason that I do not understand they want to make them work for nothing. I suppose even you little girls know that people who work for nothing do not work very hard, and if you try to tell them what is going on, they take it very ungraciously, as a rule. But I will take your case up and see if I can do something. I hope I can."

The little girls then thanked the Mayor and went away with their faces bright with pleasure. The Mayor told them to call again.

THIRTY FAMILIES IN PERIL.

Thieves Tear Out Fixtures in Apartments, Leaving Gas Flowing.

Inspector William O'Donnell of the elevated railroad was about to enter his home at 783 Third avenue at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning when he saw three men come out of the vestibule.

He found the hall in darkness and filled with illuminating gas. Getting Police- man Ledy from a fixed post, the two grooved about the hallway and found that the gas fixtures had been removed.

There are twenty families in the house and some of the tenants on the lower floors were already on a hunt for the gas leaks. The policeman plugged the gas pipes temporarily as O'Donnell went to the upper halls to turn out the lights to prevent an explosion.

The gas fixtures had been removed and the brass doorbell plate was found in the vestibule. It was thought that members of the Bucket gang were after material for the junkman so as to keep the gas going.

Ledy arrested a youth that O'Donnell thought was one of the three he saw coming out of the house. The prisoner was Thomas Jacobson of 155 East Forty-ninth street.

When he was arraigned later in the Parkville police court O'Donnell told Magistrate Ivorochan that he thought Jacobson was one of the thieves, but wasn't sure.

The Magistrate discharged Jacobson.

Antietam Day in Brooklyn.

The forty-ninth annual celebration of the Battle of Antietam was held yesterday afternoon in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, by the War Veterans and Sons Association and drew a large crowd.

Borough President Steers presided at the exercises, which opened with a military concert by the Twenty-third Regiment Band.

After the address there were a regatta, parade and drill on the common. Capt. J. W. Hunt was grand marshal. These organizations participated: The United Boys Brigade, United States National Scouts and Artillery of Brownsville, Rough Riders of Queens County, William Cody Rangers of Winfield, St. Gabriel Signal Corps of Brooklyn, St. Mary Cadets and St. Cecilia Cadets.

Killed by Electric Train.

Leopold F. Hauser of 125 Rockaway road, Jamaica, slipped on the wet platform of the Jamaica station of the Long Island Railway yesterday afternoon and fell beneath the wheels of the electric train. He was instantly killed.

He was returning from the Bronx and he had alighted from the train while it was in motion.

He was a native of Austria and was 25 years old. He came to this country two years ago as a clerk for the banking house of Zimmerman & Forsyth at 9 Wall street. He was soon promoted to the position of assistant manager of the foreign exchange department. He is survived by his parents.

SISTER MERCHANT'S DEATH.

Shakers Prayed Twelve Hours Before Chloroforming Her to End Her Suffering.

ESKIMMO, Fla., Sept. 16.—With the completion of the autopsy on the body of Sister Sadie L. Merchant, who was put to death to end her sufferings by Sister Elizabeth Sears and Brother Egbert B. Gillette of the Shaker colony, it has been proved that only chloroform was used to produce the painless death Sister Sadie asked. It was also proved that the woman was in the last stages of tuberculosis and that she repeatedly begged for something that would put an end to her sufferings.

It developed at the coroner's inquest, which was completed to-day, that there was no secrecy about the administration of the chloroform and that all the members of the colony knew the drug was to be given to Sister Merchant and approved of it. Witnesses swore at the inquest that the members of the colony spent twelve hours in prayer for divine guidance before the drug was administered.

Brother Egbert and Sister Elizabeth insist they performed a Christian act and say they have no fear of the outcome of the Grand Jury's investigation. If sentiment in this city is any index of the probable action of the Grand Jury it is almost certain that no indictments will be returned.

The two Shakers have returned to their quiet homes in the colony to await their hearing. Sister Elizabeth is out on bond of \$2,000, while Brother Egbert was released on a bond of \$2,000. These bonds were signed by wealthy citizens of Kiskimiee, who think it was a meritorious act to administer the chloroform to the woman. Gov. Gilchrist has openly stated in discussing the case that even if the two Shakers should by any chance be convicted he would not allow them to be hanged.

SHARED HIS Dainties.

Curtick, Arrested With Market Package, Feeds Fellow Prisoners.

Jacob Curtick left his home in 173 Clinton street last evening and went market-ing. About 8 o'clock Policeman Judge came across him at Forty-first street and First avenue lugging a heavy package containing a ham, leg of mutton, a loaf of bread, a slab of bacon, some pickled tongue and a paper of pickles.

Then and there Curtick offered to share his purchases with Judge, but the policeman coaxed him to the Twenty-fifth street station house. From his cell Curtick asked for a long knife so that he could share his provisions with the other prisoners.

Not getting the knife he broke the bread and tearing off chunks of meat made sandwiches for his fellow captives, the doorman good naturedly passing them through the bars to the dozen prisoners. Later, as Curtick was being driven to the night court he passed around pickles to those in the patrol wagon and by the time court was reached his provisions were almost gone.

AEROPLANE MAIL ROUTE.

Experiment in Delivery Will Be a Feature of Nassau Boulevard Meet.

Timothy L. Woodruff, who is to manage the aviation meet at the Nassau Boulevard Aerodrome from September 23 to October 1, said yesterday that Postmaster-General Hitchcock had assigned a post office inspector from Washington to assist in the experiment of delivering mail by aeroplanes.

The plan is to have the mail postmarked "Aeroplane special delivery" to some outlying postal station in Brooklyn, where a convenient starting point for the aeroplane will enable it to make a fast getaway after the transfer of the mail sack. Persons in the city can address their friends in the outlying field, where a special station will be established.

The contest committee has named the first day on which mail will be delivered "Postal Delivery Day," and any one will be privileged to send letters or cards by the air line.

A cablegram was received yesterday from Cortlandt Field Hishop, the foreign representative of the Aero Club of America, in which he said that he expected to close an arrangement with Charles Weymann, winner of the international speed contest, by which the aviator would be able to take part in the meet.

Several other entries were received yesterday. They include Lieut. Roy C. Kirkland of the Fourteenth Infantry, James V. Martin of Boston and William Haupt of Philadelphia.

RODGERS STARTS TO-DAY.

Cousin Coming on the Air From Washington to See Him Off.

Calbraith P. Rodgers, the third aviator to start in the across the continent aeroplane race for the prize given by William R. Hearst, will start at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the Sheepshead Bay track, according to the statement of his managers.

The managers also announced last night that they had received a telegram from Washington stating that Lieut. John Rodgers, U. S. N., a cousin of Cal Rodgers, started for New York from Washington yesterday afternoon in a navy aeroplane and had landed for the night at Havre de Grace, Md. The telegram continued that Lieut. Rodgers expected to start from Havre de Grace at daylight this morning to fly to Sheepshead Bay to join his cousin. It was the Lieutenant's intention to escort Calbraith Rodgers over into New Jersey on his long flight.

The Wright aeroplane which Cal Rodgers will fly arrived in Jersey City yesterday and last night was loaded onto a special automobile truck in Jersey City and was taken to Sheepshead Bay in the night, the authorities of Jersey City having objected to its being towed through the streets in the daytime.

LINGUIST GOES INSANE.

Stunstroke Victim Attempts to Kill Himself and Sister and Fire House.

Julius Ezekiel and his sister Lily were supping in the apartment of Mrs. Mary Hare at 352 East 144th street, The Bronx, last evening when suddenly Julius grabbed the bread knife and slashed at his chest.

His sister screamed the blade from him and Julius tried to throw her out of the window. Her screams attracted passersby and two policemen hurried up to her aid. When they got there Julius was setting fire to the draperies in the room and cackling gleefully.

After a tough struggle the police managed to get him into a straitjacket and he was removed to Bellevue Hospital as insane.

Ezekiel is 28 years old. He has travelled extensively and only a month ago came from South Africa to live with his sister. Three weeks ago, Miss Ezekiel said, he had a sunstroke and has been acting queerly since. He is a linguist and was about to take a position as a teacher of languages.

Auto Breaks Boy's Collarbone.

Alexander Ferraro, 8 years old, of 500 West Thirty-sixth street, was run over by an automobile owned by Charles Ditor of 531 West Forty-seventh street, at Tenth avenue and Thirty-sixth street last night. The boy's collarbone was broken and he was bruised.

Charles Walton of 562 West Thirty-sixth street, the chauffeur, was arrested by Policeman Schubert of the West Thirty-seventh street police station and charged with assault.

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FLIER WARD HAS A TUMBLE

HIS ENGINE STOPS AND LETS HIM DOWN AT OWEGO.

Cross-Continent Aviator Takes Another Day. He Was Just Taking Wing for Corning When the Mishap Occurred—He Wasn't Hurt by His Sharp Fall.

OWEGO, N. Y., Sept. 16.—The ill luck that has pursued Aviator James J. Ward since he left Governors Island last Wednesday overtook him as he was making his getaway from here at 4:55 o'clock this afternoon. While he was attempting to negotiate a sharp turn to avoid running into a fringe of trees his engine stopped for a few seconds and the biplane careened sharply and was dashed to the ground, striking a wire fence in its descent.

The collision with the fence caused the motor to start again and this drove the rubber tired running wheels into the ground.

The young aviator fell about twenty feet, but he stuck to his seat and escaped injury.

The biplane was broken and twisted in several places.

Without leaving his seat Ward surveyed the wreck, lit a cigarette and remarked: "This is the first time I have had an accident like this in a year." Then, noticing that his trousers were torn, he added: "It is a good deal more serious than I first supposed."

It will take at least a day to repair the machine. The lower plane is broken in three places and several of the bamboo supports are splintered.

The accident occurred as Ward was starting on the second leg of his proposed flight from Susquehanna to Corning, where he hoped to meet Glenn H. Curtiss, whose machine he is flying. Leaving Susquehanna at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon Ward arrived here at 3:08 o'clock, flying the forty-five miles without a stop.

His approach was announced to Owego by the ringing of the firebell and the blowing of the factory whistles. This was Owego's first glimpse of a birdman and everybody turned out to see the sight.

Ignoring the place selected for him to alight Ward out a few circles over the village and then landed without a jar in a large field about a mile west of the village. The first native to greet him was Luke White, who for years has maintained that the earth is flat.

"Say, young feller, do you ride a facin' the engine?" Luke inquired.

Ward smiled, and pointing to his seat in front of the motor, replied: "Yes, I always ride backward—that's what has made me two days late in arriving."

Ward motored to town. After refilling his oil and gasoline tanks, preparatory to starting, he said:

"I have had hard winds to fight all day, but my engine is working beautifully, and I think my good luck is going to fly with me from now on."

Just before he waved the signal to start he called out: "Frisco or bust." One of the mechanics standing by the machine noticed that only two of the motor's cylinders were working as the machine sped over the turf. He called to Ward, but his voice was drowned out by the noise of the motor and the cheering of the crowd. After running about 30 yards on the turf the machine left the ground and two seconds later it was wrecked.

Ward left Owego, N. Y., at 10:05 o'clock this morning, hoping to get as far as Buffalo to-day. He reached Susquehanna, Pa., at 11:05 o'clock, having made the fifty-six miles in sixty minutes. He reported that his biplane was working beautifully. He remained at Susquehanna for luncheon and then resumed his flight. He passed over Binghamton at 2:44 P. M. Callicoon, N. Y., at 10:05 o'clock.

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L. P. HOLLANDER & CO WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S OUTFITTERS FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE GROWTH OF THEIR BUSINESS THROUGH THE PAST SIXTY-THREE YEARS HAS BEEN DUE LARGELY TO THEIR MODERATE PRICES, FAIR TREATMENT, AND TO A CERTAIN STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE WHICH HAS BEEN MAINTAINED. FIFTH AVE. AT 46TH ST.

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