

FICKLE VENEZUELA DODGES ITS STATUE

Revolutions Come and Go, but the Monroe Memorial Yet Stands Unpaid For.

NOT A MODERN GALATEA

Unsought for 17 Years, and Sculptor Now Fears It Never Will Move.

A statue of President James Monroe by Attilio Piccirilli has been standing in a corner of Mr. Piccirilli's studio in East 142d street, The Bronx, for seventeen years, a substantial evidence in marble of the frequent changes of political affairs in the Latin American republics.

Mr. Piccirilli, whose most recent large work is the statue on the much discussed Maine monument at Columbus Circle, made the Madison statue upon commission from President Crespo of Venezuela in 1895. There has been a boundary dispute of long standing between Venezuela and British Guiana. The difficulty became critical in the spring of 1895, and President Cleveland, voicing the Monroe Doctrine, sent his message to Congress practically demanding of Great Britain that she submit the dispute to arbitration.

The Venezuelan public, which was thoroughly aroused against Great Britain by the dispute, took up President Cleveland and President Monroe as heroes for the time being. President Crespo sent his son to the United States to arrange for the making of a statue of the enunciator of the doctrine, which should be erected in a conspicuous spot in Caracas as a reminder to the Venezuelan people of the debt they owed the man and the doctrine.

The contract called for the completion of the statue in six months. The sculptor finished his task within the contract limit and the statue, ten feet in height, was ready for shipment. The base was to be built in Caracas.

Only \$2,000 Was Paid.

When the contract was signed Crespo's son and the other Venezuelans who represented that country in the negotiations had paid \$2,000 down, the remainder of the contract price of \$10,000 to be paid upon delivery. Mr. Piccirilli notified the Venezuelan Government that the statue was ready for shipment, but the Caracas administration delayed sending its representatives to New York to accept the statue for the Government.

Before the delegation got started for New York Gen. Crespo was succeeded by President Andrade. The sculptor called the attention of the new President to the contract, but before anything was done there was an insurrection in which Gen. Crespo and his son were killed while leading Government troops. This revolution was not much more than a downed before another and successful revolt overthrew Andrade and placed Cipriano Castro in power.

Piccirilli then began on Castro. But interest in the father of the Monroe Doctrine had died down. There was talk of a commission inspecting the statue for the Venezuelan Government, but nothing ever came of it. Castro was succeeded in 1910 by Gomez; there was more writing of letters on both sides and the same lack of action.

Castro Didn't Even See It.

Last winter when ex-President Castro was about to come to New York representatives arranged for him to see the statue. But after an unpleasant encounter with the immigration authorities the former Venezuelan dictator failed away again without journeying to the Bronx studio to see the piece of sculpture.

The incident has been rather an expensive one for Mr. Piccirilli. Altogether the cost of materials and labor for the statue was close to \$5,000, or \$3,000 more than the amount which he so far has received from Venezuela. But the sculptor hasn't entirely given up hope.

Mr. Piccirilli recently received a letter from residents of San Diego, Cal., who were thinking of purchasing the statue for their city in connection with the celebration of the Panama Canal opening. Thus its role may be the commemoration of quite another thing than the Cleveland message of 1895.

The statue shows the President standing, his left hand holding a sheaf of papers and his right arm extended a little from the body, the forefinger outstretched. As Mr. Piccirilli explains his purposes in the statue that right hand extended in gesture is saying "They've got to keep off—they've got to keep out of this hemisphere's affairs."

TO TRY 18 FOR PARK ARRESTS.

Lieutenants and Policemen Will Face Charges in Brooklyn. Lieutenants Edward J. Hayes, William Higgins and Charles H. Washburn of the Prospect Park police station and fifteen patrolmen in other Brooklyn precincts were served with charges yesterday for causing arrest to be made when summonses should have been served. The policemen will be tried to-morrow in Brooklyn Police Headquarters.

MORE FENCE WITNESSES.

Expected to Tell of Relations of Police and Receivers. Assistant District Attorneys Embree and Moskowitz have issued grand jury subpoenas, returnable to-day, for men mentioned by Isidor Rader, the convicted receiver of stolen property, and may take their testimony this morning. The witnesses are expected to tell of their relations with the four policemen and one detective whom Rader implicates in his confession.

Mr. Moskowitz had an interview yesterday with a prisoner in the Tombs whose name has not been given out, who says the story of his dealings with receivers of stolen property will disclose a new fence and a receiver who made a practice of "fixing" cases with police assistance.

UPHOLDS 90 CENT GAS RATE.

New Jersey Supreme Court Follows Minnesota Rate Decision.

TRENTON, N. J., July 7.—Two fundamental principles were passed upon by the Supreme Court to-day in an opinion sustaining the order of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, under which the Public Service Gas Company was compelled to establish a 90 cent gas rate in the Passaic district, one of the six operating divisions into which the State is divided by the company.

Following the recent decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Minnesota rate cases, the court held that property may be segregated for the purpose of rate making. Adherence to this rule, elaborated in the Minnesota cases, disposed of the contention of the Public Service company that the rates should be fixed upon the basis of its earnings and investments in the State at large rather than those in a single portion of the territory served.

The second important question decided affirms the power of the Public Utility Commission to fix a just and reasonable rate without violating the Fourteenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution relative to the protection of property rights. The court held that there was no evidence that the 90 cent rate would be confiscatory. The opinion, written by Justice Swayne, stated the determination of the court to protect alike both the rights of investors and the public.

RAILROAD MEN VOTE STRIKE, BUT WILL WAIT

Think Congress Will Adopt Amendment to Erdman Arbitration Act.

A conference will be held this morning at 10 o'clock in the Engineering Societies Building between the representatives of the trainmen and conductors and the managers' committee of the Eastern railroads. At that time arrangements will be made for the result of the vote taken by the men for or against a strike if their demands are not granted. It is said, and is not denied, that 90 per cent of the men voted to strike.

No precipitate action, however, will be taken. A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, said a few days ago: "We will not go off at half cock, but will give the railroads time before a strike is called to avert a strike. It is our duty to make a last effort at an amicable settlement before a strike is declared."

The representatives of the trainmen and conductors cling to the hope that before the negotiations are over the amendment to the Erdman act provided for in the bill which has passed the United States Senate will become law. The bill has the approval of both brotherhoods and the Eastern railroads.

In the employment of the men by the railroads the open shop rule prevails, though at least 90 per cent are in the unions, and the strike vote involves both union and non-union men. Elisha Lee, chairman of the managers' committee, issued a statement yesterday giving the wages paid in 1912, as taken from the actual payrolls, of the men on five representative roads. After pointing out that the 100,000 trainmen and conductors have demanded increases in wages amounting to \$17,000,000 a year and that the men may strike because the railroads, feeling that an increase in wages is unwarranted, have refused the advance, the statement says:

"From this, therefore, it is clear that if employees may call a strike in their endeavor to force the railroads into paying extravagant wages, it is important that the public know just what pay the conductors and trainmen receive."

Table with 4 columns: Road, Year, Wages, and % Increase. Rows include Baltimore & Ohio, New York Central, Pennsylvania, Lackawanna, and Big Four.

DOG FINDS SUICIDE'S BODY.

Chloroform Bottle Near Dead Man on Bank of Morris Canal. PASSAIC, N. J., July 7.—Walter J. Mesleze's dog found the body of a man on the bank of the Morris Canal yesterday morning. The dog attracted Mr. Mesleze and he notified Chief of Police Coughlin of Clifton.

The body had contained chloroform in a pocket indicated was that of Charles W. Dennison of Petauma, and letters advertising California real estate. A brother, Howard E. Dennison, of Akron, Ohio, has been notified. An undated letter, written in a notebook, left all the dead man's property to this brother.

PRY SAFE OPEN; GET \$600.

Yegmen Jimmy Their Way to Shoe Store Funds. Yegmen Jimmie a large safe in the Regal shoe store at 1049 Broadway, Williamsburg, early yesterday morning and got \$600. They entered from an alley in the rear, where they pried away window bars.

They rolled the safe from the store into a rear room, turned the floor with a show and lifted the safe over. They drilled holes in the doors and then pried them open with sectional files. The burglars left behind all their tools.

PETITIONS SHORT, SAYS CLERK.

442 Names on Commission Paper Questioned in Paterson. PATERSON, N. J., July 7.—According to the testimony of City Clerk Standerbe before Supreme Court Commissioner Thomas F. Randall to-day the advocates of commission government have not secured enough signatures for a special election.

The signatures of 4,029 are required. There were 428 names offered, but 2,000 of these were illegible. Standerbe questioned 442, leaving the petition 487 short. He says there were 122 duplicate signatures, 496 not on the poll books, 122 do not compare with those on the poll books and 71 are undecipherable. He has refused to call the special election.

O'GORMAN SUES FOR \$25,000.

Senator's Law Firm Asks That Sum for Settling Buchanan Estate. United States Senator O'Gorman, George Gordon Goble and United States District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall filed suit in the Supreme Court yesterday for \$25,000 from Charles P. Buchanan, son of the late William Buchanan, tobacco manufacturer, who died two years ago, leaving \$2,000,000, part of which went to his son.

The plaintiffs as members of the firm of O'Gorman, Goble & Marshall allege that they rendered services of the value of \$25,000 in settling up the estate.

TIES UP CLERK; GETS \$2,500 IN JEWELRY

Maiden Lane Robber Calls to See Samples, and Then Blackjacks Boy.

ALL ALONE IN THE OFFICE

Victim Drags Himself to Door, Opens It With Hands Bound and Gives Alarm.

The robbery serial going on in Maiden Lane, with chapters about a month apart, reached an unusually exciting episode yesterday afternoon on the nineteenth floor of the Silvermiths Building at Nos. 15-17-19. A thief, described as six feet four inches tall, blackjacked, gagged and bound a 19-year-old boy in the office of Louis Stern & Co. and escaped with \$92 and a jeweler's leather sample case containing \$2,500 worth of bracelets, gold and silver mesh bags and cigarette cases.

The tall robber started his day's work by calling at the International Silver Company's office at 9 Maiden Lane and pretending he wanted to buy silver bags. That company, having none, referred him to Gideon & Beck, in the Silvermiths Building, and gave him a card signed by two International Silver Company's employees.

The card was what the stranger wanted. He knew it would introduce him to Louis Freeman, the 19-year-old clerk who had sole charge of the office of Louis Stern & Co., while the manager, Edward B. Eaton, was on a four days' vacation.

Louis Stern & Co. have a factory in Providence with offices here and in Philadelphia, where Mr. Stern lives. The New York office received a trunkful of wares—\$8,000 worth—from Providence yesterday morning.

The tall young man tore off the half of the card bearing the name of Gideon & Beck and went straight up to Louis Stern & Co.'s.

"You understand we have only samples here," said the boy, Louis Freeman.

"Yes, I know—samples are what I want to look at," replied the visitor. The boy opened the safe and learned to take out a sample case. A blow back of the right ear felled him. When he regained his senses ten minutes later his mouth was filled with a handkerchief, another handkerchief was tied around his head to keep the gag in place, his feet were tied together with braided cord and his hands were tied behind him. The amiable clerk had disappeared after fixing the door so it couldn't be unlocked from without.

Louis Freeman wriggled and pulled. He squirmed across the floor to the door and kicked it repeatedly. His brother Isidor, who had come down town to visit him, heard the thumping. Peering through the mail hole in the door he saw Louis. Another Isidor got Charles F. Wood from another jeweler's office.

Boy Releases Himself.

The corridor filled with tenants disturbed by the thumping. While they stood helpless before the locked door the bound boy inside drew himself up by clutching the walls and with his back to the door found the knob and opened the door. Then he fell half fainting across the office rail.

It was 3:30 o'clock. Immediately all the doors of the building were locked, but the tall man with the sample case had gone. He had done his business in less than twenty minutes. He was described by Louis Freeman and by the International Silver Company men from whom he got the card as being about 30 years old, wearing a good brown suit, high top collar, dark tie with stickpin and tan shoes.

Louis Freeman recovered rapidly and went to Headquarters to see if the robber's picture was in the Rogues Gallery. Freeman lives with his father, a grocer, at 71 East 106th street.

HIGH POST FOR PENFIELD.

President Names Him as Ambassador to Austria-Hungary. WASHINGTON, July 7.—Frederic C. Penfield of Philadelphia was nominated to-day by the President to be Ambassador to Austria-Hungary.

Penfield was one of the heavy contributors to Woodrow Wilson's re-convention campaign fund. He told the Senate committee investigating campaign contributions and expenditures that his offerings were voluntary, that he was invited by Chairman McCombs to take an active personal part in the Wilson campaign, but unable to do so.

The nominee is a native of Connecticut, 58 years old, and after a newspaper experience on the editorial staff of the Hartford "Courant" was appointed by President Cleveland as Vice-Consul-General at London. He served also as diplomatic agent and Consul-General at Cairo, Egypt. Mr. Penfield has been decorated by the Sultan of Turkey, the Khedive of Egypt and in 1904 was awarded by the French Government the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

SHOT, BUT DIDN'T KNOW IT.

Sugrue Had Silencer on Revolver That Went Off in Pocket. John Sugrue, a driver, of 434 West 1634 street, was wounded last evening in the right leg by an arrowal revolver which had a silencer on it. Sugrue, who had the gun in his pocket, insists he did not feel the bullet or hear the explosion. The bullet must have been annihilated with pain.

Sugrue and Patrick Hawkins of 168 East 112th street were talking in a saloon about holdups. Sugrue said he was not afraid, and to prove it showed the revolver, then shoved it into his trousers pocket. A little later Hawkins saw blood dripping from Sugrue's shoe.

BOMB WRECKS A STORE.

Harlem Manufacturer Got Five Threatening Letters. A bomb exploded at 12:30 o'clock this morning on the ground floor of a five story flat house at 163 East 156th street. It partly wrecked the leather store of John Cochiarrelli, who had received five letters in the last six weeks, each demanding \$2,000.

ACCUSED OF LOOTING BANK.

State Department Also Criticized by Judge Bissell.

BUFFALO, July 7.—In the final string in court to-day of the affairs of the defunct State Bank of Pike County Greenleaf Van Gorder, who was president of the bank, accused the State Department of Banks of having "looted" the bank.

He said the bank had been solvent at all times, but he attacked the fees of the Banking Department, including one for the attorney for the department. He said the Banking Department had sold property at a loss when better prices could have been obtained, and said that greed, malice or whim, or the incompetence of the State examiner had put a solvent concern out of business.

Justice Bissell, "that the most serious feature of this affair was the closing of an institution that within fifteen months had its depositors in full and paid 40 per cent to its stockholders."

ICE TRUST CUT RATE ATTRACTS.

Mr. Oler Must Refuse New Customers if Independents Keep Price Up. Wesley M. Oler said yesterday that the Knickerbocker Ice Company, of which he is president, will have to refuse to sell ice to new customers unless the so-called independent companies controlling the rest of the market reduce their price to the Knickerbocker's wholesale rate of \$4 a ton. "The other companies," Mr. Oler said, "are charging \$5 a ton or more. The result is that many of their customers are coming to us, and if we supply them we shall not have enough for our regular customers."

He said that the independent dealers could not profit at \$4 a ton, and that the \$5 rate is an extravagant gain. Last Wednesday the Knickerbocker company sold 21,000 more tons than on the corresponding day last year.

SPEAKS WEIRD DIALECT, BUT THE GIRLS LIKE IT

Wanderer From Finnish Island Wins Housemaids' Love and Their Rings.

Although Eric Mikonen speaks a dialect heard only on a small island off the Finnish coast and the District Attorney's office had to take lower Manhattan to get an interpreter when he was arraigned in General Sessions Court yesterday, he understood the "proper" language well enough to win the affection of two nursemaids in Central Park and to take a ring from each of them as a token of their affection.

The nursemaids told their story plainly enough in the police court, but the prisoner couldn't say an understandable word. So they sent him to Bellevue for observation. The doctors found him sane, and yesterday he appeared in General Sessions with a language that balked court interpreters.

One of the interpreters said he thought Mikonen's words reminded him of Finnish. Word was sent to the editor of a Finnish newspaper. He talked to the prisoner and said he spoke a dialect peculiar to a small island in the North Sea off the Finnish coast.

Mikonen explained, through the editor, that he had taken the rings, but supposed the girls intended to give them to him. A plea of not guilty was entered, and the editor, who declined to give his name, assured the court that he would see to it that Mikonen has a good lawyer when he comes up for trial.

ASK QUAKER SEATING IN MOVIES.

Philadelphia Owners Not Impressed With Sex Separation Idea. PHILADELPHIA, July 7.—Policemen visited every moving picture theatre in Philadelphia to-day and requested the proprietors to go back to the old Quaker idea of seating their audiences by placing all men on one side and all women on the other side of the theatres. Director Porter believes this plan would eliminate the moving picture flirtations. The owners of the small theatres did not speak as though they would comply with the request.

The policemen also asked the picture theatre owners to eliminate in the future all "blood and thunder" pictures and throw upon the screen pictures of educational value instead. Many consented, but others said the sensational pictures meant money on the door.

RABBI LEVY ON DIVORCE.

Thinks Causes Would Be Fewer if There Were Federal Marriage Laws. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 7.—In an address before the Central Conference of the American Rabbis at the Hotel Ruelle to-day the Rev. J. Leonard Levy of Pittsburgh, advocated Federal marriage and divorce laws and urged rabbis to demand twenty days notice of a marriage in order that they might thoroughly investigate the character of the principals. He added:

"Great as evil as divorce is, there can be a still greater evil in domestic life, the impossibility of obtaining a divorce in the case of legal wedlock. When domestic conditions are immoral husbands and wives should be legally put asunder. Nothing can be more degrading to innocent children than to be reared in a home in the presence of parents who have lost all respect for each other."

BOY'S FRANK INJURES THREE.

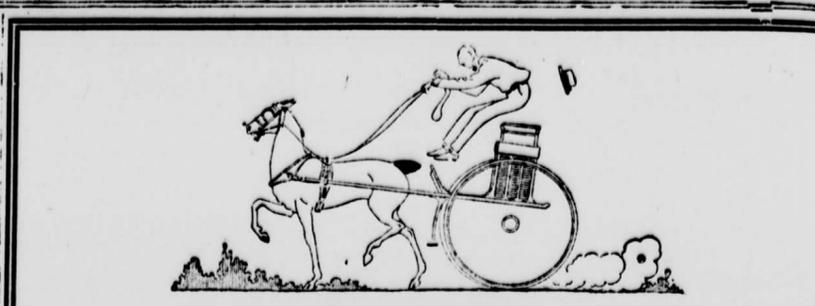
Boards Motor Delivery Wagon and Pulls the Lever. A boy of 10 boarded a motor delivery wagon of the Ward Baking Company in front of 5 West 118th street yesterday while the driver was in a store.

He touched a lever and the machine crossed the street and hit Mrs. Abraham Yavay, her daughter Dora, 6 years old, and her niece, Dora, 3. Pushing these three persons ahead of it the wagon smashed a show window.

The right ankle of Dora, the niece, was broken and she, as well as her aunt and cousin, were badly cut and bruised. The boy culprit ran away.

SEEKS MOTHER'S GRAVE TO DIE.

Woman Drinks Poison There in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Mrs. Ethel Salk, 25 years old, of 616 East 158th street, attempted suicide by swallowing ammonia hydrate on the grave of her mother in Mount Zion Cemetery, yesterday. She did not drink enough of the poison to kill her and she is now in St. John's Hospital, Long Island City.



Advertisement for John Wanamaker's Custom Shirt Shop. Text includes: 'Beginning Today For the First Time in Its History the Wanamaker Men's Custom Shirt Shop Will Make Up to Measure for \$2.25 Imported Shirtings That Always Have Cost \$3.50 to \$5.' It lists reasons for the sale and provides details about the shop's offerings and location.

Advertisement for Warden Kaiser's job at Clinton Prison. Text includes: 'WARDEN LOSES JOB AT CLINTON PRISON. Sulzer Wanted to Retain Kaiser, but Smith M. Weed's Man Takes Place. NEW ONE AGAINST MURPHY. Buffalo Man Was Backed by Senator Wende, Governor's Adherent.'

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