

GOVERNOR PARDONS SEVEN IN SING SING

Parole Board Lets Prisoner Go Home When Wife Appears With New Baby.

26 OTHERS GET FREEDOM

Gift of Liberty Causes Barber to Leave Half Official's Face Unshaven.

Gov. Miller gave Christmas presents to seven of the convicts of Sing Sing Prison in the form of pardons yesterday, the largest batch of his administration. In addition the State Board of Parole granted twenty-seven of thirty applications for parole heard yesterday, and permitted one man, Thomas Weston who was serving a sentence for violating his parole, to go home at once with his wife whom he called at the prison to show him their new baby.

Michael Miranda, one of the men pardoned, who had served thirteen years of a sentence of twenty for arson, was in the barber shop when he got the news. Giving William A. McCabe of Poughkeepsie, confidential agent of the State Superintendent of Prisons. He had finished shaving one half of McCabe's face and had lathered the other, but when he heard he had been pardoned he uttered a yell, threw his razor to the floor and hurried to the prison office to verify the report. McCabe had to finish his shave himself.

LAY \$70,000 THEFT TO CHICAGO BANK CLERK

Employee Trusted for Twenty Years Accused in Shortage.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Seth Anderson, manager of the outclearing department of the First National Bank of Chicago, was charged today by officials of the institution with a \$70,000 defalcation. Anderson, who is married, had been a trusted employee of the bank for twenty years. Bank examiners say his scheme was to take money from the outgoing funds of the bank, replacing the funds with his own checks.

18 MORE SNOW STORMS PROMISED THIS WINTER

Goshen's Venerable Weather Prophet Makes Prediction.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. MINNEAPOLIS, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Conrad Diehl, Goshen's weather prophet, is expecting eighteen more snow storms this winter. According to his system of reckoning, we are to get twenty-six in all and we have already had eight. He arrives at this decision because the first snow storm of the season came November 26 and he says the number of snows is governed by the date of the first storm.

TESTS PRISONER'S HEART TO FIND IF HE IS A BURGLAR

Aged Physician, Who Was Assaulted and Robbed After Applying Stethoscope to Fake Patient, Attempts to Recognize Peculiar Murmur of Organ in Suspect Also.

Dr. Henry Moeller of 311 West Fifty-seventh street, who was assaulted and robbed in his office last Sunday night, made a partial identification of Howard Sinclair of 328 West Ninety-sixth street in the West Forty-seventh street station by testing the suspect's heart through a stethoscope. The physician told the police that before he was eaten by the man who called at his office he had tested the patient's heart and had detected a peculiar murmur that he found in Sinclair's heart also.

she got a good look at the man as he sat in her father's office. Sinclair, who said that he was an actor and came to New York from Galveston, was arrested during the afternoon by Detective William O'Connor, who accused him of trying to force the door of Miss Caroline Heberlein's apartment on the second floor of the house at 67 West Fifty-fifth street. In the apartment in which Sinclair lives with his wife the detective found ten pawn tickets for watches and other valuables, together with an assortment of silverware, cheap pearl necklaces and rings of slight value. Sinclair declared that during the time Dr. Moeller was being robbed he was at home with his wife and several guests whose names he provided.

GRAND JURY SHUNTS HALL INQUIRY AGAIN

Adjourns Until Jan. 3 as New Split Looms Among Investigators.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 20.—The December panel of the Somerset County Grand Jury, which convened yesterday, adjourned today until January 3 without considering any evidence in the Hall-Mills case. It is almost certain, however, that upon the return of the grand jury the new evidence has been accumulated will be presented with a request for definite action. This is confidently expected in view of the charges delivered by Justice Charles W. Parker. The panel has already disposed of all other scheduled business.

BACKS TALE OF \$100 TO KILL MRS. BECKER

Lieut. Bruckman Testifies Defendant Also Told Him of Making Offer.

Henry Bruckman, lieutenant of detectives of the Forty-fifth precinct, took the stand yesterday in the trial of Abraham Becker in the Bronx County Court for the murder of his wife, whose body was found buried in a pit, and corroborated the story related on Tuesday by Harry Monstein, Becker's friend, who said that Becker told him he had paid two men \$100 to kill his wife, Jennie, and bury her.

RECALLS INVITATION TO WM. H. ANDERSON

Dry Leader Inquired Enmity of Republican Women by Remarks.

CLUB WANTS FAIR MAN

Anti Superintendent Brands Wadsworth and Smith for Wet Activities.

The invitation which William H. Anderson, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, gladly accepted to debate the prohibition question before the Women's National Republican Club has been withdrawn. Mr. Anderson says he is glad of it, feeling proud, as he puts it, to have incurred the enmity of the Republican woman who don't like his methods.

Mrs. Charles H. Sabin, president of the club, which has headquarters at 28 West Thirty-ninth street, let it be known yesterday that the invitation issued to Mr. Anderson had been cancelled. The debate was to have been held January 11 and while no one had actually been chosen to answer Mr. Anderson, the women had been seriously thinking of inviting Augustus Thomas to accept that post of honor. But on December 16 Mrs. Sabin found it necessary to write Mr. Anderson thus:

"I am in receipt of your letter of December 12, wherein you express your willingness to debate the subject of prohibition under certain conditions. In the same mail several officers of the Women's National Republican Club received copies of the attack made by you upon the Senator from New York, Mr. Wadsworth.

"This club recognizes the fact that there are many issues upon which there are differences of opinion, both within and without the party, and it is always glad to have both sides of such questions fairly presented; but it does not recognize and will not tolerate slanderous attacks upon the character of men in public life as a form of political propaganda. The club therefore withdraws its invitation to you to speak on January 11."

"I have yours to the effect that your club has withdrawn its invitation to discuss the prohibition law because of statements I made respecting Senator Wadsworth and his nullification activity, which you call slanderous. It has long been the custom of male partisans to denounce as slanderous any truth respecting political matters which was unpleasant if not dangerous. But I had not expected the women to fall into the same rut.

"I feel proud to have incurred and hope I shall always merit the antagonism of any partisan of any sex who stands for the things that Senator Wadsworth stands for and he and his friends have done respecting the betrayal of the Republican party with its overwhelming majority of dry enforcement membership into the hands of Tammany."

"Smith Got Wet Votes." Anderson's statement on Wadsworth that caused the withdrawal of the invitation referred to "the most gigantic

whipsaw game ever planned in American politics" and Anderson assumed to see in the election returns a deal between Wadsworth and his "pal Al" Smith whereby Smith would become the wet President of the United States and Wadsworth would remain a wet Senator. As to the past Anderson wrote: "It is impossible to prove personal participation by Senator Wadsworth in any deal with Tammany. . . but it is inconsistent with any credible hypothesis that he did not know of the things that resulted in Gov. Smith getting at least 250,000 wet Republican votes in 1920, while he received at least 250,000 wet Tammany votes." Anderson also said: "Wadsworth would far rather have Al Smith President of the United States than to have President Harding elected for a second term."

GUN TURNS TOMBSTONE DEAL INTO \$765 THEFT

Bandit Also Shifts Overcoats With Victim.

Stephen Riley of the firm of Riley Brothers, dealers in tombstones at 120 Hancock avenue, Long Island City, was in his office yesterday when two men came in and said they wanted to look over his tombstones with a view to making a purchase. As Riley was leading them out into the yard one of them stuck a pistol against his ribs and told him to put up his hands.

Riley said they robbed him of a \$125 watch, a diamond ring worth \$500 and \$40 in cash. And one of the men exchanged overcoats with Riley because he liked Riley's coat better. When last seen the men were running through the Dutch Kills swamps about a mile away.

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