

## Munson & McNamara

123 to 127 N. Main Street.

The big ribbon sale continues today. Lady Grey Perfumes now on sale. Ladies' Black Cashmere Vests open today. Black Fishnet, for evening wear, on sale now. Persian Effects in French Flannels. New Braids and Persian Bands for dress trimming. New Cardinal Cream, White and Black Henriettas. Very handsome Plaids for children or combination suits. Big Lines of Silk Umbrellas, Sterling and Oxidized handles.

Special 6 days' sale and cut prices on big lines of merchandise.

25 per cent off on all Trimmed Hats.

Novelties in our Cloak Department.

We are making you a Christmas present of some handsomely illustrated books when your purchases amount to \$20. It is a sure enough present to you, and perhaps will save you buying one.

## MUNSON & McNAMARA.

### We Do Not Handle Trash.

Or sell worthless, rotten, moth-eaten auction stuff at any price, or keep it in our store to deceive the people with. We do not make a great hue and cry over a cheap pair of suspenders for five cents, and then ask twenty dollars for a suit of clothes worth only ten. These and other similar schemes belong to a class of dealers who are constantly scheming to deceive the public and who have no business reputation to lose.

It is a well-known and thoroughly established fact that we handle the very best goods manufactured and cater to the best trade.

And those who want the best articles can buy them of us at less figures than they have to pay the aforesaid dealers for sloop-made cheap trash.

WE SELL MORE

## OVERCOATS!

THAN ANY OTHER TWO DEALERS IN THE STATE, Because We Have the Best and Sell Them the Cheapest.

WE SELL MORE

## SUITS for MEN, BOYS and CHILDREN

THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN THE WEST, Because we have earned a wide reputation for superiority in trim, fit and price of these goods.

WE HAVE GOT MORE

## FINE IMPORTED UNDERWEAR

THAN ANY OTHER FOUR HOUSES IN THE STATE:

Too much for our own good. We have got to sell it and have marked it all down at a fearful sacrifice to unload it. We adopt no copied ways of letting people know our goods and prices. We go on our own hook as leaders should. BY GIVING GREAT BARGAINS we manage to keep our store thronged with customers.

## COLE & JONES,

The One Price Clothiers,

208, 210 and 212 DOUGLAS AVENUE, WICHITA, KANSAS.

## THE ITALIAN BAND

Has been engaged to discourse their sweet music to our friends

## EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT!

FROM 7 TO 10 P. M.

The choice music and beautiful Holiday Display will well repay a visit to our store. All will be made welcome.

## ROBINSON & CHAMPION,

"Emporium of Art and Beauty."

Sedgwick Block, Wichita, Kan.

## PHILADELPHIA STORE,

S. W. Cor. Douglas ave. and Market

Grand clearing sale to make room for holiday goods.

Our store room is entirely too small for the immense stock we carry.

Goods for the holiday trade take up lots of room, and as we have only four weeks to sell holiday goods in, we must make some sacrifices in order to make room for our Christmas displays.

Our prices on flannels have been unusually low this season, our sales thus far showing a heavy increase on our last year's business. For this week we have cut the prices 20 per cent. below our regular selling price.

Our custom flannels are cut this week 20 per cent. below our selling price.

On our dress goods, of which we have an unusually attractive line, we will also give you a discount of 20 per cent. from our former prices. These prices will really bring these goods below the cost of manufacture.

On our underwear, men's, ladies' and children's, we will reduce the prices 25 per cent., as the unusual warm weather has retarded our sales, and we do not wish to carry these goods over another season.

Table linens, towels, and all householding goods, all reduced.

We must have the room for our grand holiday display.

Blankets and comforts share in the same reduction. We will sell them very cheap during this week.

Remember every purchase of one dollar entitles you to one ticket in our grand drawing for the One Thousand Dollar Music Box, the finest instrument of its kind ever manufactured.

## A. KATZ

### THAN ANY OTHER TWO DEALERS IN THE STATE, Because We Have the Best and Sell Them the Cheapest.

## VICTORY!

Let it be Inscribed on the Blood

Stained Banner of Truth.

The Great Give-Away Scheme Conducted by

## A. A. POST

At 405 E. Douglas Avenue,

## IS BOOMING

The salesman are all kept so busy selling goods and giving away the presents that it is impossible to keep track of and write a list of the articles given away, and the list of names published; therefore, no more lists will be given. Two diamond studs, four gold watches and seven silver watches have already been drawn, besides a great many other articles such as silver cups, terry dishes, castors, knives, forks, spoons, clocks and jewelry of various kinds, and the beauty of it is the presents are given right on the spot without waiting until some future time to draw them.

A present is given with every cash sale of \$5 or more, and the great sale is running on.

There are gold and silver watches, diamonds, clocks, silverware and jewelry of all kinds yet to be given away, and the list of prices given below of a few articles will show that goods are to be sold cheaper than they can be bought elsewhere:

Genuine Rogers' silver plated Knives \$1.75 per set.  
Genuine Rogers' silver plated Forks \$1.75 per set.  
Genuine Rogers' silver plated Tea Spoons \$1.25 per set.  
Genuine Rogers' silver plated Table Spoons \$2.00 per set.  
Eight Day Alarm Walnut Frame Clocks \$4.00 each. Other dealers sell the same clock for \$7.  
Nickie Alarm Clock \$1.25 each. Other dealers sell the same for \$2.  
Watches that other dealers sell for \$5, \$20 for \$3; \$10 watches for \$7; \$20 watches for \$15; \$50 watches for \$35; \$100 watches for \$70. Diamonds and Silverware at same reductions.

A few foolish ones will say this is only an advertising scheme and give it no attention, but the

## WISE WILL COME

And great will be their reward. So if you want to be one of the lucky ones, come at once to 405 East Douglas ave., Wichita, Kansas, and see

## A. A. POST.

## FIVE FATAL SHOTS.

### A WRONGED WOMAN SHOTS DOWN HER BETRAYER.

#### A New York Elevated Railway Official Assassinated on a Crowded Thoroughfare.

Mrs. Hannah Southworth the Calm and Self-Satisfied Murderess of Stephen L. Pettus.

#### The Story of Her Wrongs and Years of Forbearance Told—Shedding of Blood the Only Course Left to Punish a Most Damnable Criminal and Defender—The Woman Evidently Demented.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Stephen L. Pettus, secretary and treasurer of the Brooklyn union elevated railroad, and a member of the firm of Pollard, Pettus & Co., of 54 Broad street, was shot dead here this morning in front of No. 10 Fulton street by a Mrs. Hannah Southworth, who refused to give her address to the police when arrested.

Just before 10 o'clock, while Fulton street was crowded with people who had just landed from a Brooklyn ferry boat, a young woman, wearing a skin aquatic, trimmed with long black fur, was seen hurrying along behind a well dressed man wearing a derby hat. When in front of No. 10, she pulled a large Smith & Wesson revolver, 38 calibre, from beneath her dress, and fired five shots in quick succession at the man in front of her, although he fell at the first shot; in fact the woman continued firing until every chamber in the revolver was emptied. As the victim writhed and struggled on the sidewalk, the woman looked calm and self-possessed, actually smiling with apparent satisfaction. In a short time a great crowd had gathered, attracted to the spot by the repeated pistol firing.

#### THE MURDERER ARRESTED.

An officer made a rush for the place. She saw the officer coming and raising herself to her full height and assuming a somewhat dramatic position she hissed out between her teeth pointing at the now lifeless body on the sidewalk, "That man betrayed me and my family. He has ruined me and my family." She was taken to the old police station where the woman gave her name as Hannah Southworth, but the name is the woman who committed the murder in the elevated railway.

To the sergeant at the desk Miss Southworth repeated the statement that the dead man had betrayed her and her family. During this trying ordeal Mrs. Southworth never winced, but if possible became more calm and dignified.

#### FIVE DEADLY BULLETS.

An examination of the dead man showed that five bullets had taken effect; three bullets lodged in the back, one in his neck and one in his right side. Either one of the bullets would have caused death.

Hannah Southworth who committed the murder is the woman who attacked Mr. Pettus in front of the elevated railway office at 95 Clinton street, Brooklyn, about a year ago. She was arrested at the time and placed her under bond to keep the peace.

Within an hour after reaching the police station a lawyer called and was admitted to the captain's room, where the woman sat. He told her the represented Howe & Hummel, the criminal lawyers, "Oh, tell me, how did it happen?" "With me," the woman cried, "Tell him not to desert me now." She was very much excited and begged for a little money to get home to her family. "My doctor lets me have it to quiet my nerves. Let me have some now."

Her request was not granted. She was greatly excited and seemed hanging on the brink of lunacy.

THE WOMAN EVIDENTLY DEMENTED.

When Mrs. Southworth appeared in the coroner's office in the afternoon she was affected to a degree which was fairly a witness, her mind being apparently in no condition to think or to comprehend what was going on about her. She was very well dressed and in very pretty attire, and her hair was dressed with a look of seal skin trimmed with a darker fur.

Coroner Levy asked her name and she gave it as Hannah B. Southworth, in a low voice. When she was asked to identify the man who shot her head and said: "Mr. Hummel killed him."

Mr. Steinhart, who represented Howe & Hummel, answered for her that she could not remember her residence; that it was not intentional but she was incapable of thought.

"I suppose you have no statement to make," Coroner Levy said. "She is in no condition to make one," Mr. Steinhart answered.

"All right," answered the coroner kindly.

If Mrs. Southworth was acting it was very good and painful acting. She stood up suddenly as if she were entirely sane and began to pace and down the room with her arms folded behind her.

COMMITTED UNTIL TUESDAY.

The coroner committed her to the city prison until Tuesday at 1 o'clock, when she will be given a hearing. She allowed them to lock her down stairs without any words or feeling and was driven to prison.

Among the papers found on the person of the dead man was a letter without an envelope. It began: "My dear friend, and expressed great gratitude for services rendered the writer. In conclusion it said: 'I can not tell you how fond and grateful I am for the little house you have given me. The flat is perfect and I hope you will come down on Tuesday.' The letter was signed simply 'C.' The hand writing was evidently a woman's.

For the past six months Mrs. Hannah B. Southworth has boarded with the family of her brother, W. B. Martin, on Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn. Mr. Martin is married and has one child. His mother lives with him. A reporter called upon the family this afternoon. He was told that Mrs. Southworth, the sister-in-law of Mrs. Martin, the reporter, supposing that the lady had heard that the tragedy, made several inquiries about Mrs. Southworth, but each time was met with an evasive reply.

"Why, what is the cause of your questions?" she demanded. "About Mrs. Southworth's trouble," and with that the reporter handed the first edition containing an account of the killing of Pettus and rushed off to a rear room, leaving the reporter standing in the middle of the parlor. Mrs. Martin slammed the door behind her, but notwithstanding that fact, excited and loud talk could be heard within. Then there were sobs and moans, and some one said: "Oh, I knew she would do it."

MRS. MARTIN'S STORY.

Mrs. Martin returned to the parlor and apologized for her absence by explaining that this was fearful news and an awful

surprise to them. Mrs. Southworth had left home, she said, about 9 o'clock that morning. She did not say whether she was going. She never did. She did not seem excited, but apparently in a good humor. Mrs. Martin declared she had never seen Pettus, but could not say whether he had occasionally been at Mrs. Southworth's home. When Mrs. Southworth did refer to him it was not usually in complimentary terms.

"Why should she speak favorably of a man," demanded Mrs. Martin, "who has so cruelly wronged her?"

The reporter inquired as to the nature of the cruel wrong and Mrs. Martin replied that she referred to the occasion when Mrs. Southworth was drugged and assaulted in a private home up New York street. She declared that she did not know the particulars and refused to say anything more about it.

#### THE STORY OF HER WRONGING.

The cause of the tragedy as stated by an acquaintance of Mrs. Southworth, who has known the woman being troubled between them for some years, dates back to an outrage committed by Pettus upon the lady and which had been concealed from any one except a very few of her most intimate friends for a long time. At the close of a matinee one afternoon in New York city Mr. Pettus asked Mrs. Southworth to call at a certain residence by the name of Long time a friend of his. As the house was in the neighborhood and in a respectable part of the city Mrs. Southworth consented. They were ushered into a parlor where Mr. Southworth's consternation they were met by a colored man with the air of waiter, from whom Mr. Pettus ordered a bottle of champagne. Mrs. Southworth, who had at her surroundings demanded an explanation, and was reassured by Mr. Pettus that everything was all right. In the meantime she was urged to take a glass of champagne, which she did, having been accustomed from childhood to the use of wine upon proper occasions. In a few moments she became dizzy and knew nothing more of her surroundings until the morning following, when she waked up finding herself in bed in this strange place with no one about her but no one within call whom she had ever known. She soon discovered that she had been wronged while unconscious. Overwhelmed with shame she returned home and giving some excuse as best she could to her family for her absence she attempted to conceal her disgrace by keeping it secret. In the meantime she was in her extremity she appealed to Pettus to assist her and still save her good name. In time she decided at the instance of Pettus in order to protect her name to consent to marriage. She was sent to an interior city in this state where, at a hotel among other strangers she was attended by a physician under whose care she lay for weeks hovering between life and death. She was at length restored to a shadow of her former self, her life wrecked, and her physical health irrevocably broken.

#### FRAIL PHYSICAL BY THE VILLAIN.

In order to avoid exposure at the time of the outrage Pettus, it is alleged, made the most profuse promises of substantial provision for her. Upon her recovery, after the lapse of nearly a year, he met her reminders of his obligations with nothing but derision. "What effect upon the temper of a high strung Kentucky woman may be imagined," she was driven to desperation. Pettus' length being various of her importunities to fulfill his promise, adopted a novel method of ridding himself of what he considered an incubus. He is said to have circulated reports among his friends to the effect that Mrs. Southworth was a discarded mistress of his, of whom he had tired and who was pursuing him for the purpose of blackmailing him. Mrs. Southworth, who was suffering and self-immolation in order to protect her family name appeared now to have gone for nothing.

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#### WESTERN MATTERS AT THE CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—J. M. Carnahan has been appointed postmaster at Long Island, Phillips county, Kansas, vice Mrs. S. E. Watson, removed.

The Hon. Robert Lawrence and Messrs. Sawyer and Platt of Wichita, Kan., who have been here as a committee from the board of education to investigate the heating system of school buildings, have left for home.

Pensions were granted to the following Kansas—Original invalid: Samuel Taylor, Havenville; Messrs M. Beck, Holden; Pleasant Nabb, Sedgwick; George W. Clark, Wellington; Francis Lettice, Blue Hill; Wm. Orrus Phillips, Greensburg; Royal W. Cole, Cimarron; Lewis J. Grimes, Topeka; James M. Rogers, Iowa; Hugh McCullough, Burlington; Harlow Fisk, Kinsey; John Wanzh, Manato; Thomas J. Brison, Ottumwa; Isaac E. Hager, Elgin; Lewis F. Wicker, Winfield; Z. Zink, Hartford; Asher M. Dellow, Osage City; Monroe Dorsa, Leavenworth; James E. Grimes, Independence; James Meacham, Topeka; Restoration; John Green, Greensburg; Increase; Edward J. Heiler, Kirwin; David Munden, Kinzaman; Jos. Hixington, Fredonia; Athelton A. Justice, Clinton; Geo. P. Thomas, Wolke; Thomas Brown, Republic; Jos. H. Eddy, Russell; James M. Stuart, Nickerson; J. Robinson, National Military Home; A. Fitch, Media Jollen, Schneider, Hubble; John L. Webber, Lawrence; Meshack Pardon, Cherokee; Mexican survivor Harvey Conley, El Dorado; and an increase to Samuel H. Ford, Andarko, I. T.

#### CONVICTS IN OPEN REVOLT.

TOPEKA, November 22.—A revolt has occurred among the convicts in the Leavenworth prison. The prisoners succeeded in freeing themselves from their chains and in procuring fire arms and other weapons. They then made a fierce attack on the jailers, who were unable to quell the revolt and troops were summoned. When they arrived the desperate fight took place and many of the prisoners and soldiers were killed.

#### THE BARNARDS ESCAPE HANGING.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., November 22.—Governor Taylor yesterday acted upon the case of the five Barnards, sentenced to hang for murder in Hancock county. The governor pardoned absolutely John, Jr., and Elijah Barnard, committed to five years in penitentiary the sentences of Clint and Anderson Barnard, and to ten years that of the old man, John Barnard.

#### EVIDENT WORK OF SENSATIONALISTS.

TOPEKA, Ill., Nov. 22.—Police have made a strange and sickening discovery which will probably lead to the unearthing of a bloody tragedy. Directly opposite the Deering street station at 924 Deering street stands a frame cottage owned by John Frawley. Up to the 10th of this month this cottage was tenanted by John Hughes, his wife and two children. On the 10th they disappeared. This morning the cottage was broken open and the floor, ceiling and walls of three rooms were found almost literally covered with blood. In some places on the floor the blood had not dried and was so thick that it could be literally scooped up with a spoon.

The police force investigated and have established the fact that no tragedy had taken place at the cottage. The blood marks are not such as would be produced in a life and death struggle but are broad smears of blood as if spread on by a white wash brush. They say that the blood was brought there and put on the walls by enemies of Hughes.

#### AN AGED NEGRESS DEAD.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 22.—Kansas Lee, formerly a slave on the Lee estate in Virginia, but a resident of this city for the past nine years, died at her home today aged 102 years. Mrs. Lee had full use of her faculties up to the time of her death.

## UNITED ACTION.

### MEASURES TO RESIST THE ROCK ISLAND FORECLOSURE.

#### All the Counties on the Line Represented in the Conference.

#### Immediate Steps Will be Taken by All to Combat the Effort at Fraud.

#### The Choctaws and Chickasaws Seeking a Conference With the Cherokee Commissioners—The Last Probably Arrest in the Cross Case—Martin Monument Association—General Western Gossip.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 22.—All the counties of Kansas on the line of the Rock Island were represented by county officials, county attorneys in most cases empowered to confer and take action in relation to the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska foreclosure suit in the United States circuit court brought by the Metropolitan Trust company of New York. The representatives of all the counties concerned being convinced that the foreclosure is merely an attempt to defraud the bondholders of the road in Kansas counties, today pledged the necessary funds and agreed unanimously to take immediate steps to contest the foreclosure in the courts. The meeting adjourned until tomorrow, when further action it is expected will take place. The sessions are secret.

#### INCENDIARIES AT HAYS.

HAYS CITY, Kan., Nov. 22.—Incendiaries last night set fire to hay stacks at Fort Hays and burned hundreds of tons of hay.

#### WINTER WHEAT EXCELLENT.

HAYS CITY, Kan., Nov. 22.—Winter wheat in this county is in excellent condition in this county. The acreage planted is extraordinary.

#### ANOTHER OF THE CROSS CASES.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 22.—Sheriff Gleason of McPherson, acting as a special deputy United States marshal, came in from McPherson county this evening with Charles J. Calvert, another of the men charged with complicity in the Sheriff Cross tragedy in No. 10's land. The fact that all these men are arrested at points remote from Stevens county, where it is claimed, the conspiracy originated, is explained by the statement that they were residents of Hugoton or Woodville at that time, July, 1888, but have returned to their former homes, where they are now being found and brought back. It is believed that this is the last arrest that will be made under the fugitive warrant issued from the court at Paris, as the rest are scattered far and wide. It is understood that in the habeas corpus proceedings the utmost that is hoped for is to have a bail fixed by the court, and it has been intimated that such are able to establish the fact that they were many miles away from the hay meadows where the massacre occurred will be given a chance to furnish bond.

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#### BUSCH'S SUPPOSED MURDERER.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 22.—A year and a half ago Charles Busch, a wealthy German, who resided alone a few miles northwest of Wamego, was mysteriously put out of the way and his decomposed body was subsequently found in the Kansas river. The murder had been almost forgotten by the outside world, and work neglected, when it was announced that the criminal had been apprehended.

John Busch, a brother of the murdered man, a common farm laborer, and was upon a farm near Kansas City, became acquainted with another farm hand, one Reiner, with whom he became intimate, telling him of his brother's murder. He was arrested, and it was not long before John Busch heard of his brother's mysterious death. Reiner, however, had fled to the neighborhood of his dead brother's home, and discovered that a man of Reiner's description had been seen in the neighborhood just before the crime.

Reiner was discovered a week ago near St. Joseph. He was immediately arrested and a requisition was obtained from the governor of Missouri. He was brought by Sheriff Morris to Pottawatomie county and placed in jail. He has been identified by persons who saw him near Busch's house.

#### MINNESOTA RATES.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 22.—The Eastern Minnesota railroad is selling first-class through tickets to New York over its line in connection with the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic at \$25, and second-class at \$22.50. The rates quoted to Boston were \$24 for first-class limited and \$21 for second-class. These are the same rates as quoted by the Duluth to New York and Boston via the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic. By comparison with the rates by the "Goof" and the Chicago line as published in the St. Paul rate sheet, the following rates to Boston are shown:

Via Eastern and Duluth, Lake Shore Atlantic, first-class \$24, second-class \$21.00, while the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic at \$25, and second-class at \$22.50. The first-class limited rate to Boston via the Eastern and its connections is \$23.50 less than the rates from Chicago. The same rates mentioned above are quoted by the Eastern Minnesota, and also in force over the St. Paul & Duluth road which make the same connections with the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic as are made by the first mentioned line.

#### A BIG SURPLUS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The government receipts so far this month aggregate \$33,000,000, while the disbursements for same period amount to only \$19,000,000, leaving a surplus for the month of \$14,000,000. This amount will be reduced \$5,000,000 before the end of the month by pension payments, warrants for which will be issued from the treasury, and other items. Total surplus today \$9,000,000.

#### CURSORY JUDGMENT.

Statements from Washington Not Always Posted on Kansas Sentiment.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 22.—Senator Plumb was at the union depot last evening on his way to Emporia, and he had just arrived from Emporia, and being fresh from the scene of action, talked considerably on Kansas politics. In an interview with a Star reporter the senator said that he made a point not to discuss Kansas politics for the benefit of newspapers outside of his own state. Said he: "We have plenty of papers in Kansas to do all the 'wrapping' we need. I will tell you what is the matter though, and you may tell your readers so. There is no fight for re-election in Kansas, and what is going on over here. You Kansas City fellows may defeat the prohibition law as often as you please, but it will be long cold day in Kansas when the people of that state go back on the policy of prohibition. Stand all of the people in the state in a row and perhaps one in a thousand will vote to go back to old whisky regime. But be that as it may, when the time

comes Kansas will settle that without a particle of outside interference. State Treasurer James W. Hamilton, Henry Booth of Larned, commander of the Kansas department of the U. A. R., Colonel Charles Page of Fort Leavenworth, commander of the Loyal Legion, A. A. Russell, grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, George C. Kenyon of Abilene, grand master of the Masonic fraternity, S. B. Riggs of Emporia, grand dictator of the Knights of Honor, J. H. Downing of Hays City, president of the State Editorial Association, Sol R. Waster of the Eighth Kansas Regiment association.

#### MARTIN MONUMENT MOVEMENT.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 22.—An association has been organized for the erection of a monument and statue in Capital square to the memory of the late Governor John A. Martin. The association is officered as follows: President, Governor Lyman U. Humphrey; vice president, S. D. MacDonnell of Topeka; secretary, Secretary of State William Higgins; treasurer, State Treasurer James W. Hamilton; Henry Booth of Larned, commander of the Kansas department of the U. A. R.; Colonel Charles Page of Fort Leavenworth, commander of the Loyal Legion; A. A. Russell, grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; George C. Kenyon of Abilene, grand master of the Masonic fraternity; S. B. Riggs of Emporia, grand dictator of the Knights of Honor; J. H. Downing of Hays City, president of the State Editorial Association; Sol R. Waster of the Eighth Kansas Regiment association.

#### NATURAL GAS AT ERIE.

ERIE, Kan., Nov. 22.—A vein of natural gas was struck here today at a depth of a hundred feet. The discovery was made while boring for water. The flow of gas is good one and will be utilized.

#### CRAZED BY DISPAIR.

Deserted by His Wife a Dying Consumptive Attempts a Triple Murder.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Driven desperate by disease and the cruel treatment of his wife, James Smith, a letter carrier attached to station "D," this afternoon tried to kill himself and two pretty babes in the Lawrence flats at 321 East Ninth street. He almost made a complete success of his work. One child is dead and the other dying. A button on his trousers was the only thing that prevented Smith from taking his own life. A woman is at the bottom of it, as is usually the case.

Two weeks ago Smith's wife left him for the second time without any warning or cause. He is suffering with consumption contracted during a bilizard, and the doctor told him he could not live later than next spring. With his wife gone and his death in view Smith concluded his children would be better off dead than alive. He decided to take his own life at the same time and thus end all misery at once. He left the children with a Mrs. Bauer, a dressmaker, and a nurse, asking her to care for them until he returned. They are girls, one 2 years and the other 11 months old. He went out and bought an old-fashioned six-caliber revolver and a box of cartridges. He decided nothing of his desperate resolve, but at once took the children to his own room. There he placed the two blue-eyed babe in its little chair and took the older one on his knee. There was one shot and the infant screamed. Blood began to trickle from its forehead, just above the heart.

The larger girl, Elizabeth, cried: "Oh, papa," putting her hand to her stomach, which Smith placed the glistening barrel against her own stomach and pulled the trigger. He felt the shock of the bullet and thought he would die in a few minutes. The bullet had struck a button on his trousers and glanced off. Neighbors heard the shooting and ran for aid and Police Officers Currier and May, of the fourth precinct station, responded. They found him frantically kissing his oldest child and calling it "entirely names." It is reported that Mary, the baby, was crying feebly.

An ambulance was at once summoned and the baby taken to Bellevue hospital. The father's wound was dressed, and he was locked up. The other child lies in a baby carriage, now awaiting the corner.

When asked why he committed the terrible deed, Smith told the police that he thought they would kill him better off if they were dead. "What could I do?" he asked. "My wife left me, and I could not support my children. Let me die here," he pleaded.

Smith was married three years ago and was a sober, reliable man. His wife was 23 years old and had no companions. The two children were remarkably pretty. The family had lived in the house since May. The rooms were neatly furnished.