

## GROCER'S SUICIDE DUE TO FEAR OF AN INDICTMENT

Heuer Held for Perjury in  
Sewer Fraud Case  
Kills Himself.

PUT IN FALSE CLAIM.

Alleged Big Damage and En-  
deavored to Bolster It Up  
by His Testimony.

Fear of indictment by the Grand Jury of Kings County for perjury in connection with the sewer frauds drove Henry C. Heuer, a prosperous grocer, of Brooklyn, to commit suicide last night. His body was found today in a room in the rear of his store at Fourth avenue and St. Mark's place. He had hanged himself from a rubber tube, attached to one of the jets in the room.

This is the second death directly due to the conspiracy between certain lawyers and property owners of Brooklyn to defend the city by bringing false claims for damages done by overflowing sewers. James J. McIlhenny, who two weeks ago from shock caused by his indictment for participation in the crooked work.

Heuer was forty-five years old. He moved to Brooklyn from Harlem three years ago and established his grocery building up a fine business. His home was at No. 48 St. Mark's place, where he lived with his wife and daughter.

There was a heavy storm in Brooklyn in June, 1903, and the sewer passing Heuer's property overflowed. In a few days a stranger called upon him and showed him that he had sustained serious injury to his stock of groceries because of water that had entered his cellar from the sewer.

"Collect damages from the city," advised the stranger. "The city will have to pay."

Heuer was further advised to consult a certain lawyer. He did so, and brought suit for \$500 for alleged damage to his stock. The suit was tried before Justice Kelly in the Supreme Court on the 21st of last February, and Heuer so clearly perjured himself in his testimony that he was held by the Court for the Grand Jury in \$1,000 bail.

The case of Heuer was scheduled for consideration by the Grand Jury this week. The grocer was unable to sleep nights and every day he expected that a policeman might walk into the store with a warrant any minute. The suspense was more than he could stand.

It was his custom to close the store and he remained behind last night after his clerk, William McDonald, had departed. Then he turned out all the lights, piled a lot of barrels against the front door, went into the back room and killed himself. McDonald found the body when he reached the store today.

Heuer told his wife and daughter at dinner yesterday evening that he would be out all night attending to matters connected with his trouble. This prevented them from searching for him when he did not reach his home to sleep.

## SCHWAB IMPROVES, BUT TRAVELS SLOWLY.

Steel Magnate Better Than at Any  
Time in Two Days—Will Rest  
in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, March 8.—Charles M. Schwab's special train passed through Hutchinson a few minutes after 8 o'clock this morning. A dispatch received in Kansas City from that point quoted Mr. Schwab as saying:

"I am feeling fine."

It was stated that the steel magnate was resting comfortably and feeling better than at any time in the past two days.

The train was nine hours late and not expected here until 2 P. M. to-day. At Hutchinson, the conductor of Mr. Schwab's car refused to let any one see the steel magnate. The conductor, however, insisted that Mr. Schwab's condition was in no way serious. "Mr. Schwab," said he, "is all right, and feeling fine."

The conductor added that while Mr. Schwab was somewhat ill when he left Los Angeles, his condition had at no time been alarming, and the members of the party were at a loss to know how the report of his serious illness had been started.

At Hutchinson several telegrams were delivered to Mr. Schwab, and earlier in the morning several were sent by him to persons in the East.

According to the present arrangements, Mr. Schwab and his party will lay over in Kansas City until 10 o'clock to-night. His private car, "Loretta," will be attached to the regular Rock Island train for St. Louis, leaving Kansas City at that hour.

ACT I. He had staked his "all" on the races with the usual disastrous result.

ACT II. As an object lesson a wealthy friend loaned him \$1,000 and advised him to INVEST the money through THE WORLD Realty Ad. printed above.

ACT III. He did what the advertiser advised, and lived a prosperous and eventful life ever afterward.

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## GOMPERS SPREADS WINGS OF PEACE

Takes Up the Difficult Task  
of Ending the Strike of  
the Housemiths.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, began today to bring about peace between the iron and steel contractors and the Housemiths and Bridge-men's Union. He reached New York yesterday, having been summoned by the local ironworkers after they and their national officers had failed utterly to reach terms with the bosses.

Although the task is a big one, Mr. Gompers goes into it hopefully. It is in his power to order a general strike in the building trades and completely suspend building operations in New York, because all of the unions of men employed in the construction business are allied with the American Federation of Labor. In addition, Mr. Gompers commands the backing of the Civic Federation.

He has called a conference of all the leaders of the unions in the building trades to sound the sentiment of the men in the branches other than the iron and steel work. President Ryan, of the International Housemiths and Bridge-men's Union is on his way to New York to talk to Mr. Gompers.

"Mr. Gompers," said Charles E. Cheney, Secretary of the Allied Iron Association, to-day, "might just as well have remained at his headquarters. He can't do anything here, because there is nothing to be done."

"We don't intend to recognize Mr. Gompers as a representative of the Housemiths and Bridge-men's Union. So far as we are concerned, the union is a thing of the past. The open shop is fully established in the building trades, so far as the ironworkers are concerned, and the housemiths know it as well as we do."

"We would close down our plants rather than try to do business with the iron workers as a union again. They have never kept an agreement; they don't know how to keep an agreement. They make a specialty of breaking faith. There are features about the local situation that will surprise Mr. Gompers when he becomes conversant with them."

"Union men are deserting the union and coming to work for the contractors every day. Progress on all the big jobs is uninterrupted, save in cases where there is a lack of material. The calling of Mr. Gompers is the last desperate move of a beaten union."

## '20 YEARS OF HELL' WON IN COURT, HIS MARRIED LIFE LOST HIS FIGHT

That Is How Brady Describes Former Assemblyman's  
Misery at Divorce  
Suit Trial.

The defendant in the Brady divorce case took the stand in his own behalf before Justice Blanchard and a jury today. He began by stating that his full name was Daniel McNamara Brady.

Then he went over the whole ground covered by the testimony of the witnesses called by Mrs. Sadie V. Singer Brady to prove her charge that in 1904 he transferred his affections to Gertrude McKenzie, the pink and white little Prince Charming of "The Wizard of Oz."

He entered a specific denial of every charge, including that contained in the testimony of the new witness, Edward Lawrence, who said he followed Brady and Miss McKenzie to her room in a Milwaukee hotel.

Mr. Brady denounced Lawrence's story as a pure fabrication. "I was introduced to Miss McKenzie at the United States Hotel in Boston," he testified. "I don't testify in the last trial that you never were introduced?" Mr. Rand asked, interrupting.

Mr. Brady excitedly returned: "Yes, I did, Mr. Rand; and that was the only mistake I made in the two trials—an honest mistake."

Mr. Rand asked Brady about whether there were any mistakes other than "honest" ones in the previous trial. But Brady contented himself by repeating his answer.

He varied the form of his story of the other trials about his marital infelicity, summing it all up in these words: "My married life has been twenty years of misery. My life at home with my wife has been a very hell since the first night of our marriage."

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## POLICE RAID HARLEM GANG FOR MISTREATING CHILDREN

Six Italians Arrested for Alleged Connection  
with "Chain of Vice" with Girls Not Yet  
in Teens as Victims.

With the arrest to-day of six men the police have uncovered what is declared to be a widespread conspiracy among Italians in Harlem to mistreat little schoolgirls. Capt. John Tappen, of the East One Hundred and Fourth Street Station, stands sponsor for the charge that at least a dozen, and possibly a score of men, are banded together in a compact organization for the mistreatment of children, some not yet in their teens.

Tappen already has proof to show that once a victim was found the word was passed from one to another of the group. "The chain of vice," Capt. Tappen calls the system that his men, working with the Gerry Society and principals of schools, have partially uncovered. The discovery, he says, emphasizes the danger to which younger pupils of the schools are subjected, especially as it is shown that little girls who fall into the clutches of the gang are inclined, by feeling alone, to act as juvenile procurers in bringing their innocent companions to ruin.

Men of All Classes.

The men now under arrest are Messrs. Colby, forty years old, a shoe dealer, of No. 32 East One Hundred and Thirtieth street; Giuseppe Pavia, fifty years old, a laborer, of No. 26 East One Hundred and Sixth street; James Tounie, forty-eight, an art dealer, of No. 159 Third avenue; Florio Quindio, sixty, a coal dealer in a rooming house, of No. 161 East One Hundred and Twelfth street; Valerio Paullo, fifty-two, a coal dealer, of No. 306 East One Hundred and Sixth street, and Charles Margli, twenty-six, a cook, of No. 32 East One Hundred and Fifth street.

Quindio is a white-haired Italian having grizzled hair older than some of the little girls who make charges against him. Nearly all the others have gray hair in their beards and mustaches, and one exception they are unkempt and repellent.

As complainants against these six persons appeared four of the alleged victims—Tessie Harrison, thirteen years old, of No. 118 East One Hundred and Twelfth street, and Violet Foster, twelve, of No. 221 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street, who alleged that they were kept in the hands of the men, and that they were forced to work in the streets, and that they were many as ten different men or sets of men in two weeks. Another of the little girls was promised money if she would bring her schoolmates with her. Almost invariably the meetings took place after school hours as the pupils were on their way home.

"I have information also that children have been lured from home and sent to one of the Italian colonies to be white slaves to their owners and masters."

Miss Muford, principal of School No. 2, said she had been informed that these children were being used for immoral purposes. "These disclosures show the need of adequate protection for unsupervised children on the streets. Most of the victims of these men are the daughters of workingmen, so that after school hours the children are left unguarded to play in the streets. They are fair easy victims to men old enough to be their fathers, who tempt them with gifts."

## ARMS SMUGGLED FOR CHINA FOUND

Rifles Hidden on Pacific Liner  
and Ammunition in Quar-  
ters of the Crew.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Twenty-two modern rifles and 10,000 rounds of ammunition, it is reported, were seized yesterday in the quarters of the Chinese crew on the Pacific Mail steamer Manchuria, scheduled to sail for the Orient this afternoon.

The company's officials ordered a thorough search of the vessel, and this resulted in the discovery of rifles being found in the room of one of the assistant engineers.

The Chinese crew members were questioned and it was found that the guns had been purchased in this city by the engineers and smuggled aboard the vessel. The officials say they believe that there are no more guns aboard, but they will not be certain until the front has been discharged from the steamer upon her arrival at Hong Kong.

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