



MORGAN PROFITS ON NEW HAVEN 'ONLY \$350,000'

Firm, in Letter to Elliott, Denies Getting Vanished \$12,000,000.

HANDLED \$333,000,000 IN LAST 20 YEARS

Did Advance \$11,155,000 to Thorne, "by Order of Road," It Declares.

GAIN 1-10 OF 1 PER CENT

No Interest in Corporation, Except 814 Shares Owned by the Late J. P. Morgan.

Asserting that in the twenty years it has acted as fiscal agent of the New Haven Railroad it has made a profit of only \$350,000—slightly more than one-tenth of 1 per cent—although it took part in the sale of \$333,000,000 of securities, J. P. Morgan & Co. made public yesterday a letter it had sent to Chairman Howard Elliott of the New Haven. The letter in effect constitutes a denial of the charges that have been made that the Morgan firm had a part in looting the New Haven of the \$12,000,000 which the Interstate Commerce Commission said had "vanished into thin air."

WHAT MORGAN & CO. SAY ON NEW HAVEN 'LOOTING'

J. P. Morgan & Co. in a letter to Howard Elliott, chairman of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, say:

In the twenty years the firm has acted as fiscal agent for the road it has sold \$333,000,000 worth of securities.

On these it has made a total profit of \$350,000, slightly more than one-tenth of 1 per cent.

The loans of \$11,155,000 to Oakleigh Thorne in connection with the Millbrook Company, and used, it was alleged, for the purchase of the New York, Westchester & Boston line, were made by order of the New Haven road.

The firm knows nothing of the \$12,000,000 used in the purchase of the Westchester line, which the Interstate Commerce Commission says "vanished into thin air."

No member of the firm ever had any financial interest in any of the subsidiary companies of the New Haven.

Oakleigh Thorne, the financier who engineered the deal by which the New Haven absorbed the Westchester and Port Chester lines, described as absurd the story that \$12,000,000 had "vanished into thin air" through that transaction.

'I DON'T CARE'—MELLEN

'Print Anything You Please; if That Isn't Enough Go To.'

By Telegraph to The Tribune. Boston, March 8.—Charles Sanger Mellen, who is at his home in New Haven, having left Stockbridge, Mass., several weeks ago, said over the telephone to-night, when asked about J. P. Morgan & Co.'s statement of its dealings with the New Haven Railroad:

"I have no books or memoranda at the present time in regard to any transactions with the Morgans or in relation to the Millbrook company, but anything that I did was by the express authority of the New Haven's board of directors. I did what I was ordered to do."

"You can say that the road is all right or that it is all wrong, or print anything that you please about it, and if that isn't enough you can go to hades."

Providence, March 8.—Marsden J. Perry, when asked for a statement regarding the declaration of Morgan & Co. on the \$11,155,000 loan to Oakleigh Thorne, replied: "Oh, well, I am not going to talk about it." He refused to discuss the matter further.

SLEEPING WOMAN STABBED TO DEATH

Murder Near Undertaker's Shop a Mystery—Slayer Leaves Stiletto Clew.

Marie Latone, forty-two years old, of No. 9 Monroe street, was found dead in bed, in the rear of an undertaking establishment, on the ground floor of that address, where she lived, stabbed seven times in the chest.

The tragedy was discovered by the dead woman's brother, Rosalie, early this morning. He immediately notified Patrolman Meyers, who summoned Dr. Moore, of Gouverneur Hospital. The physician said the woman had been dead for about two hours.

On the floor in the room, near the bed, was found a ten-inch stiletto. It is believed that the woman was stabbed to death while asleep.

The police have not been able to learn of any motive for the murder.

DYNAMITE PLOT FOILED

Patrolman Extinguishes Fuse—Saves Tenement Families.

A stick of dynamite in an improvised tin box, with the fuse leading to it burning, was found by Patrolman Joseph Ryan in the doorway of No. 314 East 30th street at 2 o'clock this morning. Ryan tossed the box into the snow, extinguishing the spark.

The block is known as "Dynamite Row." In the basement of the building are a shoemaker's shop and a grocery, both run by Italians.

MISS MARLOWE ILL FROM APPENDICITIS

Actress in Serious Condition in Baltimore After Rush Trip Across Continent.

Baltimore, March 8.—Miss Julia Marlowe, the actress, is reported to be a patient at the Woman's Hospital here and in a serious condition after an operation for appendicitis. Although the hospital employees deny the report, many long distance telephone messages have been received inquiring about her condition.

While playing with her husband, E. H. Sothorn, in Los Angeles some time ago, Miss Marlowe was suddenly stricken with severe pains in her side and her temperature became very high. On the advice of local physicians she was rushed on a special train to New York.

Miss Marlowe's condition to-night is said to leave the attending physician grave anxiety.

HAVOC OF GAS EXPLOSIONS IN FIFTH AVENUE.



General scene at 23d street corner, showing how car tracks were left unimpaired.

DYNAMITE FOUND NEAR CHURCH DOOR

Stick Hurlled at St. Mark's, Where Idle Men Were Fed Last Week.

EXPLOSIVE FELL SHORT OF EDIFICE

Two Episcopal Pastors Give Money to Feed and Lodge 100 of New Unemployed "Army."

A ten-inch stick of dynamite, which had evidently been hurled at the building, was found yesterday afternoon about eight feet from St. Mark's church, at Second avenue and 10th street, where Frank Tannenbaum's "army" got shelter and food a week ago.

The discovery was made by Frank Mann, custodian of the church, and Inspector Owen Eagan of the Bureau of Combustibles, who declared that there was sufficient dynamite in the stick to have blown the church to atoms if it had struck it.

The explosive was found near the grave from which the body of A. T. Stewart was stolen many years ago. Mr. Mann had occasion to go into the churchyard at about 12:30 o'clock, and saw a peculiar looking stick not far from the church entrance. He carried it carefully within and showed it to Dr. William Norman Guthrie, the rector.

Dr. Guthrie communicated with the 5th street police station. Lieutenant West sent Patrolman Burke to investigate. Burke decided that it was a case for the Bureau of Combustibles, and Inspector Eagan was sent for.

Made Rector Shudder. Egan announced at once that it was a stick of dynamite, and Dr. Guthrie shuddered when informed of the narrow escape. The morning services had just ended when the discovery was made, and the explosive was probably hurled at the church while it was crowded with worshippers.

Dr. Guthrie had given out a statement earlier in the day that in case the Industrial Workers of the World men again came to St. Mark's for food and shelter they would not be permitted to make speeches in the auditorium. The church, he said, would not deny its hospitality to those who asked it.

As a result of the discovery Central Office men guarded St. Mark's, Grace Church and several other churches in the vicinity all afternoon and far into the night. Detectives Wuchner and Dansberg are busy running down clues to the possible dynamiter.

After listening to two hours of speechmaking at the nightly I. W. W. meeting in Rutgers Square last evening, those of the "unemployed" who professed themselves destitute were taken to a dairy lunch room in East Broadway, where food was provided at the expense of the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, of the Church of the Ascension, and the Rev. Edward H. Schlueter, vicar of St. Luke's Chapel.

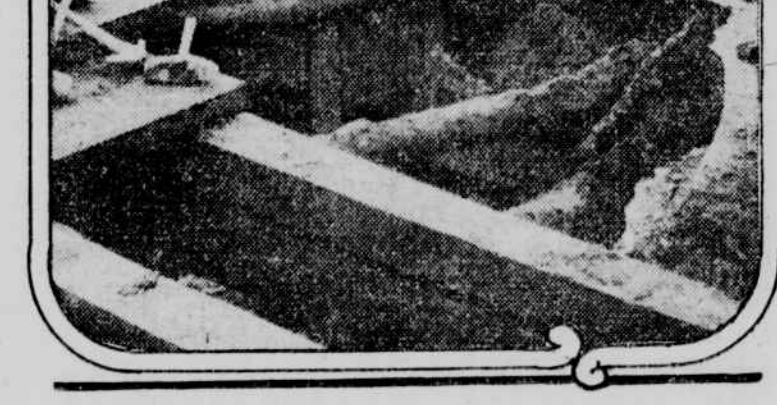
Early in the evening Dr. Grant and Dr. Schlueter turned over \$50 to Frank Strong Hamilton, present leader of the "army." Hamilton announced to the crowd that he could take care of 100 men, and that the rest would have to get along as best they could. The lucky 100 got dinner and lodging for the night at the Memorial Hotel, No. 225 Bowers. This morning they are to get breakfast.

Dined in Luxury. Several other ministers, according to Hamilton, have expressed their intention to give money in the near future to help support the "army."

Eggs, bread and coffee was the fare served to the men in the East Broadway lunch room. The men dined in unworldly luxury, sitting at a long

table.

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Second gaping hole torn by the blow-up, showing exposed gas and water mains.

GAS BLASTS MENACE MANY; REND STREET

Women in Car That Is Hurlled from Rails—Engines Check Flood.

CROWDS SEE FIRE AUTO TOSSED ABOUT

Three Explosions at 23d Street and Fifth Avenue Shatter Windows.

Three explosions of a gas main at Fifth avenue and 23d street yesterday tore a hole 45 feet long by 15 feet wide in the street and broke several hundred windows in the nearby buildings.

The first occurred at 10:50 o'clock in the morning and the second and third at about 12:15 o'clock. Despite the fact that a streetcar carrying fifteen people was beside the spot when the first explosion occurred no one was seriously injured. All of the passengers were able to proceed to their homes after receiving treatment for minor bruises.

Had the explosion occurred when the streets were filled with people it is probable that the death list would have been completely blown away.

The subway excavations were filled with water for a distance of four blocks by the breaking of a four-foot water main, caused by the gas concussion.

It is thought that a leakage in one of the water mains washed away the earth from around the gas pipes, forming a pocket, which immediately filled with gas. A spark from a streetcar or a short circuit in the underground electric wires ignited the gas.

The escaping gas flamed up and made a veritable rotort of the hole dug by the explosion. It was not until two hours after that the gas was finally turned off and the flames subsided. In the mean time four fire engines were busy pumping the water from the subway excavations.

Thousands Survey Havoc. Traffic in all directions was suspended and police lines were formed for one block in each direction to keep back the thousands who had gathered at the scene of the explosion.

It was felt that another and more serious explosion might occur at any moment until after the gas finally was turned off at 3:55 o'clock in the afternoon.

The fact that the large water main was leaking was first noticed by Patrolman Fishel yesterday morning. Investigation showed that the water was leaking into the basements of the nearby buildings. Shortly after, the leak became worse and the water began to flow down the streets on a level with the curb.

The streetcar conduits became flooded, and at 8:25 o'clock it became necessary to suspend traffic.

The water company was notified, and in three-quarters of an hour had the

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RANGERS CROSS LINE; TAKE VERGARA'S BODY

Texas Troops Make Night Dash Into Mexico and Recover Corpse of American Victim of Federals.

FIND PROOF THAT HE WAS TORTURED

Action Taken by Direction of Governor, Who Declares "It Was Not 'Invasion,' but We Wanted Vergara's Body, and We Have It."

By Telegraph to The Tribune. Laredo, Tex., March 8.—Texas rangers in the dead of night crossed the international boundary line into Mexico, exhumed the body of Clemente Vergara, buried in the Hidalgo cemetery, and brought it across the Rio Grande to American soil.

The little band of nine heavily armed men, acting under orders of Governor Colquitt, ignoring diplomacy and braving the Mexican Federal soldiers, left Palafax, Tex., at 2 o'clock this morning, crossed over to Hidalgo and by a circuitous route rode by moonlight to the Hidalgo cemetery.

While two men dug into the shallow grave containing the body of the American executed by Mexican Federal soldiers, the rest of the party picketed the cemetery to prevent their work being interrupted.

Identification was made by Vergara's son and by numerous friends. The body was not in bad condition despite its three weeks' burial. In addition to recognizing the features, young Vergara took a bit of cloth from the trousers on the body and matched it to the coat his father wore the day he crossed the Rio Grande.

The body was brought into the United States at a point forty-five miles northwest of Laredo, opposite Hidalgo and near the Vergara ranch, Consul Garrett, of Nuevo Laredo, deputy sheriffs and other authorities were waiting to receive it, and pending the arrival of the undertaker from Laredo an armed force stood guard over the body.

Location of the grave proved an easy task, for it had been a centre of speculation and wonder since it appeared after a swinging body had been cut down from the place of execution, when the hue and cry over Vergara's disappearance started an investigation.

The body had been rudely buried, with little effort to protect it from the earth. With their burden fixed on a stretcher, carried by six of Vergara's friends, the procession started unchallenged on the return journey which brought Clemente Vergara home again to the United States.

It is understood a thorough examination of the body has been ordered by the state authorities. Whether the Mexican soldiers knew of the expedition is not known, but in any event they made no effort to thwart the purpose of the "invaders."

The body of the American stockman lies to-night in an undertaker's establishment, probably now being at the disposal of the United States Consul, Mr. Garrett. Hundreds of persons surrounded the place, hoping to get a view of the body, but a guard kept all from entering the rooms.

Dispatches from Austin, the state capital, quote Governor Colquitt as replying to a question as to whether he cared to comment upon the situation: "Some people might call this 'invasion,' but it is not. We wanted Vergara's body to determine the manner of his death, and we have it. I do not care to talk further until I have more details."

Captain Sanders, of the Rangers, accidentally wired the Governor as follows: "I proceeded to Hidalgo, secured Vergara's body and brought it to Laredo. Asked whether Captain Sanders acted under orders from him, the Governor replied: 'No.'"

Lured Over Border by Soldiers. Vergara left his ranch near Palafax, on Friday, February 13, and crossed the river into Mexico on a message from three Federal soldiers that Captain Antonio Rodriguez, of the Hidalgo garrison, wished to settle for eleven horses taken from Vergara's island pasture, in the Rio Grande.

Mrs. Vergara pleaded with her husband not to risk seizure by the Mexicans, but, disregarding her warnings, he crossed the river in company with his young nephew. Mrs. Vergara has told how she saw her husband assaulted by the waiting soldiers, and, after being knocked unconscious, carried off. Vergara's nephew escaped and hid in the brush until he could recross the river.

On the following day Mrs. Vergara went in search of her husband and found him in the Hidalgo jail. So far as known, there was no charge against him. He had been cruelly beaten, according to the wife. She dressed the wounds on his neck, she said, and remained with him until forced to leave. That was the last time she ever saw him alive, for early next morning he was taken from jail, supposedly to be transferred to Piedras Negras, and disappeared.

When a search was begun for the missing American it was learned that a man had been shot and his body hanged to a tree outside of Hidalgo early on Sunday morning, February 15, and the body left hanging for several days. Soon after Consul Garrett, at Nuevo Laredo, started his inquiries this body was removed and a fresh grave was noticed in the old Hidalgo cemetery.

Mexicans who had known the ranchman said the body seen hanging was that

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VILLA TO MAKE MEXICANS SOBER

As He Finds They Won't Buy His Beer, He Will Cut Off All Liquor.

By Telegraph to The Tribune. Chihuahua, Mexico, March 8.—Having failed to restore industrial activity in Chihuahua, and finding his effort to operate the big Chihuahua brewery, which he had seized, without satisfactory results, General Pancho Villa, on the eve of his departure for the Torreon campaign, says that he will make all of Northern Mexico sober.

General Villa let it be known to-day that, following the capture of Torreon, which would give the rebels control of all of Mexico north of and including the State of Coahuila, he would issue an order prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquors. Villa says drunkenness is the curse of Mexicans. He is accused of arriving at this conclusion after he had found that Mexicans would not buy the beer his brewery made, preferring instead the tequila, mescal and sotol, which they could more easily get.

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