# YOUNG MIRENDA DIVED TO HIS DEATH.

## Went Swimming in a Pond and Struck a Sunken Stump.

### Did Not Come to the Surface Again and a Younger Brother Sought Him.

### BROUGHT HIM ASHORE SENSELESS.

The Boy Died in a Few Minutes—The Pond Was Caused by a Break in the Reservoir and an Investigation Will Be Had.

Edward Mirenda, eighteen years old, living on Vermont street, in Queens County, just over the line from East New York, was killed Thursday night by diving into a pond a short distance from his home.

There is a degree of mystery surrounding the young man's death, which the Coroner will endeavor to solve. A recent break in the Ridgewood Reservoir resulted in the formation of a pond in a depressed piece the surface of the water and that the blow and the boys of the neighborhood have taken advantage of the opportunity to use it as a swimming pool. In some places the water is several feet deep, and up to the time of the accident which resulted in Mirenda's death the place was considered perfectly safe.

It was about 8 o'clock when Mirenda and fifteen other lads of his age started in swimming. They constructed a raft from several pieces of timber, and Mirenda was standing on it when it began to tilt over.

"Here goes, boys, for a dead man's dive," he remarked, and plunged head foremost overboard. He was an expert swimmer and nothing was thought of his lengthy stay under water. They expected him to come up some distance away. Finally his younger brother, Mortimer Mirenda, who is also an excellent swimmer, dived after him and brought the body to the surface and swam with it to shore.

"We rolled him and did everything we could," Mortimer Mirenda explained yesterday, "but it did no good. He was unconscious, and I sent one of the boys for a doctor. Then we started to carry Eddie home. Half way down the road we met father with the wagon, and he drove home rapidly. The doctor said that Eddie must have struck a stump a short distance under the surface of the water, and the blow had caused paralysis of the heart."

An examination was made of the pond yesterday, and a stump was found submerged at the spot where the lad dived. The Coroner yesterday impanelled a jury, which viewed the body and will listen to evidence Monday. The dead boy was in business with his father as a florist and was a universal favorite in the vicinity of his home. An examination of the body yesterday showed a slight discoloration over the heart, which looked as if it had been caused by a blow.

## MONEY IN CEMETERY LOTS.

James Bennet's Heirs Fighting for Control of His Estate.

The dispute of the Bennet family for control of the Washington Cemetery, in New Utrecht, was continued before Justice Clement, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday. James A. Bennet originally owned the property, and transferred it to the cemetery association, on condition that he and his heirs and assigns should receive $40 for each lot sold, and $3 for each lot opened.

Edward R. Bennet, grand-nephew of Bennet, claims to be the owner of one-half of the Bennet interest in the cemetery. He says he bargained with his aunt, Mrs. Corolla H. Creswell, for her half interest in the estate, agreeing to pay $13,000. She died before giving him the deed. In six years the value of the estate has increased to $25,000. Yesterday his counsel asked Justice Clement to appoint a receiver for the fund in the hands of the United States Trust Company, the referee having affirmed Bennet's right to the property. Decision was reserved.

The cemetery association has appealed from the referee's report.

## TROUBLE FOR DOG CATCHERS.

It is Intimated That Bribery Is Practised in Flushing, L. I.

There is trouble brewing for the dog catchers at Flushing, L. I., and unless the men in question can prove themselves innocent of certain serious charges it is probable that they will have to suffer for their actions. According to the law, all dogs have to be licensed and wear the license tags. In addition to this the dogs have to be muzzled during the months of July and August.

It is claimed that all a dog owner has to do is to give the dog catcher 25 cents a month and his dog is permitted to run at large. The matter has been reported to Poundmaster Louis Master, and a rigid investigation is promised. It is also alleged that in several instances dog catchers have entered private premises and taken unmuzzled dogs to the pound. At present there are four dog catchers in the village.

**Body Found on the Shore.**

Quogue, L. I., July 31.—Two young men, walking along the shore of the Great South Bay last night, in the vicinity of the Tiana life saving station, saw the body of a man on the beach. John Carter, a member of the life saving crew, was notified, and he informed the Coroner. The body is that of a man about forty years of age, well dressed, short in stature, and had the appearance of having been in the water for some time. There was nothing in the clothing that would give any clew to the identity of the man.

**Says Another Woman Won Him.**

Max Allmendinger, a bartender, was charged by his young wife in the Lee Avenue Police Court, Williamsburg, yesterday, with abandoning her. Allmendinger lives at No. 195 Bedford avenue. His wife said she married Allmendinger four years ago, and they lived happily until recently, when another woman, she alleges, won her husband's affections. Justice Schnitzspan adjourned the case, and, while awaiting trial Allmendinger promised to pay his wife $5 a week.

**Frey Forfeited His Bail.**

Julius Cohen and Adam Frey, living in Moore street, Williamsburg, got into an altercation with a number of striking tailors Thursday night. They were arrested, and gave bail to appear before Justice Harriman in the Ewen Street Court yesterday. When the case was called Cohen was on hand, but Frey failed to appear. His bond was forfeited and a warrant issued for his arrest. Justice Harriman then fined both prisoners $3 each.

**Camden's Lexow Investigation.**

Camden, N. J., July 31.—Judge Garrison sent the report of the committee that has been investigating civic affairs to the Common Council to-night in a sealed envelope, with instructions that the contents be not made known until issued in pamphlet. The report covers 500 typewritten pages, the import of which no one knows, but some startling revelations regarding municipal mismanagement are looked for.

## LARSEN PREFERRED DEATH

Out of Work, Starving, and Jilted by the Girl He Loved, He Hanged Himself.

Unless friends decide otherwise, it is probable that Peter Larsen, the Swede, will be buried in Potter's Field at Flatbush. He hadn't a dollar in the world, and left no relatives in this country. He was the young man who hanged himself at No. 414 Seventh avenue, Brooklyn.

Larsen, was young, strong and industrious, but still he could find no work. He came here last November and secured uncertain employment with a local telephone company. A short time after he located in Brooklyn he became acquainted with a Miss Wolberg Lawrence, a saleswoman, living at No. 648 Henry street. He loved the girl, and went to board with the family so that he might be near her.

Fortune proved unkind to Larsen. He gradually found it difficult to secure steady work. His income fell off to such an extent that his pride forced him to leave the Lawrences and secure lodgings at the address where he ended his life. To add to Larsen's bitterness Miss Lawrence jilted him.

Larsen went to his room Tuesday night downhearted. He was not seen again until Thursday afternoon, when his body was found hanging in his room. It is believed he hanged himself Wednesday morning.

Before committing suicide Larsen wrote several letters. One was addressed to Miss Lawrence. This is a copy of it:

Dear Wolberb—When you receive this letter then I am no longer among the living. You have said we were not engaged. How you can do so for a girl who has been loved as you have been loved by me and then goes back on me is too hard and more than a man of character can stand. And now fa ewell. Yours. LARS.

The second epistle was addressed to his family. His final message to them was brief. He said:

July 28, 1896.

Forgive me. This is for my mother, father and brothers. Live well and have everything good you can. Your son and brother, LARS.

There was also a letter addressed to Hans Tauber, the young man who found Larsen's dead body. To him he wrote as follows:

July 28, 1896.

Dear Tauber—When you have this letter then I am no longer among the living. My reason for so doing is no work, no money and nothing to eat. If Lawrence asks you to tell him and so to Wolberg and to Hans. I would not have so done had my engagement not been broken off with Wolberg.

The Lawrences were much exercised by the news of Larsen's death, but they refused to say anything about him. Miss Lawrence's sister said Larsen was not engaged to Wolberg.

## PAID $5 JUST THE SAME.

Judge Nostrand Didn't Let Up on Church Members Who Scorched Because He Built Houses of Worship.

John F. Finley, superintendent of the Bath Beach Methodist Church Sunday school, and George M. Conrady, a son of ex-Judge and ex-Assemblyman Conrady, were among the scorchers arraigned before Justice Nostrand in Flatbush yesterday afternoon. The two were among those captured on Sunday in the general raid on reckless riders on the cycle path. When they appeared in court the next morning Justice Teale was on the bench.

Some one suggested that Justice Nostrand, who lives in Bath Beach, and who has the credit of building several of the houses of worship, would sit in the Grant Street Court the latter part of the week and it would be well to plead not guilty and get the cases adjourned until he was on the bench. The Sunday school superintendent and the ex-Assemblyman's son entered a plea of not guilty and their trials were adjourned until yesterday. Justice Teale refused to give them their wheels, but held the cycles as bail.

In court yesterday they withdrew their plea of not guilty and entered one of guilty. Justice Nostrand fined them $5. The rest of the scorchers raided on Sunday paid the fine of $5 and got their wheels on Monday morning.

Justice Nostrand also fined Hugh Newton, of No. 211 Schermerhorn street, and George Schou, of No. 227 East Sixty-second street, New York, $5 each for scorching.

Milton Jacobs, of No. 308 East Fifftieth street, New York, who gave a brass watch as bail and then failed to appear, also paid a fine of $5.

## M'DONALD'S BOYS COMPLAIN.

Superintendent of the Christ Rescue in Brooklyn Arrested.

Henry T. McDonald, who recently opened the Christ Rescue Shelter for Boys, at No. 177 Thirty-first street, Brooklyn, was a prisoner in the Adams Street Court yesterday. Two of the boys made charges against McDonald, and Justice Walsh held him for examination.

Prior to his locating in Brooklyn McDonald, who calls himself Dr. F. McDonald, superintendent of the Christ Rescue Shelter, was a trained nurse in New York. He visited a number of charitably disposed people, and spoke about his scheme for rescuing boys from the clutches of the cigarette. The place in Thirty-first street was opened, and a number of boys found shelter there. The expenses were defrayed by the people McDonald interested in his institution.

McDonald rushed into the Coney Island Police Station with a boy late Wednesday night. He asked Sergeant Lawson to take care of the boy, whom he said he had found wandering along the beach. The lad was Arthur Blaser, of No. 425 Hudson avenue. The sergeant began to question the boy, and the answers he gave led to McDonald's arrest yesterday.

## LIMIT TO ALL THINGS.

Even Coney Island Protests Against "After the Ball" and "Sweet Marie."

A small portion of zoology cut a figure in the West Brighton (Coney Island) Police Court yesterday, before Justice J. Lott Nostrand.

Giuseppe Devado, an organic musician, armed with a monkey, was arraigned charged with maintaining a nuisance in and about Sheepshead Bay, by grinding out "Sweet Marie" and "After the Ball" from his hand organ, in front of certain hotels where his music was not desired and his monkey frightened the guests.

Devado and the monkey were gathered in by a policeman on Emmons avenue. Justice Nostrand learned that Devado and his abettor in misdemeanor were arrested last Summer for the same offence. He fined Devado $5 which was promptly paid.

## HIS BODY IN A PARK LAKE.

Londes Had Been Drinking and Either Fell or Jumped Into the Water.

Robert C. Londes's body was found in the small lake in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, early yesterday morning. Policeman Morgan was walking along the path near the boathouse, when he saw the body floating near the Terrace bridge.

Londes was forty-eight years old, a leather cutter by trade, and lived at No. 118 Woodbine street. He had been drinking heavily for a week. He was seen near his house on Thursday evening. In passing the house he looked up at the window. A member of Londes's family, who saw him, ran downstairs, in the hope of catching him and bringing him home.

It is believed that he got into the park and either fell or jumped into the lake.

**Roofer Breaks His Leg.**

While at work yesterday on the roof of Doyle's bathing pavilion, on the Culver plaza, West Brighton, Coney Island, Charles Butler, fifty-two years old, fell to the ground, sustaining a compound fracture of the right leg. He was attended by Ambulance Surgeon Boyce and removed to his home in West Brighton.

Miss Esther Jacobs, Who Got $52,128 from H. B. Sire.

This fortunately unfortunate young woman has at last been paid the large sum of money which a jury awarded as balm to her feelings for having been jilted by handsome Henry B. Sire, the well-known real estate man and trotting horse owner. On the first complete trial of the case the jury brought in a verdict of $25,000, which was set aside by the General Term on account of a technical error. It would have been cheaper for Mr. Sire not to have appealed, since at the next trial he was mulcted in $50,000 and costs. Miss Jacobs is gifted with a rich contralto voice.

# VANDERBILT WEDDING IS AGAIN POSTPONED.

## Illness of the Clergyman Who Was to Have Officiated Interferes

### Date Is Now Said to Be Fixed for Next Monday or Tuesday

### NO CLERGYMAN SEEMS AVAILABLE.

Young Mr. Vanderbilt Paid Several Visits to the Wilson House Yesterday, and Members of His Fiancee's Family Arrived from Newport.

There is apparently to be another delay in the Vanderbilt-Wilson wedding, which was to have taken place to-day. This time, however, the delay will be short, as the marriage will certainly take place early next week, probably on Monday or Tuesday.

Up to yesterday morning the preparations for to-day's ceremony went on without a hitch. Then it became known that Dr. John W. Brown, rector of St. Thomas's Church, who was to have officiated, was too ill to do so.

At Dr. Brown's house, No. 1 West Fifty-third street, it was said yesterday afternoon that he was too ill to be seen. When his secretary was asked if Dr. Brown would be well enough to officiate at the wedding to-day, he said that he did not think so. He would not say positively whether Dr. Brown would perform the marriage ceremony next week or not.

Of the ministers of churches at which the various members of the Vanderbilt and Wilson families attend, Dr. Brown appears to be the only one available. Dr. David H. Greer, rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, who is closely associated with Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Sr., in his charities, is abroad, and Dr. John Hall, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, of which the Wilsons are members, is in Ireland.

It is suggested that Dr. Brown might not care to officiate at the marriage, as one branch of the Vanderbilt family—the H. McK. Twomblys—are members of his church, and he knows that they are bitterly opposed to the match.

Exactly who will be asked to perform the ceremony, in case Dr. Brown is not well enough to officiate in a few days, is not known.

There was every evidence of preparation for the coming wedding at the Wilson home, No. 511 Fifth avenue, yesterday. Cornelius, Jr., called upon Miss Wilson in the morning and remained until after 1 p. m., when he went around to the Grand Central Station to call on Dr. Chauncey M. Depew. Dr. Depew was out of town, and, after a short talk with some of the officials in the office, Mr. Vanderbilt returned to the Wilson residence. He came out of the house about 4 o'clock, and, hailing a cab, drove down Fifth avenue.

At 4:30 o'clock Mrs. Richard T. Wilson, mother of the bride-elect, Mr. and Mrs. M. Orme Wilson, and their two children and four servants, arrived at the Grand Central Station from Newport. They were driven to the house and shortly after their arrival young Mr. Vanderbilt again called. Half an hour later Mr. and Mrs. Orme Wilson and their children left the house and were driven to the Long Island Railroad Depot. They took a train for Bay Shore, where they have a country home.

Young Alfred Vanderbilt, who it is expected will be the only member of the Vanderbilt family at the wedding, did not arrive yesterday.

## YOUNG BRIDE OF A DIPLOMAT.

Pierre Botkine, Once of the Russian Legation, Marries Frances Lithgow Payson.

Pierre Botkine, formerly attached to the Russian Legation at Washington, and Miss Frances Lithgow Payson, of that city, have, it was learned yesterday, just been married in Paris. The bride is only seventeen years of age. Theirs was a brief but romantic courtship.

Francis Lithgow Payson, uncle of the bride, is a broker, at No. 64 Pine street. He says Mr. Botkine and his niece became engaged in Paris last Winter. Recently he received word that the marriage would take place in Paris on July 27, first in the Greek Church and later in the American Church.

Charles Payson, father of the bride, is in the French capital with his wife. He was formerly American Minister to Denmark.

Mrs. Pierre Botkine is the sister of Mrs. Raymond Le Ghalt, whose husband is the son of the Belgian Minister at Washington. Mrs. Botkine is also closely related to the Payson family of this city. Francis Lithgow Payson on May 15 married Miss Mabel Stewart, daughter of Senator Stewart of Nevada.

# NATURAL CURE METHOD FATAL TO THIS CHILD.

## Little Sophia Ernest Dies in the Establishment Run by "Dr." Koch.

### Suffering from Diphtheria, but Said to Have Received Exhausting Treatment

### HE IS NOT A LICENSED DOCTOR.

Severely Criticised by Another Physician Who Was Called When It Was Too Late to Save the Child's Life

Gustav Koch, who is styled "Doctor," because of his proprietorship of a so-called hygienic or natural cure institute, at No. 80 East Fourth street, may have to answer for the death of twenty-two-month-old Sophia Ernest, of No. 938 First avenue, in his institution yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ernest, the dead child's parents, may also be prosecuted for having knowingly permitted the removal of the child from its home. Sophia was suffering from diphtheria when her parents bundled her into a coach and gave her to "Doctor" Koch for treatment. She was taken to the institution Tuesday last. "Doctor" Koch says he did not know the condition of the child. His wife received the patient and gave her to the attendants for treatment.

When the child was first stricken her parents called Dr. Louis Lichtscheln, of Lexington avenue. He diagnosed the case as diphtheria. He employed anti-toxine, and, it is said, gave the child three injections in as many days. He notified the Health Board of the presence of the disease and the house was quarantined.

Dr. Lichtscheln last Monday told the parents the child would die. Then she was taken to "Doctor" Koch's institution. She was bathed and massaged and subjected to the other forms of treatment in vogue at the establishment, it is charged, until exhaustion set in and the heart gradually failed to perform its functions.

"Doctor" Koch became alarmed. He is not a licensed physician, and, in fact, does not possess a diploma. It was necessary then to obtain the services of a physician, so he summoned Dr. A. Von Grimm, of No. 38 St. Marks place. The child was beyond saving, and when she died the physician refused to sign the death certificate. Dr. Von Grimm, who is connected with the Post-Graduate Hospital, last night said the child had undoubtedly died from the effects of the exhausting treatment it had received. If proper methods had been employed he believes the child's life could have been saved. "I am willing to go on record as saying that the baths and massage treatment killed the child," he said.

"Doctor" Koch is a native of Germany. He says he cures by nature. The natural cure school, of which he is an advocate, is supported, he claims, by wealthy Germans, and a commission of five physicians in Germany constitutes all that there is of the school. His establishment here has been running for four years.

## SANDWICH HOTELS IN DANGER.

Colonel Lyman Purposes to Investigate Some Brooklyn Establishments.

Colonel Lyman, the State Excise Commissioner, intends to send several special Excise Commissioners to Brooklyn to inquire into the reputation of some of the "hotels" which have been licensed to sell liquor.

A number of saloons whose reputations are notorious have been licensed as hotels, and are doing business night and day, Sundays and week days.

Colonel H. W. Michell, the Brooklyn deputy, says he has not had a single complaint against a Brooklyn saloon.

## A PLUCKY GIRL SWIMMER.

Miss Gertrude Smith Went to Her Friend's Assistance and Was Nearly Drowned.

Islip, L. I., July 31.—Miss Gertrude Smith, daughter of Charles R. Smith, of Brooklyn, who is passing the Summer at Bay Shore, narrowly escaped drowning yesterday while trying to save a friend. Miss Smith can swim, but her companion could not. The latter lost her footing and was being carried out by the undertow, when Miss Smith went to her assistance. The friend grabbed hold of Miss Smith and they went down together. Guy A. Ward saw the young women struggling in the water and rescued them.

**Made Things Lively with an Axe.**

Charles Steers, a grocer's clerk, twenty-six years old, living in a furnished room at No. 200 Throop avenue, Williamsburg, while crazed with liquor early yesterday morning, secured an axe and began to demolish the furniture and drive the other occupants to the street. A policeman appeared and disarmed him and he was locked up. When arraigned in the Lee Avenue Police Court Steers said he had no recollection of his exploits. Justice Schnitzspan sent him to jail for ten days.

# FOR THE TICKET AND THE JOURNAL.

## Democrats of the Twenty-first Ward, Brooklyn, Indorse Bryan and Sewall.

### They Protest Against Being Called Anarchists, and Commend Papers That Treat Them Fairly.

### APPROVE THE CHICAGO PLATFORM.

District Leaders Unanimous in Taking a Stand for the Regular Ticket, and Say They Represent the Rank and File of the Party

At a fully attended meeting last night of the district presidents, the delegates to the General Committee and the advisory members of the Democratic organization in the Twenty-first Ward, Brooklyn, resolutions were unanimously adopted indorsing Bryan and Sewall, the Chicago platform and commending the Journal and Brooklyn Citizen for supporting the ticket.

The ward is one of the largest in the city. Democratic Leader William R. McGuire expects that it will poll 11,000 votes next November. The voters are workingmen chiefly, and the unanimity of the district leaders in declaring not only for the Democratic candidates, but for the platform as well, is regarded as an indication that the rank and file of the party in Brooklyn is going to stand by the ticket.

There were about 100 at the meeting, which was held at Trott's Hall, corner Tompkins avenue and Hart street. Among those present were such old-time Democrats as Leader McGuire, John Dannaher, Charles Wise, William F. Thompson, ex-Supervisor William R. Riggs, John A. Hamilton, John F. Scanlan, J. M. Vance, James Moffat, John J. Dorman and Edwin R. Crowley. They were all in a good Democratic frame of mind, and would have kept on making enthusiastic speeches all night had it not been that there was no one in the hall to convert to Democracy.

The resolution indorsing the candidates was made by Mr. McGuire, who in offering it, remarked that he had found more converts from the Republican ranks than Democratic deserters.

Ex-supervisor Riggs moved to amend by inserting an indorsement of the platform.

Mr. McGuire said he was heartily in favor of the platform, but wanted to give anybody who had objection to it a chance to come to the front on a separate resolution.

"They can be heard now, however," he added, and then he paused.

The one hundred Democrats looked at each other inquiringly but none had a word of opposition to offer. Then the endorsement of the platform was incorporated with that of the candidates and the resolution went through with a rush. It was followed by three cheers for the ticket.

The resolution commending the Journal and Citizen was offered by John M. Dannaher, a mechanical engineer, and delegate from the Twenty-sixth Election District. He said he had been waiting for thirty years for just such a platform as had been adopted by the Chicago Convention, and while he might not agree with all the planks, the good features outweighed the ones a hundred times.

"And because I do favor that platform and Bryan and Sewall," he said, "I don't think I ought to be called an Anarchist, as I have been by so-called Democratic papers. Democrats should support newspapers that treat them fairly and that have the interest of laboring men at heart. The Journal and the Citizen are our friends in this campaign, and I move that we commend them for the course they have taken."

Mr. Riggs seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

Of the platform Mr. Riggs said:

"It's not medicine for me; it's the elixir of life."

Provision was made for committees on finance, speakers, banners and permanent headquarters. To the Advisory Committee the names of Martin H. Duane, of the Maritime Exchange; William S. Searing, Dr. William E. Kissane and Philip J. McGrath, a former Shepardite, were added.

## TROLLEY CAR GETS LOOSE.

Fortunately It Jumps the Track Before Killing Anybody.

An empty Nassau Railroad car was set loose yesterday and it ran down Twenty-fourth street, Brooklyn. It jumped the tracks at Fourth avenue and rolled over the cobble stones, stopping only when it crashed against the curbstone.

The car was No. 123, which is one of the many that the company "stores" outside the Fifth avenue depot. It was standing on one of the side tracks. It began to move down the incline, increasing in speed every few feet. Before the railroad men realized it the car was shooting down Twenty-fourth street. Several men ran after it.

The car had moved about 1,000 feet when it reached Fourth avenue. In some way, for which there is no accounting, the car jumped the tracks, veered to the east and then rolled over the pavement until it struck the curbstone and knocked over Mrs. May McGowan's coal box.

Captain Kenney, of the Eighteenth Precinct, said the accident was what he had daily expected. He declared the company keeps the street near the depot blockaded with unguarded cars every night. Some of the cars have nothing but small stones, even pebbles, to hold them in check.

## WHY OSSMAN WAS INDIGNANT.

Locked Up in a Cell for Diving Without a Lighted Lamp.

Policeman William E. Willis, of the Park Department, yesterday, in the Flatbush Police Court, preferred a complaint before Justice Nostrand against Frederick Ossman, of Flatbush, for driving a carriage in Prospect Park at night without having a lighted lamp. He also claimed that Ossman, when ordered out, assaulted him. Mr. Ossman pleaded guilty to the first charge and paid a fine, but had his trial on the latter complaint adjourned until next Thursday.

Mr. Ossman was very indignant in court because, as he claimed, he had been locked up in a cell when he was ready to give bail. He declared that the park police refused to accept bail.

The Park Department asserted that no bondsman appeared to release Ossman until he had been turned over to the Grant Street police authorities.

## CHILDREN CAN GET MILK NOW.

Dr. Emery Makes a Sensible Change in the Rules Governing Its Distribution.

Changes in the rules governing the distribution of sterilized milk for sick children in Brooklyn were announced yesterday. Health Commissioner Emery notified the matron of the Diet Dispensary that hereafter she might give the milk to worthy applicants without physicians' certificates.

In cases where mothers are too poor to leave a deposit for the bottles, Dr. Emery said the matron may allow the milk to be taken away and trust to the honor of the recipients in the matter of returning the bottles.

**Motorman's Arm Broken.**

Arlington, N. J., July 31.—William Walsh, a motorman on one of the Arlington and Newark trolley cars, had his arm broken yesterday, by the brake handle of his car slipping from his grasp and striking him on the arm below the elbow. He was removed to his home in Newark.

## BURIED UP TO HIS NECK.

Fire Truck, Police Patrol and Undertaker's Wagon Hurried to Jordano's Assistance.

Anthony Jordano jumped into the sewer trench on Van Sielen avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday, and began to dig. Suddenly the sides of the trench gave way, and buried Jordano's body up to the neck.

An alarm was raised. In ten minutes the police patrol wagon, with ten officers, was on the spot. Fire truck No. 3 followed.

St. Mary's ambulance came next, and in its wake came an undertaker's wagon. Meanwhile, Jordano was howling at the top of his voice.

The firemen, aided by a dozen laborers, pitched in to work, and in ten minutes Jordano was on the surface.

The news of the accident spread through the Italian section of East New York, and several hundred men and women hastened to the scene. Jordano's wife was among them. She reached the scene just as her husband was lifted out of the trench by means of a rope.

The moment Jordano was released he kissed his wife, swore at the embankment and then started to run, never stopping until he reached his home, No. 239 Elton street.

## PURSUED BY MOSQUITOS.

They Descend in Clouds on a Bicycle Club and Farce Them to Abandon a Run.

Arlington, N. J., July 31.—Mosquitoes routed thirty-five members of the Arlington Bicycle Club while the riders were on the way last evening to take part in the Wheelmen's Carnival, at Elizabeth.

The wheelmen started from Arlington at 7 o'clock and had got as far as Frelinghuysen avenue, in Newark, when they were forced to give up. Several of them were almost blinded by the vicious pests, and when the party returned to Arlington their faces and hands were swollen to almost twice their natural size and the eyes of several were partly closed.

The wheelmen say that the mosquitoes came down upon them in thick clouds. The club members had decorated their bicycles with flags and lanterns, and before the start expected to win one of the prizes offered by the clubs.

## ENEMIES OF THE SALOONS.

Third Day's Session of the National Temperance Camp Meeting.

Ocean Grove, N. J., July 31.—The third day's session of the National Temperance Camp Meeting was held under the auspices of the New Jersey Anti-Saloon League at the Auditorium this morning.

The address of the morning was delivered by Rev. S. Z. Batten, of Morristown. Mr. Batten first outlined the general and the particular evils of the drink habit, and then described the work done by the New Jersey League. This organization, which has been in existence for two years, is now working in conjunction with the American Anti-Saloon League, organized a year ago. The Jersey League has representatives in every county of the State under whom the work is carried on.

This afternoon, at 2:30, Rev. John Handley, of Camden, delivered a brief address in the Auditorium. To-night the Ocean Grove anniversary exercises were held at Thompson Park Memorial Vase, which marks the spot where the first prayer meeting was held twenty-seven years ago, in a small tent occupied by the family of the late J. H. Thornley, of Philadelphia.

## WOMAN CHASED HER LOVER.

Pursued Him a Long Distance, but He Escaped on a Street Car.

A woman, who refused to divulge her name, was seen chasing a man at the corner of Second and Washington streets, Hoboken, Thursday night. The woman was shouting for the police.

Some time ago, she said, she made the acquaintance of a bartender named Charles Engel, who was employed in a saloon at No. 226 Willow avenue. Afterward she swore out a warrant for his arrest, but he left town.

Thursday night she learned that he was in a saloon at Second and Bloomfield streets, and, going there, met him face to face, as he was walking out of the door. He became confused for a moment, and then took to his heels, with the woman in close pursuit.

The chase continued up Second street, but he brought it to a close by jumping aboard a Washington street car, bound up town. The young woman is a domestic. She sought to secure Engel's arrest, but she failed to get a warrant. The young woman claims that Engel deserted her after securing a considerable sum of money from her.

## WOMEN SAVE A GIRL'S LIFE.

Her Clothing Catches Fire, But They Extinguish the Blaze in Time.

Elizabeth, N. J., July 31.—Lottie Gibeson, of No. 810 Elizabeth avenue, was burned severely while watching the bicycle parade here last night. The girl ventured too near some colored fire that was burning, and her white dress was a mass of flames in an instant.

Frightened and panic striken, the girl ran into a hallway screaming, while the crowd scattered. Two women, whose names were not obtained, retained presence of mind, however, and managed to smother the flames before the girl was fatally injured.

## WHISKEY DID THE WORK.

Intoxicated Man Trips a Boy, Who Falls and May Die of His Injuries.

Newark, N. J., July 31.—John O'Neill, twenty-seven years old, of No. 25 Mott street, was sent to the county jail to-day to await the result of injuries he inflicted on Michael Fitzsimmons, twelve years old, son of Policeman Peter J. Fitzsimmons, of the Third Precinct, while intoxicated last night. Young Fitzsimmons is suffering from concussion of the brain at his home, No. 19 Fillmore street.

Harry Povey, thirteen years old, of No. 19½ Fillmore street, testified in court today that at 6 o'clock last evening he and the Fitzsimmons boy were walking down Market street. O'Neill, who was intoxicated, met them between Read and Fillmore streets, tripped the Fitzsimmons boy and pushed him. The boy fell, cut the back of his head and struck the curbstone. He was picked up, but was able to walk home. Late in the evening he became so ill that Dr. H. C. H. Herold thought he would die.

Policeman Fitzsimmons then had O'Neill arrested. O'Neill said to-day that he did not know whether he staggered against the boy or not. The boy was better this afternoon, but his condition is serious.

## JERSEY DENTISTS ADJOURN.

Decide to Prosecute Fraudulent Practitioners and Then Elect Officers.

Asbury Park, N. J., July 31.—The three days' meeting of the New Jersey State Dental Society was closed to-day. A committee reported in favor of the appointment of a committee to have power to prosecute those who practise illegally, and suggested that a per capita tax of $5 be levied to meet the expenses of the committee. This was adopted.

The Items of Interest, a New York publication, was made the official organ of the society. Vice-President Iredell was elected president for the ensuing year. J. L. Crater, of Orange, was unanimously elected vice-president, and Charles A. Meeker, of Newark, was re-elected secretary for the twenty-third term. George C. Brown, of Elizabeth, was re-elected treasurer for the twentieth term. The new officers were installed and the meeting adjourned.

**Beginning a Charitable Work.**

The work of building the annexes to St. John's Catholic Orphan Asylum for Boys, on St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn, was begun yesterday. The work will cost $225,000.

# ATTEMPT TO STEAL A FOSTER DAUGHTER.

## Another Child Lured Her Away with Promises of Candy and the Father Seized Her.

### Officers Pursued Him and He and His Friend Were Soon in Custody

### THOUGHT THE GIRL HAD BEEN ABUSED.

She Testified, However, She Had Been Well Treated and Wanted to Remain with Her Godmother—Prisoners Freed.

Newark, N. J., July 31.—Judge Pearson, in the Third Precinct Police Court to-day, heard the details of an attempt by a father to abduct his seven-year-old adopted daughter. The father used another girl to decoy the child from her home. He and a friend who aided him were arrested before they got far away.

The child's name is Amelia Fessler, and she resided at the home of her godmother, Mrs. Charles Falk, of No. 155 Magazine street. Her foster father is Ferdinand Fessler, and he was aided in his work by Ferdinand Beck, his friend, both of whom board at No. 214 Washington street, Hoboken.

Amelia, who is seven years old, was taken to court by her godmother. The girl was neatly dressed and is very pretty. Police Captain McManus told the Court the story of the abduction and the capture.

"Last night," he said, "Falk rushed in the station house and told me that men had stolen a little girl, who was his home as a boarder. The mother the child, he said, who was not living her husband, requested Mrs. Falk to for the girl and not let Fessler have h.

"Falk said that the men called at saloon at noon with another girl. Fess asked to see Amelia, and when he sa he was the girl's father, Falk called Amel downstairs. Fessler left the girl be had brought with him at Falk's house and went away. Toward evening the two girls went out for candy, and a few minutes later Falk was told that the men had met the two on the street and had taken Amelia on a trolley car going uptown."

Captain McManus said he then sent Policeman McCarrick to the Broad street depot of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad to arrest the men. When the officer arrived at the depot he learned that Fessler and Beck had already been captured and were in the Second Precinct Police Station. The prisoners were surrendered to him, and he took them and the two girls to the Third Precinct Station. Then the little girl who was with Amelia told Captain McManus that she was Meta Fetzner, seven years old, and that her father, Fred Fetzner, kept a boarding-house in Hoboken, where Fessler and Beck board.

The Captain said he suspected that Meta had been used by Fessler to decoy Amelia out of the house on the pretence of buying candy, and that Fessler had then seized her. Evidence to substantiate this was given, and the Court ordered [illegible] be turned over to the Falks.

Mrs. Fessler is a domestic at No. 291 Grator street, Jersey City, and took the child to the Falks two weeks ago. It developed that Fessler believed the child was being abused, and for that reason he attempted to take her away. He told the Court that he loved the child, although it was not his own, it having been adopted by his wife when it was fourteen days old.

The Court interrogated Amelia, and she declared she wished to remain with Mrs. Falk, who was kind to her. She didn't want to go with her father, she said. Judge Pearson then lectured both prisoners, and discharged them after telling Fessler that he could only secure the girl by producing his adoption papers in court.

## LIQUOR MEN WELL TREATED.

Juries Refuse to Convict Sunday Violators and Churchmen are Worried.

Elizabeth, N. J., July 31.—Some of the saloon keepers who were caught selling liquor on Sunday in a recent raid by the police were on trial in the police court to-day. Thirty-four saloons were raided, and six of these saloon men will be tried by jury to-day.

S. T. Knoll was acquitted, and the jury disagreed in the case of Charles Reingardt. Not one of the six was convicted.

Several others were tried a week ago, and all were acquitted.

The evidence in most of the cases showed the sale of liquor on Sunday, but the juries promptly found the defendants not guilty. The members of the Christian Citizenship Union are much exercised over the result, and declare that it is impossible to convict saloon keepers for violation of the law in this city.

## DARING YOUNG THIEVES.

Steal Chickens, Cut Their Heads Off Before the Owner and Get Away.

Bloomfield, July 31.—Mrs. William Krach, who resides in Carteret street, reported to the police to-day that three young men had gone into her yard and picked up three chickens before her eyes, and then in a leisurely manner, cut their heads off and disappeared in the woods.

Three officers started in pursuit and tracked the daring thieves as far as East Orange, where they were lost sight of. The officers searched the woodlands near by, and found a hut in which were six young boys busily engaged in cooking chickens and potatoes.

At the sight of the bluecoats the boys fled, but after a long chase the officers caught two of the fleeing youths and took them to the police station together with a stolen chicken found in the hut.

The prisoners and chicken were taken to Mrs. Krach, who failed to identify the boys. She also said the chicken was not her property. The boys were released.

## VOLUNTEER IS DISCIPLINED.

Held a Union Meeting with the Salvation Army, and Lost His Station.

New Brunswick, N. J., July 31.—Lieutenant E. A. Ransom, who has been in command of the little body of American Volunteers in town for the last two weeks, received orders this morning to leave his command, or, as the Salvationists say, give his "farewell." This is probably owing to the dissatisfaction caused by his holding union meeting with the Salvation Army few days ago.

Ransom holds his last meeting next day, and will go to Middletown, Conn, Wednesday. Lieutenant Hammill, of Middletown, will succeed him. Lieut. Ransom was popular among the Volu. here.

**Delay in the Donlon Murder Case.**

New Brunswick, N. J., July 31.—Chief Justice Beasley has written a letter to Lawyer Howard MacSherry stating that he will not be ready to try the case of Thomas Donlon, who is charged with killing Edward Masterson by pushing him off a moving engine at the George street depot last February, until the September term of court. The case will have to be tried by the Chief Justice, as the indictment is for murder. It will occupy several days, as there are many witnesses to be examined.