

LITTLE LOUISA'S DEATH A MYSTERY.

Girl of Eight Found Lifeless Under the Viaduct in Park Avenue.

William Hornung, Her Father, Arrested on Suspicion, but Soon Released.

According to the Coroner She Died from Exposure Within a Stone's Throw of Her Home.

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case was most suspicious. Thereupon he ordered the detention of the father to await the result of the autopsy. Last night the Coroner told of his suspicions and the grounds for them.

"I worked three hours making my investigations," said he. "I questioned the mother of the child and questioned the father. I went to the place where the body was found, and saw all the witnesses. I came to the conclusion that the body must have been carried where it was found. If the girl had fallen I do not see how she could have been in such a position. She was found even with her legs crossed and her arm thrown across her breast. My first thought was that she had been poisoned, and the body placed there in that dark spot, certainly a good hiding-place as could possibly be found.

"I detected the father in many contradictions. His story did not agree with that of the mother. The father said that the child had gone out to play late in the afternoon, and was to be back at supper. Hornung declared he did not see the child after 6 o'clock, but later he flatly contradicted this by saying that he went out at 7 o'clock to get some beer and then saw her playing on the doorstep.

"Supper was late. I asked him why he did not call the child in at 7 o'clock for supper if he saw her then, but he did not make any definite reply. He made many other contradictory statements, many of them in trifling matters. It is true, by instance, that the child was perfectly clean when she went out, and had just been washed by her mother. Later he declared that her mother washed the children Saturday, but had skipped the preceding Saturday because they had just moved. His statement made a very unfavorable impression upon me, though I had started in with the belief that he was an honest, hard-working man."

What most impressed the Coroner and others who investigated the matter was the discovery of the standing which the child had in the Hornung family. The girl now dead was eight years old. Hornung married his wife six years ago. This matter of dates was stated by Hornung himself and admitted by his wife both in the conversations with the Coroner and with the detectives. It was learned that the subject had been the cause of bickering in the family.

ANOTHER DEATH. It was learned that there had been another death in the Hornung household within a year. This child that died was named Mary. The remains of this first daughter to die were interred by Undertaker Karl, whose place of business is at No. 2150 Second avenue. Karl hunted up the record of this death last night, and found that, according to the certificate of which authorized the burial, Mary died from diarrheal meningitis on July 15, 1885. The paper was signed by Dr. D. G. Jansen, of No. 234 East One Hundred and Twelfth street.

Because of the suspicions formed in the minds of the Coroner and others, the utmost pains was taken to get all possible facts bearing upon this most sensational phase of the matter. It was found that the Hornung family had been occupying the upper flat at No. 1503 Park avenue. This building is diagonally across the street from the shadowy place where the girl's body was found. The corpse was nearly in front of the house numbered 1520 Park avenue. Between the two places intervenes the huge stone structure upon which the railroad trains run. At One Hundred and Tenth street are archways

children most of the day, and that toward evening Mrs. Hornung said she might have her reward by going out to play. The little girl ran out on the street and did not see any signs by the parents until Hornung returned with the boy. She was then near the southeast corner of One Hundred and Tenth street and Park avenue. That was at 7 o'clock in the evening.

THEIR STORY INVESTIGATED. When supper was ready at 8 o'clock the father went out and called "Louisa," "Louisa," as loud as he could without getting any answer. He walked toward the corner and called again. Still not getting a reply, he returned to supper. The mother was alarmed, and soon after the meal was eaten went out and searched for the child in vain. The matter was talked over and finally the mother went to the police station and reported that the child was lost. The hunt was kept up and later Mrs. Hornung went to the station again. In the morning the body was found.

CORROBORATION OF THIS STORY was sought yesterday. The police remembered that the woman was twice at the station. The family on the first floor in the building where the Hornungs live heard Hornung ask for the child about 8 o'clock in the evening. The saloon-keeper recalled that Hornung was there for a can of beer about 7 o'clock. This was all that could be obtained. At the livery stable next to the flat building the proprietor was sure no one had called there asking for a lost child. At the saloons that were open in the evening no one had seen Hornung or his wife searching for the child or heard near by on the street were in like ignorance. It was plain that there was no great commotion in the neighborhood over the loss of the little one. Most of the people in the immediate locality heard of the child's loss first when told of the finding of the corpse.

CHINAMAN SUSPECTED. After the ghastly discovery under the viaduct various sensational rumors spread. Many were sure the child had been maltreated. Scarcely forty feet from the stones on which Little Louisa's head rested is a Chinese wash house. It is occupied by a Chinaman called Wah Kee. Occasionally the laundressman has others of his race there as assistants. The building is not closed in, as are most Chinese laundries. When the lamps are lighted inside any one passing can see the Mongolians at work. Little Mamie Levy, living at No. 94 East One Hundred and Eleventh street, was passing there at 8 o'clock Thursday evening and saw a little girl inside the store with Wah Kee.

"I could not be mistaken," the Levy girl said, when questioned about the matter yesterday afternoon. "It was a little bit of a girl not over ten years old. She was standing at the table, where the Chinaman was working."

Wah Kee was seen. He denied emphatically that any little girl was in his place Thursday night. He said no little girl had been in the laundry in a week. He said he did not know any girl was dead. To other queries bearing on the matter, he had but one answer, and that "No sabbath."

THEORIES CRUMBLE. When Mamie Levy was required to describe the girl she had seen in the Chinese laundry, she said the child had light hair, Louisa Hornung's hair was very dark.

One theory after another was thus destroyed, and one after clue proved worthless. The more the officers persisted in their investigations the more mysterious

stomach and intestines. The contents of the stomach showed that the girl ate not long before her death, and ate heartily. The theory of assault was certainly definitely proved false. It is certain that the stomach and other organs affected in such a manner as to convince the physician that Louisa Hornung died from exposure, independent of the effect of the blows upon the head. Dr. Huber so reported to the Coroner.

"There is only one way," said the Coroner, "to show without doubt that the child was not poisoned, and that is to make an analysis of the contents of the stomach, which have been saved. I wish to say, though, that there are easily recognized indications of death from poison, and none of these indications are found in the case. I will not order an analysis until convinced that it is really necessary. The law requires me to get an order from the District Attorney first. I should be slow about it, anyway, because to analyze the contents of a stomach puts \$500 or \$500 expense upon the county."

QUESTIONS UNANSWERED. The father of the little girl was placed under arrest before Dr. Huber left the One Hundred and Fourth Street Station, where the post-mortem examination was made. Sergeant Joyce called Hornung before him and he was booked and locked up, after giving various answers that were entered on the records. There is likely to be trouble about this, for Coroner Hoerber, after getting the result of the autopsy, declined to assume responsibility for the father's arrest. Hornung was then turned loose. A prosecution for false imprisonment is possible.

"How did the girl die?" and "How did she come to be dead beneath the viaduct?" are still unanswered.

DONAHUE'S HEIRS SUE. Seek to Recover 5,000 Shares of California Stock at \$125,000 from the Seligman and Thalman Firms.

The banking firms of J. & W. Seligman & Co. and Ladenburg, Thalman & Co. of this city, were made the defendants in an action in the Supreme Court of San Francisco, Cal., by the executors of the estate of James Mervyn Donahue to recover 5,000 shares of stock in the San Francisco & North Pacific Railroad Company. The stock is valued at \$125,000 and is now held by these two firms. The subject is still pending.

Eugene Kelly, with James Donahue, founded the banking firm of Donahue & Kelly in San Francisco. Mr. Kelly then came east and took charge of the California branch, in this city, under the name of Eugene Kelly & Co. Jesse Seligman, who for years has been in the city, and the houses of his friends, Kelly and Donahue, then founded the Seligman Banking Company.

When the San Francisco & North Pacific Railroad was organized there were certain liens for right of way, and possible danger of personal injuries in the route, and the bankers declined to issue the bonds until these were taken up. James Mervyn Donahue undertook to discharge the liens, and the purpose was to issue 20,000 shares of stock in the San Francisco & North Pacific Railroad with the Seligman Banking Company. After the completion of the issuing of the agreement. In course of time 15,000 shares of the stock were returned, and the balance of 5,000 shares were held on the ground that the contract had not been fulfilled.

Eugene Kelly, James Mervyn Donahue and Seligman died within a few months of each other, and the executors of the estate of James Mervyn Donahue made a demand for the return of the 5,000 shares of the stock. The demand was refused, and several months ago the suit for the recovery of the stock was instituted.

CABLE CAR RUNS WILD. A Switch Smashed a Car and Caused a Woman to Faint.

Because a brake would not work a Lexington avenue cable car ran "wild" down "Duffy's Hill," in Harlem, yesterday, crashed into another car and injured a woman. This hill extends from One Hundred and Tenth street and One Hundred and Fifth street. It was never leveled, because the Third avenue elevated railroad wanted a section of it for their yards. It was the site of the old Bill's Head Hotel.

Car No. 311, bound uptown, reached the summit of the hill shortly before noon. It was in the neighborhood of the intersection of the street and the elevated railroad. The only occupant was Miss Ida Schildkiedt, twenty-five years old, of No. 2301 First avenue. The car started down the hill, and the gripman found that his brake would not work. The grade has an angle of 45 degrees, and the car shot forward with terrific velocity. Gripman Campbell ran back into the car.

"The car's running away; you better jump," he shouted to the young woman. She made an effort to get to her feet, but sank to the floor of the car in a faint. The gripman and conductor held on to the rear platform of One Hundred and Fifth street the car struck a switch, which ran it on to the downtown track. A south-bound car, which had stopped at a short distance, started forward with terrific velocity. The two cars crashed into each other with great force. The fenders were smashed, the platforms damaged and the glass in the windows shattered.

Miss Schildkiedt was taken out of the car unconscious, but soon recovered and was able to go home. She is suffering slight injury from shock.

AN EX-SENATOR ACCUSED. Cincinnati Startled by the Story of Young Ramp's Doings and His Shortcomings.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 24.—The exposure to-day of ex-Senator and ex-Cashier Ramp, of the Market National Bank, caused endless talk. Ramp was a man of affairs, prominent in financial and social life, and in the highest political circles of the State. Charles Fleischman, the horseman, distiller and manufacturer, was the chief man of the Market Bank, and Ramp was his favorite.

It is said to-day in brief, that Ramp took \$100,000 of Fleischman's money, left with him not to be used for the bank except to save its solvency, and fled. The man went away for the summer. The disclosure came to the public through a note from New York. It brought to light the fact, so it is said, that Ramp dabbled in stocks and bonds, played poker and was extravagant in gifts of jewelry. Ramp had been seen in New York, and the late Ripon says that is his understanding.

Ramp has disappeared. It is said there just around the corner from Mr. Ramp's home.

Two years ago Policeman Lincoln Grey, of the Highbridge Station, kept chickens. As a consequence he is now the subject of written complaints in which he is charged with conduct unbecoming an officer. Mrs. Isabella Maurer has secured a judgment of \$2,000 against Mrs. Mary Cox for slander and Mrs. Maurer is herself the defendant in a suit for slander, in which Miss Lizzie Koegel is the complainant. In addition Policeman Grey is threatened with a suit in which Mrs. Maurer will be the complainant, and in which he will be charged with "oppression," which the penal code says is an action by a public officer which tends to molest another person in the property, person or rights. Beside these there are other suits threatened.

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Mrs. Maurer at the time. What they were is a matter of dispute, but on them Mrs. Maurer bases her present charge of conduct unbecoming an officer.

It was about this time that Mr. Maurer began to receive anonymous letters. What the contents of these are neither he nor his attorney will say, but it is certain that they all reflected on Mrs. Maurer. Now Mr. Maurer is trying to find who wrote these letters. He does not accuse Policeman Grey of being their author, but holds him indirectly responsible for them. They were written by the evidence in support of the complaint against Grey.

A few days ago the water mains along West One Hundred and Eighty-seventh street froze, and an official of the Water Department was sent to the neighborhood to explain to the residents the cause of the trouble. While he was talking to Mrs. Maurer, Lizzie Koegel, who is the servant in Policeman Grey's family, passed and stopped to listen. At this, it is said, Mrs. Maurer became indignant, and said some things which do not appear well in print. At any rate, Miss Koegel repeated the remarks to friends, and then went to see a lawyer. As a result, Mrs. Maurer was served with a summons in a suit for slander.

Mrs. Maurer was seen at her home last night. She is a handsome woman, about thirty years old. She refused to discuss her trouble with Policeman Grey, and would only say that her action was prompted by "the desire of a lady to secure redress against a dirty loafer."

Policeman Grey refused to talk of the matter, saying it was in the hands of his superior officers, and he could say nothing until they had passed on it. The case will be heard at Headquarters at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

A THOUSAND MAY STRIKE. Threatened Reduction of Wages Causes Many Overgaiter and Legging Workers to Quit.

Trouble has arisen in a comparatively new branch of the New York clothing

The fair litigant whose troubles began when Policeman Grey, in a moment of agricultural enthusiasm, started a heiny in and several courts of justice are trying to unravel the complication.

The overgaiter and legging workers, numbering about 1,500, including cutters and operators, are threatened with reductions in prices of from 20 to 25 per cent, according to grade work. The cutters, for refusing to accept the reduction, were locked out for the second time yesterday in the factory of Arnold, Sessler & Co., No. 610 Broadway.

A strike of all the hands against the reduction took place yesterday in the shops of Sachs & Stern, Broadway, near Waverley place, 100 cutters, operators and others quitting work. A strike was also threatened in Rosenwasser Brothers' factory, No. 710 Broadway, against sweeping reductions, but the firm at the last moment withdrew the order to reduce wages.

The young French girl who answered the door at Miss Barrett's yesterday afternoon said that she had heard nothing of any rewards being offered. The salary, she said, was located in the reception room, as described. She admitted that Mrs. Corning was not said she had not seen her in fully two weeks.

Later in the evening a young man with a sandy mustache declared positively that there had been a reward offered. He said he was W. Stoum. "I am a sort of social manager for Miss Barrett, who is a lady here," he said, "and you can see positively from me that there is not any lace or anything else missing from this house. I have been in the reception room in connection with her establishment, but I am a personal friend, and would know had anything been stolen. I have heard of Mrs. Corning being a customer of Miss Barrett. If she had been, I should have heard of it."

Miss Barrett is a dressmaker of acknowledged reputation, and works for the Sloanes, Van Rensselaers, Astors, Vanderbilt and other well-known families. If the lace is not found she will pay Mrs. Corning \$6,000. One feature of the theft that will be of material aid to the police will be the difficulty of re-producing it. This is a dress as well known in Paris as in New York, and any attempt to dispose of it to persons qualified to judge at all of its value would result in its being traced to the thief. It is as well known in Paris as in New York, and any attempt to dispose of it to persons qualified to judge at all of its value would result in its being traced to the thief. It is as well known in Paris as in New York, and any attempt to dispose of it to persons qualified to judge at all of its value would result in its being traced to the thief.

Hammerstein Gets Mile, May. Mile, Jane May, the pianist, has been engaged for Hammerstein's Olympia for the week beginning February 3. She will present a repertory of songs, musical sketches and imitations of Sarah Bernhardt and other stage celebrities. This is a departure from her usual style of entertainment, but not an untried one, as she has given similar performances in Europe. Mile May is under Augustus Hammerstein's management, but is arranged with Hammerstein for this series of performances.

Seidl to Tour the Country. Johnson & Arthur have signed a contract with Anton Seidl and his orchestra for a tour of the United States and Mexico. It will be Mr. Seidl's first tour of America during his ten years residence in this city. Seidl, the violinist, is to travel with the orchestra as soloist.

POLICE MYSTERY SOLVED.

Trouble Over a Mounted Patrolman Results in Law Suits and Involves Some Chickens.

Policeman Grey Kept Them Two Years Ago to the Annoyance of Mr. and Mrs. Maurer.

A WHOLE COMMUNITY IS TORN UP.

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Six Yards of It, Valued at \$6, Said to Have Disappeared from a Safe.

Belonged to Mrs. Erastus Corning Who Expected to Wear It at Mrs. Morton's Reception.

TAKEN FROM HER DRESSMAK

In the Absence of the Dressmaker Police, Who Had Not Been Informed Are Unable to Get No Definite Information.

A theft of lace valued at \$6,000 from establishment of Miss E. H. Barrett, maker, at No. 19 East Thirty-first was reported yesterday to have occurred on January 16, or the day following, police had no knowledge of such a bery. The lace, according to the report, was the property of Mrs. Erastus Corning and the failure to notify the police was explained upon the ground that Corning, who is the wife of the real millionaire and lives in Albany, had been informed of the loss, and the maker hoped that it might be found publicly avoided.

Detective McVey, of the West Third Street Squad, who was sent to the after hearing the story, succeeded in getting no information about it, not even corroboration of the fact that a theft had been committed. Miss Barrett lives at No. 19 East Thirty-first, and her assistant, refused to talk about the theft, of which she proposed entire silence. The story was substantial, follows:

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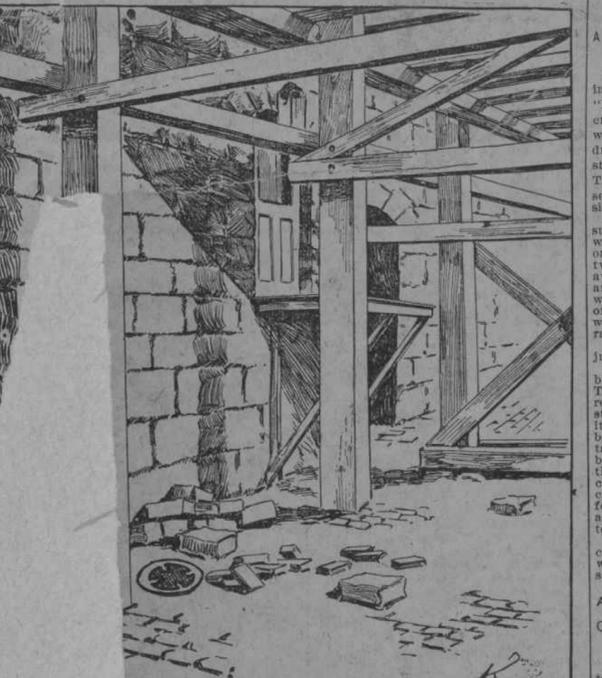
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At One Hundred and Tenth street and Park avenue found the body a few yards from that point. The girl appeared to be asleep, but a few moments it was discovered that she was dead. The only injuries were on the head. How she came to die in that place is a complete mystery. The contradictory answers he made to the Coroner, William Hornung, was arrested, but soon set at liberty. All the theories of foul play were abandoned. The death of the child seemed. It was thought by some that she might have climbed into the trestlework and tumbled to her pavement. This supposition seemed untenable in view of the facts. There was not a cut or a scratch on the body. No child of eight years could climb into the trestlework. There was likewise no reason to believe that she was attacked by a scamp. Careful inquiry made by the doctors indicated that such could not well be the case. There remained the theory that the child died of heart disease, the theory that she was weakened by lack of food and the theory that she was poisoned. The autopsy upset all three. The examination of the body was made by Dr. Huber, the Coroner's physician. There was not a scratch on the scalp, but on taking it from the skull three clots of blood were found beneath. The three clots marked the location of the three contusions on top of the child's head. NO SIGNS OF POISONING. The brain was normal, showing that it was not congestion of that organ that resulted in death. The heart was normal, proving conclusively that the little girl did not die from heart disease. There was nothing to indicate poisoning about the



Mrs. C. Maurer.

The fair litigant whose troubles began when Policeman Grey, in a moment of agricultural enthusiasm, started a heiny in and several courts of justice are trying to unravel the complication. The overgaiter and legging workers, numbering about 1,500, including cutters and operators, are threatened with reductions in prices of from 20 to 25 per cent, according to grade work. The cutters, for refusing to accept the reduction, were locked out for the second time yesterday in the factory of Arnold, Sessler & Co., No. 610 Broadway. A strike of all the hands against the reduction took place yesterday in the shops of Sachs & Stern, Broadway, near Waverley place, 100 cutters, operators and others quitting work. A strike was also threatened in Rosenwasser Brothers' factory, No. 71