

CONVICTED, THEN GIVEN HER FREEDOM.

Mrs. Annie Rink, Who Killed Her Husband with an Umbrella, Set Free.

He Had Deserted Her and Demanded Money and She Struck Him Over Her Shoulder.

THE FERRULE PIERCED HIS EYE.

She Was Convicted of Manslaughter, and in View of All the Circumstances Sentence Was Suspended by Judge Hepper, of Paterson.

Paterson, N. J., March 6.—Mrs. Annie Rink, convicted of manslaughter, was this afternoon set free by the judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions. The case is unprecedented in the history of the State.

Her crime was the killing of her husband, John Rink, by stabbing him in the eye with the point of her umbrella. On February 6 Mrs. Rink, employed as housekeeper by William Kearns, a prominent silk dyer, was on Main street, near Market, on a shopping expedition. She passed her husband, who was walking with Mrs. Sophia Geiger, to whom he was paying attentions. His brutal treatment had repeatedly driven her to live apart from him and support herself, and he, idle by nature, took advantage of this live on the fruits of her toil. He had frequently watched for her in lonely places and secured money from her by threats and force. For that reason she hurried on when she saw him. But he followed her, leaving Mrs. Geiger waiting for him. Coming up behind his wife he demanded money from her. She, full of resentment, aroused by his insolent and his unreasonable request, made a thrust at him backward with her umbrella. She did not know where the stroke would take effect, as he was behind her, and would have walked on but for the cry that followed the blow. The fatal and undirected lunge had caused the point of the umbrella rod to enter his eye. Mrs. Rink was arrested and released under \$300 bail on a simple charge of assault and battery. Her husband grew worse, and three days afterward she was arrested to await the result of his injuries, an examination by physicians having revealed the fact that the ferrule had penetrated his brain. He died three days later and his wife was indicted for manslaughter and found guilty.

LETTERS SHOWING HER CHARACTER. This afternoon, previous to the passing of sentence, Counsellor Richard J. Randall offered many reasons why leniency should be shown to his client. Letters from prominent people were shown, describing Rink's brutal treatment of his wife, such testimony having been heard during the progress of the trial. One writer declared that he knew Rink in the old country, and that when he came here he had deserted a wife and three small children there. Others testified to the prisoner's good character. Judge Hepper requested the prisoner to remain seated and delivered the following address, reviewing all the circumstances of the case. He spoke of the woman's unhappy life, and said it was evident that the jury would have found a verdict of acquittal had there been any possible loophole. The death of Rink was but little removed from pure misadventure. The only thing that made her guilty was that she committed the deed in a moment of anger, but it was not done with any intent to harm.

THE JUDGE IS LENIENT. Judge Hepper recounted the penalties which the Court had the power to inflict and said that after duly considering all the circumstances and the jury's recommendation to mercy he and his colleagues had decided to suspend sentence. The announcement was greeted with a burst of applause from the crowded court room that the officers had difficulty in suppressing. Mrs. Rink had been requested to rise and when she heard the words that made her free she clasped her hands before her and cried: "Thank God! Thanks to you, Judge, and the jurors, and to God! I never meant to harm him."

Saved from a Horrible Death. New Brunswick, N. J., March 6.—James Wisbart, of No. 62 Neilson street, a printer in Janeway & Carpenter's wall paper factory, had a very narrow escape yesterday. While passing some machinery his jacket caught on a shaft and his clothing was literally torn from his body. Wisbart felt the tug on his garment and managed to seize a window, and succeeded in retaining his grasp, while his garments were pulled from his body.

THE BLACK BOX LINING. Opened by the Administrator and Found to Contain \$13,000 in Money and Bonds.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 6.—Peter F. Daly, the administrator of the estate of the late Watson B. Prentiss, who died at South River February 15, and left a mysterious black box, supposed to contain a fortune, secured the contents of the box to-day and made an inventory. All told the box contained bonds, money and papers to the value of \$13,218.32 and a fine gold watch and chain. The box was delivered to Mr. Daly by Thomas Prentiss, a brother of the deceased, and was opened in the presence of Cashier Schenck, of the People's National Bank, who took an inventory of the contents.

In the box were three \$1,000 United States bonds, bearing 4 per cent interest, a bank book on the New Jersey National Bank, showing a balance of \$1,447.55, two bank books on the New Brunswick Savings Institution, showing balances of \$891.30 and \$504.10, 31 cents in a bag, two old pocket-books, one containing a \$5 bill and the other \$35 in bills; also \$145 and \$105 in bills in two packages, a pocketbook containing a note of A. G. Newman, payable to W. B. Prentiss on demand for \$5,500, and dated June, 1890; thirty-nine United States Government checks for \$30 each, being payments of interest on bonds.

This was all of value in the old trunk. There were some old fire insurance policies, but no life insurance policies. There was a deed for a cemetery lot. The deceased owned a house and lot at South River valued at \$7,000. The will of the deceased has not been offered for probate.

RACE'S PACE WAS FAST.

Nothing Heard from the Young Man Since He Left with Miss Maggie Kennedy.

Ridgefield Park, N. J., March 6.—Frank Race, the young man who eloped with Maggie Kennedy, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Percival, of this place, has not been heard of since he left. Besides the girl's mother, others want to know Race's whereabouts. Since he left it has been found out that Race passed a number of bogus checks on friends, besides collecting debts owed to his brother, who is the publisher of the Ridgefield Park Era.

Before Race left town to elope with Maggie Kennedy he proposed to the young girl's sister, who is two years her senior, and was refused. The report that Race was a member of the Christian Endeavor Society is denied by his brother. Sheriff Herring is looking for him.

MAY INDICT DR. BEATTY.

Hoboken Officials Will Compel Him to Explain Articles Reflecting Upon Them.

Rev. H. T. Beatty, the Hoboken clergyman, who last week created a stir among the city officials by publishing an article in a small church monthly, in which he accused "a prominent official" of bigamy and gross immorality, and incidentally stated that the prominent official "is not the only one who should be in State Prison," still refuses to divulge the name of the man whom he accuses. Mayor Fagan and other officials are determined to present the matter to the Grand Jury, or take some other steps to compel Mr. Beatty to come out with the names of the men he referred to, in order to clear others of an undeserved stigma. Mr. Beatty yesterday refused to discuss the matter.

A COLORED BURGLAR CAUGHT.

When Confronted with a Pistol He Promptly Surrendered.

Morristown, N. J., March 6.—Charles Allen, colored, was arrested early this morning while attempting to force an entrance to the home of George Appleton. He was arraigned before Justice Stillwell and held to await the action of the Grand Jury. Just before daylight Appleton heard somebody outside the house trying to open the door. Amos Whitmore, another tenant, also heard the noise and went to investigate. He carried a revolver, and just as he reached the lower hall he saw Allen. Whitmore fired a shot and ordered the burglar to surrender. The robber complied, and when Whitmore recognized the man he allowed him to depart. The tumbler later went before Justice Stillman and made a complaint, on which the prisoner was arrested.

Was the Oldest Man in Orange.

Orange, N. J., March 6.—Christlau Newbrunner, who had the distinction of being the oldest man in Orange, died last night. He was born in Germany ninety-six years ago, and came to Orange in 1847. He was a hatter by trade and a life-long Democrat. His eyesight and health were good.

A Body Blow at Applejack.

Trenton, N. J., March 6.—A diminutive petition, containing the names of twenty-two individuals hailing from Morristown, has been presented to the Senate praying that a bill be passed by the Legislature prohibiting the use of screens, curtains, or any other hindrance to a clear view of the interior of a saloon. The petitioners hope in this way to keep away from liquor saloons those who while enjoying a quiet nip do not care to expose themselves while indulging to public gaze.

On Wednesday next the supporters and opponents of the two bills originating in the Senate and House, one intended to repeal the mandatory clause in the "Stone Road act," and the other to require the townships to pay 25 per cent of the cost of roads within their limits, will be given a hearing before the Senate Committee on Boroughs. This privilege was denied them in the House, the bill emanating in that branch being rushed through against the protests of the opponents of this repealer of the mandatory section, which is considered the best feature of the present law.

The Senate had before it again the Oleomargarine bill, which was further amended. As it now stands the bill prohibits the use of coloring matter in oleomargarine and the sale of rancid butter. Both houses adjourned till 2:30 p. m.

The Lawyers' Committee having under consideration the Constitutional amendments relating to the judiciary had a meeting to-day and probably ended their labors. They will on Monday present the result of their work to the Legislature. These recommendations will favor a separate Court of Errors of five judges, or a Supreme Court composed of five members, and the elimination from the Constitution of all reference to courts of Common Pleas and Justices of the peace, giving the Legislature sole control of the county courts.

A recommendation agreed upon by the Legal Committee is a Constitutional amendment providing for the division of the several counties into Assembly districts by the Legislature not oftener than every ten years after the taking of the national census. This division must be made as equitable as possible in the matter of population, compactness and contiguity of territory. The Court of Errors and Appeals is to be given the power to review the work of the Legislature.

Next Monday night the Deficiency Appropriation bill will be introduced in the House, and in all probability there will be quite a howl go up when the various items are read. The sum total asked for will be \$243,735.58, which, of course, will be in addition to the regular appropriation bill.

The largest amounts set apart are for the Railway Reformatory, \$50,000; the Camden armory, \$45,000; Clerk in Chancery, for clerical services, \$14,900; Clothing, supplies and maintenance of the State Jail, \$16,000; naval reserve, \$12,000; new wing to State Prison, \$10,000; Trenton battle monument, \$6,000; the Governor, for emergencies not otherwise provided for, \$10,000; for the lunatic asylums in Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Morris counties, \$20,000; printing and binding public documents, \$5,000, and so on down the list in sums ranging from \$3,000 to \$15, which latter item is for the transportation of disabled soldiers to the Soldiers' Home at Kearny.

LUNATIC O'BRIEN'S REVOLVER.

He Tried to Kill His Brother, but Was Prevented by His Sister-in-Law.

A wild-eyed man who bears the name of Thomas O'Brien called at the residence of his brother, Thomas L. Crawford, No. 263 Whiton street, Jersey City, late Thursday night and pointed a revolver at Crawford.

O'Brien had met Crawford earlier in the day in New York and told him he was going away. Crawford gave him \$5, and then O'Brien asked the latter to kiss him. Crawford refused and O'Brien left him, but reappeared at the house Thursday night. After a short conversation Crawford pulled a revolver from his pocket. Before he could fire Mrs. Crawford had grabbed his arm. The man was then disarmed and submitted quietly to arrest when a policeman appeared. He was committed yesterday as a dangerous lunatic to await examination.

Killed While Picking Coal.

Mrs. Frank Thomas, fifty-five years old, of No. 27 Hieck's street, Jersey City, was struck and killed yesterday morning by an east-bound Greenwood Lake train while picking coal on the Erie Railroad tracks. The body was taken to the morgue.



HE PLAYED WITH FIRE.

Tony Rhodes Tried to See How Close to a Mattress He Could Hold a Match.

The Mattress Was Fired and Six Persons Badly Burned, Two Perhaps Fatally.

HEROIC RESCUE BY THE FIREMEN.

All the Injured Under Treatment by a Physician—A Silk Mill Adjoining the Property Saved by Hard Work on the Part of the Fire Department.

Nutley, N. J., March 6.—As the result of a bit of foolishness two persons were fatally burned and four others burned and nearly asphyxiated in the Italian quarter at this place to-day. Shortly after 9 o'clock Tony Rhodes, an Italian laborer, tried to see how close to a bed he could hold a match without setting it afire. The mattress was composed of hay and straw. The others in the room protested, but the foolhardy man only laughed and continued to experiment, holding each match closer than the previous one. Several times the straw took fire, and was put out. Finally it ignited and refused to be extinguished.

In an instant the bed and bedding were a mass of flames. The smoke from the burning mattress made it impossible for the occupants of the room to find the door leading to the street. When the fire started every one in the room attempted to put it out. Somebody ran for a bucket of water. When this was poured on to the burning hay the smoke became so dense that the occupants of the room were unable to stand it.

The screams of the persons in the house attracted the attention of a citizen who gave the alarm. When the Fire Department arrived the building was a mass of flame and smoke. At the risk of their lives the firemen entered the place and dragged six persons from the building. When brought into the street it was found that Louis Kirschling and Mammie Ferrata, the latter a three-year-old child, were so badly burned that there is little hope of their recovery.

The other three, Tony Razzo, Fosa Ferrata and Theresa Ferrata were, besides being badly burned, almost dead from the smoke. Several of the firemen were almost overcome by the dense volumes of smoke that poured out of the place, and had to be assisted into the fresh air by their comrades. All the burned were treated by Dr. Herbert Church, of this place. The accounts given by the persons differ. All, however, blame Tony Rhodes for the trouble. Razzo and the two Ferrata women say that they were burned trying to extinguish the blaze. Adjoining the house where the accident occurred is a silk mill, which was saved through the heroic work of the firemen. It was said yesterday that Tony Rhodes would be arrested for causing the fire.

Will Succeed Father Hennessy.

The Rev. Lawrence C. M. Carroll, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange, has been appointed by Bishop Wigger, of the Newark diocese, to succeed the late Rev. Patrick Hennessy as pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Jersey City. The appointment was determined upon at a meeting of the Bishop and Diocesan Council at Seton Hall College Thursday. The Rev. Father James Hall, of Mt. Hope, was named as the successor of Father Carroll.

Columbia Cruiser Cordova Free.

Perth Amboy, N. J., March 6.—The new Columbian cruiser Cordova, which went on a mud bar in Princess Bay last night, freed herself at 9:30 this morning without injury and put into the yards of Hugh Ramsey, at this place.



The Youngest Salvation Soldier. Mary Alta Manwaring, five months old, of Elizabeth, N. J., just dedicated to the Salvation Army. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manwaring, the proud parents of the baby soldier, are also members of the Army, but the little daughter of the regiment is the most popular.

AN ELECTRIC CAR SMASH.

A Freight Train Backs into an Elizabeth Trolley Car and Throws It Off the Track.

Elizabeth, N. J., March 6.—Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning, as a trolley car was crossing the tracks of the Long Branch Railroad, on Port avenue, the rear end was struck by a freight train and demolished. The only passenger on the trolley car was Charles Blanchard, of Inlesie place. Both he and Conductor E. Hansen were standing on the rear platform, which was struck. Both were hurled to the ground and Hansen's right arm was broken and he was badly bruised about the head. Blanchard escaped with only a few bruises, but was badly frightened.

Motorman Bart Dolan says that he saw a man on the railroad track with a red lantern who told him to come on, which he did. The freight was backing down and no engine was visible. The trolley car was wrecked.

Miss Reuter's Jewels Stolen.

Newark, N. J., March 6.—The police were notified to-day that a sneak thief had effected an entrance to the residence of Miss Minnie Reuter, at No. 12 Frelighuysen avenue, and had carried off eight pieces of jewelry, valued in all at \$150. It is not known when the robbery occurred, as it was not discovered until Miss Reuter wanted to use the missing articles.

CONCERT BY VOCAL SOCIETY.

Mme. De Vere Sapio Scores a Success at the Schubert Concert in Newark.

Newark, N. J., March 6.—Newark society turned out in full force last night, it being the second subscription concert of the Schubert Vocal Society under the direction of Professor A. Russell. The orchestra selected was from the Newark Symphony and was assisted by the New York Philharmonic Society. The elevation for the orchestra was hidden by sage palms and tropical plants. The programme was opened with an overture by Rossini, followed by a chorus by the society. Mme. Clementine De Vere Sapio was well received and repeatedly cheered. The next subscription concert will be given on May 8.

Plenty of Water in Jersey City.

The districts throughout Jersey City that were without water Thursday owing to the Belleville service pipe being choked with ice, received their usual supply yesterday. A gang of men, by working all night, succeeded in thawing the ice.

A New Jersey Post Office Robbed.

Blmer, N. J., March 6.—The post office at Pitts Grove, this county, was entered one time last night, the thieves attempting to blow up the safe, but were not successful. About \$100 worth of stamps and money were taken. This is the second time within a year this office has been robbed.

A STRANGLER AT HER THROAT.

Nora Hopkins Narrowly Escaped with Her Life and Her Pocketbook.

A Negro Met Her in an Elizabeth Street and Assaulted Her with Deadly Intent.

STRUGGLES AND CRIES SAVED HER.

Walter Austin, the Assailant, Caught After a Brief Chase—It Was Shown That He Had Nothing to Do with the Paterson Murder.

Elizabeth, N. J., March 6.—Miss Nora Hopkins, a pretty young woman of twenty, narrowly escaped, late last night the fate of Miss Sullivan, of Paterson. Miss Hopkins lives with the family of Thomas C. Dow, No. 134 Madison avenue. She was just leaving a friend's house when she was attacked by a negro on North Broad street, near Westminster avenue, in front of ex-Councilman Benjamin H. Campbell's house.

The man threw his arms around the girl's neck to strangle her, and at the same time grabbed at her pocketbook. In his pocket had a large stone. Miss Hopkins is athletic and struggled fiercely, releasing her throat from his grasp long enough to scream loudly for help.

Mr. Campbell heard the cries and so did W. P. Toler, and their quick response frightened the brute and he released his victim. She retained her pocketbook and her presence of mind and told the gentlemen which way the man had gone.

Patrolman "Cap" Lucas was about three blocks away when he heard the screams, and started on a run for the spot. He met the negro and ordered him to stop. Instead of complying the fugitive darted down Julian place, and Lucas fired at him. The ball whistled by his head and made him weaken, and after the policeman had fired two more shots in the air to still further intimidate him, he stopped.

Mr. Toler came up and helped take him to Headquarters. There he gave him name as Walter Osborne, but it was afterward learned that his right name is Walter Austin, and that he lived with his wife at the Intelligence office of Mrs. Pauline Morris, No. 322 Morris avenue.

Mrs. Austin says they were married in Trenton, and that they have only been here about six weeks. She says he has never been in Paterson, and this is borne out by the police, who say they have seen Austin here every day since he first arrived, looking for work. This destroys the theory that he might be Miss Sullivan's slayer. Austin will be taken to the county jail. Miss Hopkins was at headquarters this morning and identified him.

TOT SUFFERED TORMENTS.

Its Mother Had Placed It on a Radiator Then Forgotten About It.

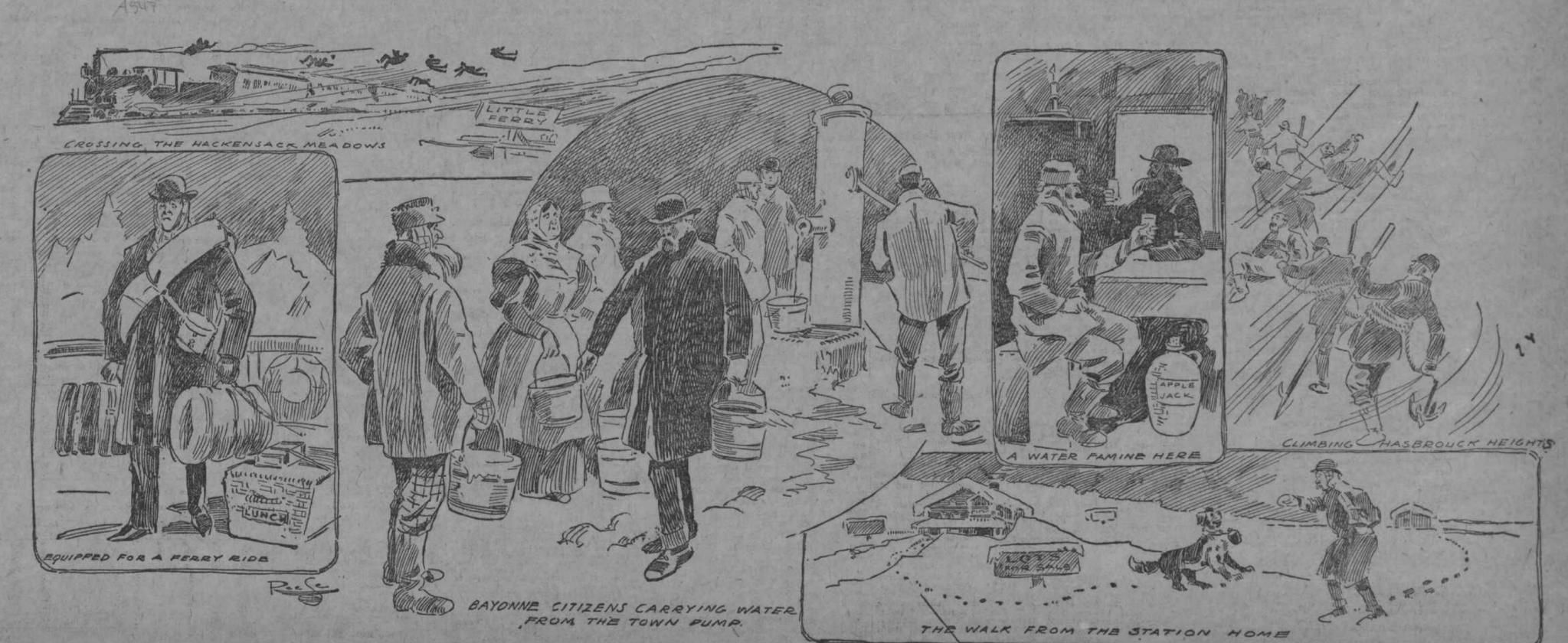
The passengers in the waiting room of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Jersey City, yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, were suddenly startled by unearthly yells. Every one hustled to seek the cause of the disturbance. One lone pickinny roasting on the top of one of the large steam radiators had caused all the excitement. Baby's mother had placed it on the radiator and then forgotten all about it. When the youngster had stood the heat as long as it could, and not relishing the taste of future torments received by it, the yell that startled the passengers was emitted by it.

JOHN MEER MOVED OUT.

Although a Wealthy Property Owner He Lived Alone in a Small Hovel.

Although John Meer, fifty years old, owns several houses in Jersey City, and has money in the bank, he lived alone in a hovel at No. 140 Columbia avenue. The place had but one room, about ten foot square. Yesterday, for several days past, he had not been seen around the neighborhood a neighbor visited the hovel. The old man was found helpless from rheumatism. An ambulance took him to the City Hospital. The place in which he lived was so small that the stretcher had to be suspended over a red-hot stove in order to place Meer upon it.

LIFE HAS BEEN SPICED WITH VARIETY FOR NEW JERSEY PEOPLE THIS WEEK.



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