

GAY CARNIVAL OF THE BABES.

They Did Yvette Guilbert and Cissy Fitzgerald with Two Winks.

Diminutive Dancers Who Threatened the Laurels of Well-Known Artists.

NEWSPAPER QUICKSTEP A NOVELTY.

Baby Wolff and Miss Minzesheimer Carried Off the Honors, While Showers of Flowers and Applause Encouraged All.

The "Carnival of the Babes" at the Central Opera House last evening was an event that will be a lasting memory in many aristocratic homes on the upper East Side. One hundred little fairies in costumes of dazzling brilliancy danced themselves into the hearts of the 3,000 persons who had gathered for this annual event.

The opening number was a "Reception at the Royal Court of Persia." The stage was set with Oriental scenery, especially made for the carnival. Clarence Wolf, son of Senator Wolf, took the part of the Shah perched upon a gilded throne. Jerome Mayer as the Jester made his master rear with jokes and his funny dances.

Then seven little fairies in costumes of artistic gauze sprang upon the stage, and with clashing tambourines executed a series of remarkable intricate dances. These were followed by three solo dancers, Louise Gelst as Premier, Dora Marks as "La Belle Parisienne" and Beatrice Levy in the Tarantula dance.

Baby Wolff, who has been the star of two carnivals, danced the "Monte Rose" with all the skill and grace of a professional. They had to lift her out from the bank of flowers under which the enthusiastic audience had buried her.

A PICTURE TO THE LIFE. The Swedish wedding festival gave twenty children a chance to romp about the stage. It was a medley of mirth and activity, and complete even to the band which preceded the bride and groom.

Next came the "Congress of the Butterflies," one of the most effective of all the evening's gayeries. The stage was set for a forest scene. Suddenly sixteen little maidens sprang up apparently from the ground, attired in mystifying costumes, and with wings moving, fluttered in and about the shrubbery in a veritable Arabian Nights dream. As they clustered about a large cauldron in the centre of the stage its petals fell apart and out flew the daintiest butterfly of them all. This remarkable insect soared right up into the tree tops, and with fluttering wings flew about above the heads of the curious butterflies below, finally descending to the girl, where she pirouetted in a dainty figure and retired amid a storm of applause.

The festive insect was Rita Levy. The Grecian statue, by Rose Levy, was a work of art, and the clog dance that the figure executed when it came to life was cleverly done.

In "1800 Leap Year" the new woman and the new man caused an uproar. A "Tribby" burlesque, in which Tuffy was a tot and all the other children scarcely large enough to toddle about, brought out some neat bits of acting.

A Spanish ensemble was fanciful and picturesque. Then followed a novelty. A number of small boys represented the newspapers of the city. Their costumes were made of the headlines of the papers they represented and their faces were made up to look like the editors. After an ensemble each distinguished editor stepped forward and did a quickstep.

BEAUTIFUL LIGHT EFFECTS. In the Ballet of the Brillants twelve girls represented emeralds, rubies and diamonds. Each costume was trimmed with hundreds of imitation stones, touched with points of light from tiny incandescent lights, which gleamed from beneath bits of lace, while the weathers danced and pirouetted.

Baby Minzesheimer, the youngest of the dancers, was in male attire, with a high hat perched jauntily on her head, and wearing a long box coat. She was made up to represent Fay Templeton and sang as her first number "I Want You, Ma Honey."

There was a quickstep, and when the baby appeared everybody roared. She was a pocket edition of Yvette Guilbert, and the illusion was heightened when the baby sang "Linger Longer Louer" in a quaint, lisp-like tone, that was suggestive of the unbridled edition from Paris. The baby made another change and again appeared as a premier danseuse. Her work was the most remarkable exhibition of the evening.

Two tots gave a "dance fantasia," then out tripped Cissy Fitzgerald in the person of little Sadie Haas. She brought with her two winks instead of one, both very fetching.

A pyramid scene in which all the little ones participated, closed the children's part of the programme. After they had been hustled off home their elders cleared the floor and began to dance. They did not do so many clever things as the babies, but they seemed to enjoy it just as much, and kept it up until morning, too.

A NAVAL OFFICER'S FUNERAL. Services Held at the Brooklyn Yard Over the Body of Lieutenant Babcock.

Funeral services were held over the remains of the late Lieutenant William C. Babcock, United States Navy, at the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, yesterday.

The remains were then moved to the Navy Yard. As the casket containing the dead officer was carried into the building on the shoulders of eight wheelbarrows, the officers, led by Commodore Slocum, uncovered their heads, and the post band played a funeral dirge. The naval ceremonies being over the body was transferred to a train in Jersey City and conveyed to a train in Annapolis, where it was buried with final honors at daylight.

Elizabeth Library Fund Growing. Elizabeth, N. J., March 14.—The movement for a free library devoted to German and Hebrew literature, which is in charge of the Chas. Zwick Book Benefit Association, has been encouraged by the receipt of contributions amounting to \$319. A reception and ball, the proceeds of which will be applied to the library fund, will be given by the association in Grand Army Hall on April 19. The admission fee will be twenty-five cents.



LITTLE STARS IN THE CARNIVAL OF BABES.

The Annual Children's Carnival, participated in by the children of wealthy East Side residents, was held at the Central Opera House last evening. In dancing, acting and tableaux the precocious talent displayed was fully up to that of previous years. A number of the little "stars" pictured above have won laurels in other carnivals and are not unknown to fame.

MRS. WINKEMEIER'S SUIT. It Will Be Tried Next Month Whether Miss Arnett Appears as a Witness or Not.

Mrs. Maude Winkemeier's suit for an absolute divorce from C. F. Winkemeier, the wealthy Brooklyn confectioner, will be prosecuted on the first Monday in April, no matter whether Minnie Arnett appears or not.

Miss Arnett is a resident of Baltimore, but she is believed to be in Norfolk, Va. She recently wrote Lawyer John B. Soley, telling him that she was willing to appear as a witness at any time.

Winkemeier has not denied any of his wife's allegations. A few days after Minnie Arnett shot herself at his house, he publicly admitted that he had supported the woman in Baltimore, where she had a cottage.

TO BE SEARCHED FOR KNIVES. Kentucky's Legislature May Have to Adjourn Without Electing a Senator.

Frankfort, Ky., March 14.—In the House Mr. Nance offered a resolution reciting that human life was more important than the election of a United States Senator, and as it was reported that pistols and knives were being brought into the chamber, the sergeant-at-arms should be instructed to search both men and women before allowing them on the floor.

The Democrats voted as usual until Haywood was reached and he began making a speech, changing from Blackburn to Carlisle. Every Republican voted for Boyle. A stampede to Carlisle had been expected, but it failed to come.

An interesting discussion is going on as to whether or not a Senatorial ballot can be taken Tuesday, the Legislature's death day, if a Senator is not chosen before that time. Some say a ballot cannot be taken, as the Legislature must adjourn sine die at noon.

PERILOUS TRIP OF A CAT. For Twenty-five Miles Pussy Rode on the Truck of a Freight Car.

Middletown, N. Y., March 14.—Erie Baggage Master Ellison has a cat to-day which is posing as a hero. The cat belongs in Fort Jersey, twenty-five miles away, and some time early this morning it crawled upon a truck under a freight car.

The car was brought to this city without stop, and pussy came, too. The jolting and bumping of the cars failed to dislodge the cat, and when the train reached here she was discovered and released. The cat was half dead from fear and fatigue.

No Money for the Free Delivery. The post offices in New Utrecht, Gravesend, Flatbush and Flatlands are not to be consolidated with the Brooklyn office on April 1, nor will the free delivery system be extended to those wards, as was proposed by the Post Office Department. Postmaster Sullivan was yesterday informed that the plans would have to be delayed because Congress had failed to appropriate the money necessary to effect the change.

FEENEY'S HEART TOUCHED. When the Officer Learned of Mrs. Anderson's Destitution He Refused to Evict Her.

Mrs. Phillip Anderson, wife of Patrolman Anderson, of Brooklyn, is destitute and in danger of eviction. Anderson abandoned his wife and three children several weeks ago, and it is alleged, eloped with Miss Whittier, of Sixteenth street, a girl less than twenty years old.

Mrs. Anderson lives on the top floor of the house No. 343 Sackett street. Last Tuesday Mrs. Anderson was served with a notice to give up her apartments. This was followed by a writ of eviction. Yesterday Constable Feeney, of the Butler Street Court, went to the house to enforce the writ and put Mrs. Anderson and her children on the sidewalk. When he learned of her destitute condition he went back to the court and said he had not the heart to evict the unfortunate family.

The police of the Eighth Precinct were notified, and it is probable that they will raise money enough to tide Mrs. Anderson over her difficulties.

TROLLEY'S GREEDY EYE. Now Fixed on the Hudson County Driveway—Good Government Club of Bayonne Enters a Protest.

Fudson County has one driveway, the Hudson Boulevard, running from end to end of the county. It will have cost the taxpayers nearly \$2,000,000 when completed, but they will not grudge the cost if the Consolidated Traction Company fails to secure a franchise to operate a trolley line upon it. The driveway is now nearly completed and already representatives of the trolley company are predicting that their cars will run upon it.

The State's lawmakers have been besieged in Trenton, the Board of Freeholders in Hudson County. The Consolidated Traction Company want the Boulevard and are determined to have it. They don't care a rap that it was announced when the driveway was projected that no trolley lines would be allowed upon it. "There will be plenty of room for the cars also, the road, although it measures 100 feet from curb to curb, will not be wide enough for trolley cars and other vehicles, say the taxpayers, and they have already started a movement to prevent the trolley company gaining possession of the only main thoroughfare at present not occupied by it.

The citizens of Bayonne, where work on the road was first started, are leaders in the movement.

The Consolidated Traction Company spoiled Avenue E as a driveway. The trolley company say that cars upon the Boulevard will open up that section.

The Freeholders, it is believed, will not grant the company a franchise. If so the officials are determined to gain one by legislative action. Several members of the Good Government Club of Bayonne have visited Trenton and laid the protest before Hudson County's members. They were promised that they would be heard and are now anxiously awaiting a summons to go to Trenton.

COUNTERFEITERS IN LOVE AND LIMBO. Havoc Wrought by the Green-Eyed Monster Among Makers of "Green Goods."

Damaging Testimony Against a Gang Arrested for Circulating Spurious Money.

MEDIUM IN TWO LINES OF BUSINESS. Mrs. Baldmann, Once a Spiritualist, Accused of Uttering the Bad Bills Made by Her Male Companions.

Charles A. Pachin, alias "Jap," Joseph Wela, alias "Zeller," Morris Goldstein and Charles Murray, who were arrested on March 6 at No. 26 Clinton place on a charge of counterfeiting silver certificates, were arraigned for examination before United States Commissioner Shields yesterday.

Mrs. Henrietta Baldmann, another member of the band, is under arrest in Hoboken, where she was caught passing the spurious \$2 bills. Lizzie Monroe, who is also under arrest for complicity, and who has been the cause of much trouble between Pachin and Murray, because of jealousy, has become a Government witness.

Pachin, who is alleged to be the principal criminal, has the further distinction of having been a student under the late Professor Max Eglau, recently murdered in the Institute for Deaf Mutes. In 1892 Pachin was convicted of making dies for five-cent pieces. He was sent to the Elmira Reformatory, and after his release the Secret Service agents kept him in view. Mrs. Baldmann is a widow and has an interesting history. After the death of her husband, about twenty years ago, she became a "medium." Before the famous Minnie Williams went to Paris Mrs. Baldmann was one of her assistants.

Pachin, when arrested, admitted making the counterfeit bills, but declared that Wela, who was his business partner, knew nothing about the spurious greenbacks. He said, however, that Murray and Goldstein were aware of the conspiracy to defraud the Government. The Secret Service agents say that Pachin, since his arrest, discovered that Murray was in love with the Monroe woman, and that he was willing to go to prison if he could drag Murray with him.

Detective Walsh told of the arrest of Pachin and the woman, adding that Policeman Breen found twenty-one of the counterfeit bills, which had been thrown in the street

by Mrs. Baldmann. This testimony was corroborated by Breen. Louis East, of Hoboken, swore that Mrs. Baldmann had passed one of the certificates at his candy store in Hoboken.

Secret Service Agent George R. Bagg described the raid on the "money mill" at No. 26 Clinton place. He had seized the plates, inks, dies, fibre paper and counterfeiters in course of manufacture. He also told of the subsequent arrest of Goldstein, Murray, Wela and Lizzie Monroe. Murray, he said, admitted that he had had trouble with Pachin about a woman—probably Lizzie Monroe—and that he had been arrested.

Lizzie Monroe said that she had been living with Pachin in a furnished room at No. 159 Waverly place, and while there had seen her companion making counterfeit money, which Goldstein circulated.

Commissioner Shields adjourned further hearing in the matter until March 18. A motion to reduce the bail from \$15,000 was denied, except in the case of Wela, whose bond was fixed at \$10,000. Being unable to secure these amounts, the prisoners were remanded to Ludlow Street Jail.

TROPHY FOR GUARDSMEN. The McAlpin Vase Will Be a Handsome Prize and Will Stimulate Sharpshooting Among Militiamen.

Military sharpshooters of this State have had another trophy added to the long list of prizes offered annually to stimulate the marksmanship of the State militia. This most recent acquisition is a gift of Major-General Edwin A. McAlpin, Adjutant-General, S. N. Y., and will be by far the handsomest and costliest shooting trophy competed for in many years.

The design, submitted by Tiffany & Co., shows an imposing and artistic trophy of bronze, sterling silver, steel and copper. It is a vase, surmounted by a cannon ball or shell, on the top of which the American bird of freedom has just alighted with outstretched wings. The surface is covered with shields of the star-spangled banner, the stripes being of silver and copper, the stars of silver. Suspended from the national shields are garlands of green bronze; the wreaths at the base are of the same material. Around the upper part of the vase, in heavy, raised, bronze-gilt letters, is the inscription, "Military and Naval Trophy." The eagle will also be of gilt bronze.

The vase rest upon a very broad base, on either side of which are cast figures of marksmen, kneeling, with muskets in position for the command "Fire!" Forming a border at the base is a circle of laurel wreaths, each serving as a frame for a shield, upon which the winners' names are to be annually inscribed. The centre shield bears in relief the words, "McAlpin Testimonial."

Company I, Twenty-third Regiment, of Brooklyn, with a score of 149, won the first match for the trophy and will hold it until a better team carries it off. Competitions are open to teams of three from any infantry company, cavalry troop, signal corps or field and non-commissioned staff of regiments or separate battalions of the State National Guard; distances, 300 and 800 yards.

BOGARDICE CASE SETTLED. Mrs. William A. McDonald, of Jersey City, Likely to Get a Slice of the Big Estate.

After 200 years the heirs of Amik Jan Bogardice, who died intestate in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1680, leaving an estate valued at that time at \$8,000,000, are to come into their own.

Litigation over the estate has just ended. The heirs are scattered all over the world. Among them is Mrs. William A. McDonald, a widow, who, with her seven children, occupies humble apartments on the top floor of No. 572 Palisade avenue, Jersey City. Mrs. McDonald said yesterday that she had recently received a letter from her brother John, telling her that E. B. Humphreys would come to this country in April next, with several of the Dutch authorities, and would divide the money among the heirs living in this country, if they could prove beyond a doubt that they were the missing heirs. Mrs. McDonald said that considerable proof had already been furnished to the authorities as to her rights, and that it would be an easy matter for her to furnish the rest.

SUICIDE FROM A FERRYBOAT. An Unknown Man Jumped Overboard from the Columbia and Was Drowned.

While the ferryboat Columbia, of the Grand street line, was on her 12:30 o'clock trip from New York to Williamsburg, yesterday, an unknown man who was among the passengers climbed upon the guard rail at the bow of the boat and jumped into the water. The boat was stopped, but nothing could be seen of the suicide. It is believed that after striking the water he was hit by one of the wheels and sank immediately.

From a description given by those who saw the man, he was about thirty-five years old, five feet eleven inches tall, with dark brown mustache, and wore a dark blue suit of clothing, black derby hat and blue eyeglasses.

SHANDLEY IN THE TOMBS. The Principal Witnesses of the Shooting of Dorigan Are Held.

John Shandley, the saloon keeper, of No. 233 Avenue R, who shot and killed Edward P. Dorigan on Thursday night for insulting his wife, was committed to the Tombs yesterday by Coroner Fitzpatrick. Peter O'Tool, Fritz Ripota and John J. Conlon, witnesses of the shooting, were sent to the House of Detention pending the preliminary investigation.

Matthew Shandley, brother of the prisoner, who was acting as barkeeper, at the time of the shooting, and who is one of the principal witnesses, was paroled on his own recognizance by the Coroner.

A DELIRIOUS BALL IN AN EVELESS EDEN.

Strange Conditions Caused a General Row at a Pleas-antdale Ball.

Men Began to Dance with Each Other, When the Management Interfered.

JERSEY LIGHTNING DID ITS WORK. During the Fracas the Band Played on for Awhile, but the Musicians Were Finally Knocked Off Their Platform.

Orange, N. J., March 14.—"Women were as agree as hen's teeth," was the expression of Committee Dood, of West Orange, N. J., made while speaking of a ball given by the Pleasantdale Athletic Club, in the Town Hall at that place last night. Girls are scarce in that locality, and out of twenty of the fair sex within a radius of five miles, only "eleven" attended. On the other hand, sleighing being good, nearly the whole male population, young and old, dancers and non-dancers, got up sleigh loads and went to the dance. When Professor Muzal, the leader of the town band, struck up for the grand march the eleven damsels, with their escorts, started around the hall, while up the narrow stairway leading from the tavern below fled 110 men.

The crowd that came over the hills from Montclair wanted to take part in the fun and tried to occupy a portion of the hall with their star seats. The floor committee, decorated with mammoth white and gold badges, with an air of determination commanded the stag party to break up, but the men insisted upon having a dance for their money, and soon the hundred or more men were mixed up in a general row. Part of the crowd ran downstairs to the poolroom, where the fight was continued.

The different factions from near-by towns came together and a delegation from Little Falls got badly pummeled. Billiard cues, pool balls, beer glasses and fragments of broken furniture flew through the air. The musicians came in for their share in the scrimmage. The crowd got mixed up with them and they were knocked off their frail platform, made of boards placed across barrel heads. Some mischievous person played a prank on the blower of the bass horn. When he found his instrument it was in the yard back of the hall, filled with water.

The bartender was kept busy dealing out Jersey lightning until after midnight, when it was decided that dancing was out of the question and the departure for home was begun.

MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED. The District-Attorney Claims to Have Further Evidence Concerning Alleged Firebugs.

The statements made by District-Attorney Backus and his assistant, William O. Miles, of Brooklyn, after the arrest of ex-File Marshal Benjamin F. Lewis, ex-Detective Sergeant George V. Zundt and Clerk Robert Rice, for conspiracy, on Friday, to the effect that further disclosures and other arrests would follow, will, in all likelihood, be verified in a few days.

It was learned yesterday from a thoroughly reliable source that Assistant District-Attorney Miles has been placed in possession of information concerning the alleged gang of firebugs, both singly and collectively, as well as the inside history and details of all their crimes.

This information is said to have been furnished by one of the ringleaders and to have been fully verified by the District-Attorney.

LEFT ALL TO HIS WIDOW. Rear Admiral Walke Disinherits His Eldest Son in His Will.

Although he was in his country's service forty-four years, the late Rear Admiral Henry Walke, of Brooklyn, left an estate valued at only \$14,000. He left the property to his widow and by two special clauses disinherited his oldest son, Henry A. Walke.

The old warrior had no antipathy to the son named, but he declared that he had helped him so much during life that he felt justified in depriving him of all share of his property, except a valuable gold watch and chain.

The widow is to have a life interest in the estate. When she dies the property is to be divided among the four children, as follows: William A. Walke, two-fifths; Francis E. Walke, one-fifth; Catherine C. de Martini, one-fifth; Mary E. Clayton, income of one-fifth. In case of Mrs. Clayton's death her share is to be divided among the other beneficiaries, to the exclusion of the oldest son, Henry A. Walke.

GRANDMOTHER GETS THE CHILD. Court Holds that the Divorced Father Cannot Keep Little Irma.

Irma Helm, nine years old, was taken before Justice Beckman, in Special Term, Part II, of the Supreme Court, yesterday, on a writ of habeas corpus directed against Morris Helm, of No. 336 West Fifty-ninth street, Irma's father, who was accused of having abducted her.

Margherita Helm, the mother of the girl, got a divorce from Morris Helm three years ago, and the Court then gave her the custody of Irma. Not long ago the mother went abroad to get a legacy, leaving Irma with her grandmother, Mrs. Amelia Wagner, of No. 231 First avenue. Two days later Irma disappeared, and Mrs. Wagner, learning that she was with her father, got the writ which compelled Helm to produce the little one in court yesterday.

Helm admitted that he had taken his child, but urged that Irma was no longer in the custody of her mother, as Mrs. Helm was abroad. Justice Beckman decided that the grandmother was acting lawfully as the mother's agent, and ordered that Irma be restored to her, which was done.

St. Louis Hotels Nearly All Bid For. St. Louis, March 14.—Local hotel keepers have during the last week closed many contracts for rooms and headquarters for convention work in June. Nearly two-thirds of the available hotel accommodations have been contracted for. The Quay delegation sought accommodations for three hundred, but recently countermanded the order.



The McAlpin Trophy for Sharpshooters. It will be competed for at Creedmoor by teams of three from any company or squadron of the State National Guard.