

\$20,000 WORTH OF DIAMONDS STOLEN.

"They Cost More Than the Burden Jewels, at That," Says the Owner, E. C. Akers.

Fortune in Gems Kept in a Cheap Iron Safe in a Candy Store.

NOT A TRACE OF THE THIEVES.

Only Luck Makes the Loss So Small, as Part of the Collection Had Been Lent—The Only Suspect Is Quickly Set Free.

The safe of Eugene C. Akers, a confectioner at No. 273 Sixth avenue, was robbed of \$20,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry on Monday night.

Mr. Akers is known among his friends as "Diamond Akers," because of the variety of rings, pins and studs he wears. He estimated the value of his collection at about \$20,000. The greater part of these were kept in the store safe, the rest at his home, No. 35 West Tenth street, when not being worn.

The safe stands in the rear of the store. It has an ordinary tumbler combination. Mr. Akers acknowledges that he was careless about leaving it open at night, and also that he made no effort to hide from any one the fact that he kept so many diamonds in it.

When he left the store on Monday afternoon he shut the safe, but is not positive about locking it. Half an hour later the manager, Miss Dotie Soyer, four young women employees and two men quit work for the day.

Herman Hirsch, one of the candy makers, was the first to arrive at the store Tuesday morning. He entered, as usual, by going down the basement entrance from the street, through the cellar and up a stairway through a trap door that opens within a few feet of the safe. He saw that the safe door was open and that a small drawer and some papers were scattered about. All the wooden drawers and a little iron locker set in the woodwork had been torn out. The safe was empty. The door leading to the candy kitchen in the rear was open, and Hirsch found the iron locker, three wooden drawers and packages of papers scattered about.

The box like iron had one of the riveted sides partly pried off, but as the door was open, it was evident that the key to it had been found in one of the wooden drawers.

The bottom drawer of the iron locker had contained the diamonds.

Arthur Traxell, the other candy maker, and Miss Soyer then came in.

Akers arrived a few minutes later. He found that the cash register had been broken open and robbed of some change, and the cash on hand was minus \$5 and a diamond set.

O'Brien, giving the following list of the stolen property:
One eight-carat diamond ring.
One four-carat diamond ring.
One marquise ring, with a turquoise centre.
Thirty-nine diamond rings, with stones weighing from one-half a carat to three carats.
One six-carat diamond ring.
Ten diamond studs, from one-half to two and a half carats.
One pair of four-carat diamond earrings.
One pair of two and a half carat diamond earrings.
One pair of one-carat diamond earrings.
One bracelet with seven diamonds.
Eighty-seven unset diamonds less than a carat in weight each.
Fifteen gold rings.
One gold nook chain and Knight of Pythias chain.
One English open-faced watch.
Two American gold watches.
One star-shaped lace pin, set with diamonds.
One horseshoe locket, with eleven diamonds.
About \$500 in bills and silver.

Akers told the detectives that the only person he suspected was John H. Redell, who had formerly worked for him, and who had been discharged. Redell lives over "The Widow's Saloon," at No. 241 West Eighteenth street. Redell denied all knowledge of the robbery. He was taken to court and remanded until yesterday, when he was discharged.

The robbery is not believed to have been the work of professional crooks. The work was too bungling. Besides this, a package of municipal bonds valued at \$13,000 had been left on the floor, while checks for \$400 and \$8,200 worth of promissory notes had been carried off.

The window to the candy kitchen is easy of access through a tenement house that fronts on Eighteenth street. Redell said he had often come in that way when working for Akers.

Mr. Akers was very proud of his diamonds. Yesterday he wore a large horseshoe diamond pin in his bow necktie, two large diamond studs, four diamond rings on the left hand and three—one a long marquise—on his right hand.

"The reason I have so many diamonds," said Mr. Akers, "is because I like them. I don't deal in them, but sometimes sell a stone to some friend. I like to go to diamond sales for bargains. That eight-carat stone cost me \$1,000, but I would not sell it for twice that amount. Talk about the Burden diamond robbery! Why, those diamonds of mine really cost me more than the Burden jewels, only I don't put a fictitious value on mine. I enjoy seeing other people wear diamonds and I often lend them to friends. I would have lost several more rings, pins and studs if they had not been loaned."

FIRE RISKS IN SKY-SCRAPERS.

Underwriters Are Worried by the Constantly Increasing Hazards.

Sky-scraping buildings were scored by President Edward A. Walton in his address at the thirtieth annual meeting of the National Board of Underwriters, at No. 82 Nassau street, yesterday.

"New hazards are constantly appearing in modern life," he said, "tending to offset the advances made in extinguishing fires. Greater values are crowded into one building or perhaps upon a single floor, than would formerly have been found in an entire block. So-called 'congested' districts exist in every large city, and buildings rise far beyond the point where either water or fire apparatus can reach them."

The following officers were elected: President, William B. Clark, of Hartford; Vice-president, Henry W. Eaton, of New York; secretary, General Robert B. Beath, of Philadelphia; treasurer, Fred W. Arnold, of Providence.

JACKSON DOOMED TO DIE.

Jury in the Pearl Bryan Case Promptly Finds the Young Student Guilty of Murder.

Cincinnati, O., May 14.—There was a remarkable scene in the court room at Newport, Ky., to-day, when the jury found Scott Jackson guilty of killing Pearl Bryan and fixed his punishment at death. The excitement, which had been at a high tension ever since the girl's headless body was found at Fort Thomas, reached a climax when, at 9:54 o'clock this forenoon, the jury finally retired.

The officials all through the trial have been at their wits' ends to try and secure a conviction and thus prevent mob violence. Colonel Nelson, a wealthy attorney of high repute, in order to pacify the people, had agreed to take charge of the case, and promised that there would be a conviction. There were murmurs on all sides yesterday and to-day that if the jury did not convict Jackson he would be lynched.

To avoid this possibility Judge Helm and Sheriff Plummer swore in forty special officers, and had them on duty in and about the court room. A train was also in readiness to hurry Jackson to the Frankfort Penitentiary if necessary.

While waiting for the jury's verdict Jackson smiled and laughed at jokes told by some of those near him. Even when the jury filed in at 12:05 and he was pronounced guilty his countenance displayed the same old nonchalance. When taken to the jail, however, he broke down and wept at first, saying his sentence was unjust, but soon regained his composure.

His aged mother was too ill to be present. Pearl Bryan's mother wept with joy at the verdict, pleading that her daughter's death would be avenged. Colonel Crawford, Jackson's attorney, has asked for a new trial, but the point will not be decided until May 23.

SINGLE TAXERS RAISE FUNDS.

They Hold a Mass Meeting in Aid of the Delaware Campaign.

Nearly a thousand men and women who believe in single tax and admire Henry George and his theories attended a mass meeting of Single Taxers at the Lenox Lyceum last night.

E. Lawson Purdy presided and stated that the main object of the meeting was to raise funds to push the single tax campaign in Delaware. Henry George and E. V. Hetzel, F. G. Stephens and Samuel Milliken, of Philadelphia; C. B. Fillibrown, of Boston, and W. M. McDonald and H. Andall, of Wilmington, Del., spoke. A collection was taken up at the conclusion of the speeches.

ADMITTED TO UNION LEAGUE.

Forty New Members Taken into the Club, Again Filling the Complement.

Forty new members were elected at the regular monthly meeting of the Union League Club last evening. Three months ago the limit of membership was extended from 1,000 to 1,500. Since then there have been long lists of applicants, and last night's admissions have about filled the complement.

Among the newly elected members are former State Senator Francis Hendricks, Alderman William M. K. O'Leary, State Senator Frank D. Pater, Benjamin S. Harmon, John G. A. Leishman, Herbert M. Hyde, Henry M. Brookfield and William B. Dinmore. General Horace Porter presided.

INVENTOR VAN GAASBECK DEAD.

Was Once a School Principal in This City and Left a Fortune.

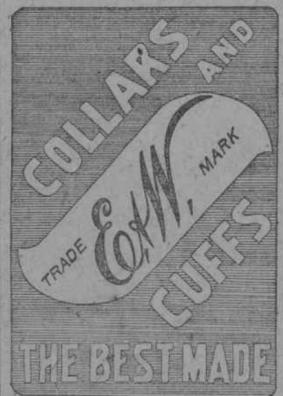
Beekman Van Gaasbeck, aged sixty-seven years, died at his residence, No. 433 South Fifth avenue, Mount Vernon, early Tuesday morning. The funeral will take place to-day. Rev. Dr. Coffey, rector, will conduct the services at St. Paul's Church, East Chester. Interment will be in the old church cemetery. Deceased was born in Kingston, N. Y., and was widely known in educational circles. In 1857 he was principal of public schools in Mt. Vernon. He subsequently became principal of a school in this city. He was the inventor of the window fasteners used on Pullman railroad cars. Out of the invention he made a fortune and was one of the most extensive property owners in Mount Vernon. Two daughters, Miss Florence Gaasbeck and Mrs. Edward Storms and a brother, John Van Gaasbeck, survive him.

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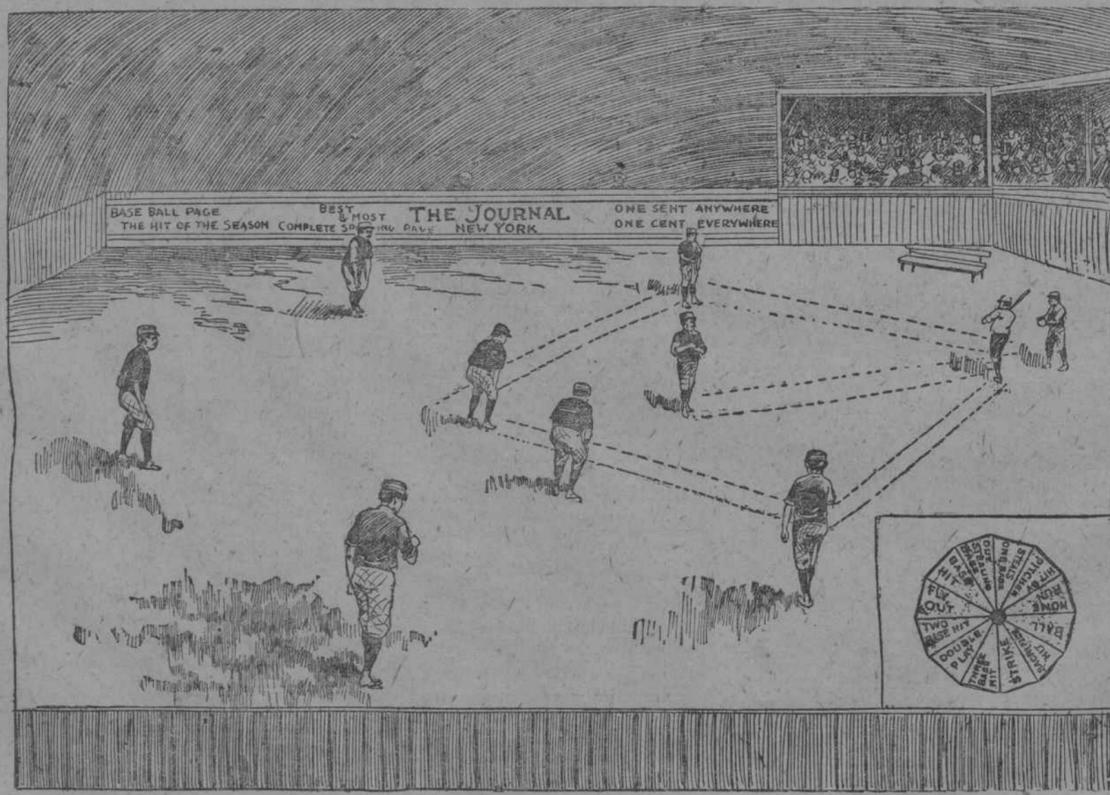
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