"MAN IN GRAY!" WOMEN DECLARE.

Five of Them Identify Frank B. Linden as the Mysterious Man.

HE ADMITS ROBBERY.

But Says He Only Stole an Overcoat; Of Other Offences He Pleads Innocence.

SILENT ABOUT HIS RELATIVES.

His Mother Died When He Was a Baby—He Is Fatherless, and Says, "I Had to Steal or Starve."

Five more persons have identified Frank B. Linden as the "Man in Gray," who has been "holding up" and robbing women at the point of a revolver. Women trooped to the Yorkville Prison yesterday and gazed upon Linden and Taylor, his supposed confederate in crime. They knew nothing of Taylor. He was not the man who had attacked them. It was Linden, they said, almost unanimously.

The young man of that name sat in the adjoining cell on a couch reading a novel entitled "The Ruling Passion," by Gerard de Nerval. He has classic features, this "man in gray," and he is cool and evidently gritty. He expects to go to prison for a term of years, for yesterday he confessed his guilt on one particular count.

Not Flustered by Scrutiny.

Each time he was confronted by another of his victims he regarded her complacently for a moment and then resumed the reading of "The Ruling Passion." He always did this with an air of weariness and the stereotyped expression: "These people make me tired." Some of the people who made him tired and identified him were these:

MRS. EMILY RICHARDS, No. 849 East One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street.

MRS. JANNIE HOLDSWORTH, No. 3196 Third avenue.

MISS MARGARET NORRIS, No. 125 West Ninty-eighth street.

MISS ANNIE HYLAND, No. 69 Park avenue.

MISS BERTHA CERNY, No. 1132 Fifst avenue.

These women claimed that they had been robbed by Linden. Sometimes it was on the street, sometimes at a doorway. Miss Norris was robbed of a pocketbook at the point of a revolver, held, she says, by Linden. That was in Ceneral Park on February 28. "He was dressed in gray," said the young woman, yesterday; "he does not have the gray ulster now, but I recognize his gray vest."

Linden had no gray ulster when he was arrested for the good reason that he had pawned it to secure needed funds. His efforts at highway robbery were not highly remunerative.

An Encounter Described.

"He put the revolver right up to my face," exclaimed Miss Norris, "and said: 'Give me your money.' I was then in Central Park, near the West Side drive. The revolver looked to be about as big around as this," said the young woman described a circle with her fingers that was about four inches in diameter.

Details of the stories of the other women who identified Linden have been narrated, but they all agree that the man who made the attack and robbed them or the houses in which they were met was by the mysterious "Man in Gray."

Detective McDonald read of the arrest of Linden for robbing the boarding house of Mrs. Nuc, at which time he threatened Bertha Cerny with a revolver. He saw a portrait of Linden in the Evening Journal and thought that he recognized the man of whom he had received a personal description. The portrait was shown to Miss Norris and Thomas McManus, a broker's clerk, of No. 133 West Sixty-third street, who had seen the attack on Miss Norris. They said the picture was a portrait of the "Man in Gray," and with the detective went to the Yorkville Court yesterday and fully identified Linden as the man who robbed Miss Norris.

Miss Nellie Mooney, a typewriter for the Metropolitan Insurance Company, who lives at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street and Boston place, thought she could identify Linden as the man who had robbed her, but she was unable to identify him positively.

Says He Stole When Hungry.

"I had to steal or starve," was the sullen reply of ILnden as he sat in his cell and wrote his version of his exploits. "I came here to get work at anything, and failed. Yes, I am guilty of stealing an overcoat, but of the other offences I know nothing. These women do not know what they are talking about.

"Do your parents know of this?"

"Know? Of course not, because I have none. I never knew my mother; she died when I was only two years old, and my father has been dead four years. I am twenty-three now and never had any education, except that which I obtained in the public schools of Chicago. We lived on the outskirts of the city. I wont tell just where. I prefer to suffer my disgrace alone without dragging others down with me."

Frank B. Linden Identified as the "Man in Gray."

Several women yesterday declared that this young man had met them in various parts of the city and robbed them at the point of a pistol. He only acknowledges stealing an overcoat.

ROBBER QUEEN IS SHE.

A Mysterious Craft, Manned by Thieves, Plies on the Sound with a Woman at the Helm.

Port Chester appears to be a rendezvous of a gang of desperate burglars. During the past twelve days a burglary or attempt at housebreaking has been daily reported to the village constables, and yet not a single arrest has been made. On Thursday night three burglars attempted to break into the residence of Edward Sherwood, on South Regent street.

Sherwood heard them, and, seizing a revolver from under his pillow, opened a window and fired at three forms near the parlor window, but the cracksmen managed to escape.

The Port Chester authorities believe that the raiders are members of a second band of thieves, which has been organized by Emil Wolf, alias Ben Fadden and Ferdinand Santzo, alias "The Count," the leaders of the band that held up and shot J. H. Bertine at Pelham Manor last Autumn.

Otto Schaffer, alias "The Mouse," who was arrested for burglary, in his wholesale confession on Thursday said that Ben Fadden and "The Count" were also the leaders of a burglar trust in Connecticut, and that the members had a sloop and sailed up and down the Sound. "The Mouse" said that Santzo's wife, known under the alias of "The Countess," handled the wheel.

The belief that Ben Fadden and his men are operating in Portchester, Greenwich and Stamford is borne out by the appearance of a mysterious craft in Indian Harbor and in other secluded points along the west shore of the Sound. During the daytime four men and a woman have been seen on deck.

ASSEMBLY FOR DOLLAR GAS.

Its Committee Will Report Favorably the Cantor-Laimbeer Bill.

REDUCTION FOR NEW YORK

Pending the Completion of Plans the Price Will Be Graded.

THE LOBBY MAY TAKE A HAND.

Jealousy Between the Assembly and Senate Committees Over the Plan to Deal with the Bills and Gas Companies.

Albany, March 12.—Unless the gas companies devise some scheme to save themselves before Wednesday of next week the Assembly committee on Gas, Electricity and Water will report for the favorable consideration of the Assembly the Cantor-Laimbeer bill, providing for dollar gas for New York City, with municipal supervision of the companies, and will also report favorably the bills for dollar gas for Albany, Cohoes and Waterford, the Bondy bill for dollar gas for the cities of the second class and the eighty cent gas bill for Buffalo. Such is the information vouchsafed to-day by a member of the Assembly committee in question.

Pending the completion of plans for a reduction of prices for gas, the negotiations for which are now going on between various persons and the representatives of the gas companies, it may be stated that the end of the conferences will be the favorable report of the bill providing for a graded reduction of the price of gas in New York City. The Journal several weeks ago exclusively stated this was to be the programme to be finally carried out.

The Lobby May Interfere.

What the effect of the reporting of the Cantor-Laimbeer bill will have on the representatives of the lobby here for the killing of the cheaper gas bills is hard to ascertain. The effect will only be known in detail by the few with whom the lobby will be able to deal. The companies have agreed to stand for the graded reduction bill, but if the taste of some of the legislators for the blood of the gas companies is allowed to develop the cost of killing the Cantor-Laimbeer bill, which gives substantial relief to the consumers, will be so great that the efforts of the lobbies of the days of Tweed, Fisk and Gould will be cast in the shade. With the cheaper gas bills before the Assembly, popular sentiment will demand their passage. The gas companies men have been alarmed by the ultimatum of the committee, and between now and Monday, when the Senate Committee's Steering Committee will hav to report to the full Senate Committee, business will be done at some stand, whether at No. 49 Broadway or some other place is not known. The action of the Committees of each House yesterday was indicative of the general scheme of the Committees.

Assembly Committee Jealous.

To-day the assertion was made that the Assembly Committee was jealous of the airs assumed by the Senate Committee which appointed Malby, Chahoon and Sullivan to report a general plan to deal with the bills and the gas companies. The assertion was made that the Senate Committee had pretended to invite the Assembly Committee to its hearings, but had not given the invitation, and was seeking to obtain all the honor and the glory and anything else resulting from the gas bills. The fact is that the Assembly Committee will take the bull by the horns and will endeavor to do business without the aid or co-operation of the Senate Committee which has such bills in tow. The Senate Committee, of course, deeming itself the more important body, will have a different scheme.

The finessing of the Committees is apparent to the men who are behind the Cantor-Laimbeer bill, and any extraordinary developments will be closely scrutinized to see if there have been any chances for fraud. In this relation it may be proper to recall the scandals of 1886, when the New York gas companies were compelled to reduce their price, although a vast amount of time and money had been expended to defeat the bill. The same influences are at work against the bills this year.

The results of the work will be seen in the report of the Assembly Committee on Wednesday. If the gas companies have captured the committeemen by their arguments the fact will be apparent. If the bills are reported favorably the effort of the advocates of the gas companies will be seen to have been unavailing. But that will not be the end of the negotiations. The graded price bill is almost certain to become a law before the Legislature adjourns.

RELATIONSHIP PUZZLE.

An Enigmatic Entanglement of the De Simoni Family Caused by a Marriage.

Brothers and sisters have I none,
But that man's father is my father's son.

This couplet, which puzzled a conundrum-loving king and gained liberty for a condemned prisoner, who finally explained that the man to whom he was pointing was his own son, loses its pre-eminence in the riddle books when compared with the genealogical problem which is now worrying Captain De Simoni, the Italian agent on Ellis Island.

Captain De Simoni's son has married a sister of Captain De Simoni's wife, and every inspector and interpreter on the island has been called in to give expert evidence on the subject. It has been, therefore, submitted to the test of the Greek, Russian, Italian, French, German and English languages, and some of the results, as told by the captain himself, are as follows:

"My son has a lovely wife, but he should not have selected my wife's sister. As it is, he has married his own aunt. That makes him not only my son, but my brother-in-law. He is his wife's nephew, his mother's brother-in-law, and, if I have other children, uncle to his own brothers and sisters. But, whatever else he may be, he cannot escape his wife's mother being his mother-in-law. There is also little consolation for him in the fact that he will only be a cousin of his own children, but that may serve him in good stead when they become too exacting in the matter of new clothes and pocket money."

If Captain De Simoni is puzzled over the genealogical predicament in which he finds his son, think of his annoyance when he contemplates his own mixed state of relationship.

He is not only the brother-in-law of his daughter-in-law, but will be, if his son becomes a father, the grandfather of his own nephews and nieces. His wife will be mother-in-law to her own sister and grand mother of her nephews or nieces. Her own son is also her brother-in-law.

So family trees, scarce on Ellis Island, are growing in profusion about the premises of Captain De Simoni. Assistant Commissioner McSweeney has contributed this addition to the general confusion of the situation:

If Jack's wife was Paddy's mother,
What was Jack to Paddy's brother?

And all of the interpreters are still guessing.

MAYHEW AFRAID TO GO.

Begged for an Hour, Five Minutes, a Minute, but Died Without a Struggle.

Arthur Mayhew, the negro who was convicted of the murder of Stephen Powell, at Hempstead, L. I., a year ago, was executed in Sing Sing Prison yesterday. As the end approached he begged for an hour of grace, for five minutes, for a minute. When strapped to the death chair he said:

"I am not guilty; I didn't do it. God have mercy! Don't hurt me! Frank Alfred and John Wayne did it."

He died without a struggle. Concerning Mayhew's last statement, Under Sheriff Baker said: "Of the two men Mayhew accused, Alfred has been found innocent, and Wayne, who gave evidence for the State, is now serving a term of fifteen years' imprisonment."

La Plata, Md., March 12.—George Matthews, who murdered James J. Irwin, at Allen's Fresh, Charles County, Md., last August, was executed in the La Plata jailyard this morning.

Frankfort, Ky., March 12.—Gov. Bradley this afternoon refused to grant Scott Jackson's appeal for clemency. Jackson will be hanged on March 20.

POLICE SAFE ONE MONTH.

George Judge Has Gone to the Island for Thirty Days, and Will Therefore Whip No "Coppers."

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It was not until another policeman came to Leigh's rescue that the fighter was conquered.

Among his companions Judge was a mild-mannered man. Frequently he was known to take a hard slap on the back or a vicious poke in the ribs without a murmur, merely remarking:

"Dat's all right. Jes' wait till I gits my han' on one er dem new cops and see me break 'im in fer dat. I'll even it up on de nex' hey rube I sees strollin' down to'ard Chatham square."

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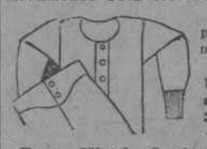

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