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POLICE SEEK FOR MISSING HEIRESS.

Miss Wechsler Went Out for a Walk and Did Not Return.

HAD A BAD HEADACHE. Empty Handed in the Streets, Her Parents Fear She May Have Lost Her Memory.

WAS DEVOTED TO HER PARENTS. The Young Woman Was Surrounded by Every Comfort and Was Devoted to Home Life.



Henrietta Wechsler, Missing Heiress.

She is the daughter of Samuel Wechsler, the Brooklyn merchant, and left her home for a short walk. She was suffering from a severe headache, and her parents are greatly alarmed at her failure to return.

Miss Henrietta Wechsler, whose father, Samuel Wechsler, was once a member of the Brooklyn dry goods firm bearing the family name, has been missing from her home since 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Not one of her friends will entertain the thought that she had any ulterior motive for going away, and hence they are all exceedingly anxious about her welfare. She left her home empty handed, light headed, and sure that a good walk would cure her of the headache that had come to her after much confinement indoors in nursing her mother through an illness. "I'll be back in half an hour," she said, as she stepped down the stoop of No. 113 Sixth avenue, Brooklyn, and turned toward Flat-bush avenue.

Since that moment she has not been seen. She has friends all over Brooklyn, but not one of them has had word of her. Her home life was tranquil. She was devoted to her father and mother. Her surroundings lacked no luxury, for the family is wealthy. Her inclinations were domestic. She was only twenty-six years old. Her name had never been mentioned in connection with a love affair.

That headache of hers has suggested thoughts that give rise to keen solicitude in the minds of her parents. They fear that she may have become subject to some unusual nervous condition that might lead her to wander away without knowing what she did. They have read of persons who have lost their memories entirely, and who, while in full possession of their other faculties, have taken journeys without knowing why, and been quite at a loss to give any account of themselves.

On this hypothesis they are desirous of having it known to the public how their wandering daughter may be recognized. Neither tall nor very short, of a pleasant countenance cast in Jewish mould, Miss Wechsler was dressed when she disappeared in a black jacket of rough material resembling astrakhan, a brown plaid skirt trimmed with satin in a scroll design, and a black hat trimmed with red velvet and ornamented with two small black wings. Underneath the jacket was a green velvet waist, with a black satin tie at the throat. Miss Wechsler has eyes of Oriental blackness. Her hair, which is also black, was brushed back smoothly with the exception of one ringlet, of the kind affected by Della Fox, which she wore over the centre of her forehead.

Mrs. Wechsler's illness had followed the news of the death of her father, L. Neubauer, a resident of Milwaukee. She felt the bereavement so keenly that her daughter kept close by her bedside for many nights and days. Miss Wechsler first complained of headache on Tuesday. While sitting at lunch on the following day she said:

"The top of my head feels as if it were popping open, like the lid of a boiling kettle. I must take a walk this afternoon and get some air."

The police of the five boroughs have been searching for her since that night.

BRAYTON IVES LOSES HIS COLUMBUS BOOK SUIT.
 The Jury Quickly Decides That the Work Sold by Ellis & Elvey Was Worth \$4,374.

After one hour's deliberation the jury in the suit of Brayton Ives against the book selling firm of Ellis & Elvey to recover \$4,374, being the price paid by him for an ancient book the genuineness of which he doubts, brought in a verdict in favor of the defendants, and Justice Leventritt denied a motion for a new trial.

MRS. CODY GUILTY OF BLACKMAILING.

Slander Against Jay Gould at Last Avenged by a Jury.

HELEN GOULD IS HAPPY. After Eight Hours of Deliberation a Verdict Is Reached Last Night.

THE AGED WOMAN COLLAPSES. Her White Hairs Gain a Recommendation of Mercy and the Sentence May Be a Light One.

The Letter on Which Mrs. Cody Was Found Guilty.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 11, 1898.
 Mr. George Gould,
 Dear Sir:—I am the person who has unearthed the woman who is supposed to be your father's first wife. The daughter, Mrs. Pierce, who now resides at Jack Springs, Wyo., solicited me one year ago to find her mother, for she did not know where she was and had not seen her for some fifteen years. She—Mrs. Pierce—had been bound out to an English weaver named Burton when two years old. The mother lost sight of the child; heard nothing of her till she was seventeen. Mrs. Pierce, as I understand, has five lawyers employed to set your father's will aside. Her lawyer is Judge Brown, of Rock Springs, Wyo., a son-in-law of Mr. Fillmore, a very wealthy man of San Francisco, Cal. I do not want to be instrumental in bringing such a scandal on your family. The Scripture says, "Any scandal may come, but woe unto them through whom it cometh."

When I first entered into this, Mr. Gould, I realized anything from it I intended building a home for friendless old people. There are so many sent to the County House, many by their own children. That was the purpose I had in entering into this matter. I have made up my mind to go to my home. Without me they can do nothing. If you can, come to see me, and I assure you it is in my power to stop this whole affair. I am at present in Albany. I shall meet you in New York or wherever you name.

MRS. M. E. CODY,
 48 Chapel street, Albany.

Albany, March 9.—After being out eight hours the jury brought in a verdict of guilty at 12:15 to-night in the case of Margaret E. Cody, who has been on trial here since last Thursday, charged with blackmailing George and Helen Gould. A recommendation of mercy was made. The court will convene at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when the usual motion will be heard and sentence will be passed. It is likely that Mrs. Cody will receive a light penalty on account of her age.

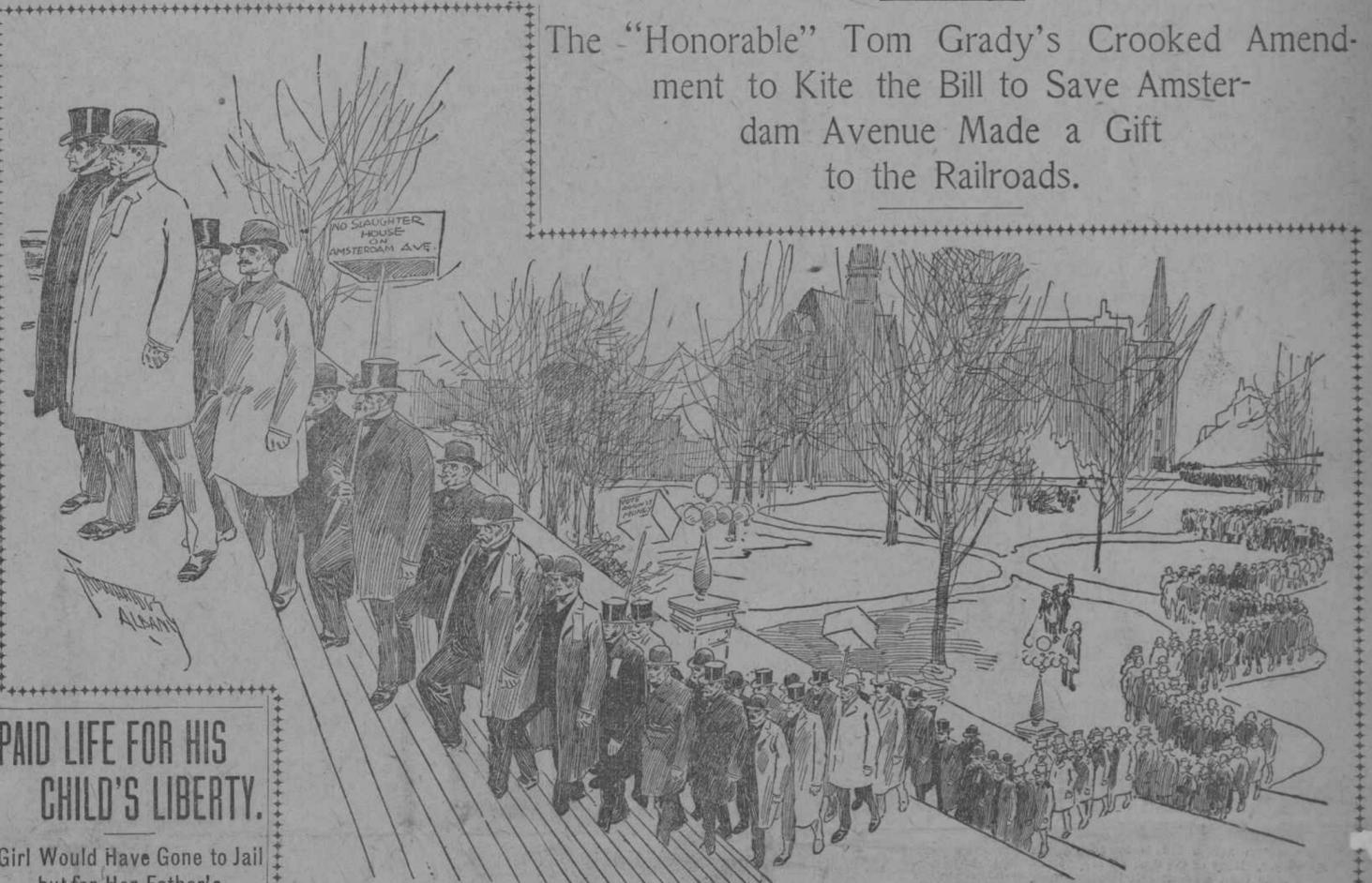
The jury balloted seven times before agreeing, the first ballot standing: Guilty, Mrs. Helen Gould and her party will return to Tarrytown early to-morrow morning. One of Mrs. Gould's attorneys said to-night that she was well pleased with the way in which the trial has been conducted by District Attorney Dyer, and is satisfied that justice has been done.

Mrs. Cody, who had remained in her chair in the court room most of the afternoon after the court adjourned, waiting to hear her fate, gasped and all but fainted when she heard the verdict of guilty. It was a quarter of an hour before she recovered sufficiently to allow herself to be conducted back to the jail.

The day was devoted to the presentation of the case to the jury by Mrs. Cody's attorney, Mr. Dugan, and by the District Attorney for the people, Mr. Dyer. Mr. Dugan, in summing up for the defendant, said in part:

"This is not a trial to determine whether Mrs. Angel was the wife of Jay Gould. It is to determine whether Mrs. Cody was guilty of blackmail in sending this letter to George Gould. Take this letter with you, and I defy you to spell out a threat in its contents."
 Miss Gould sat with a faint smile hovering about her lips, and seemingly unmindful of the frequent disparaging references to her and her family.
 As her attorney closed the tears streamed down Mrs. Cody's cheeks and her white head fell forward on her lap, while her shoulders shook with sobs.
 In opening for the prosecution Mr. Dyer said:
 "Gentlemen, I ask you to find this old woman guilty, because her life has been a life of crime, and because she has been prosecuting her blackmailing schemes for the last fifteen years."
 Speaking of the letter to George Gould, on which the indictment was brought, the District Attorney said:
 "What did she write that letter for? In order to save the name of the Goulds from scandal, as she says? The idea that a woman who writes to Mrs. Beebe time and time again, that she hopes to get money out of Helen and George Gould should make such a statement!"

SENATE ANSWER A \$NUB, \$\$\$\$ TAKE THE FIRST TRICK.



PAID LIFE FOR HIS CHILD'S LIBERTY.

Girl Would Have Gone to Jail but for Her Father's Suicide.

HAD CONFESSED A THEFT.

There is nothing to show that Ralph Selther guessed that by killing himself he would save his daughter from going to jail. He just killed himself because all his efforts to raise enough money to avert from his child the disgrace of imprisonment had failed.

She is only fourteen, just old enough to begin to feel the irksomeness of a colorless life and shabby clothes. Maid-of-all-work in the household of George Schalk, in Boyd street, Newark, N. J., she executed the pretty things she saw in the shop windows, and tried some dimes out of a money box belonging to a member of the family in order to buy an ornament.

The dimes were missed and Mary Selther was arrested. She confessed at once. Her mother, hearing of her plight on Wednesday morning, hastened to Justice Schalk's court only to find that the child had been sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment. The woman begged mercy for her daughter. She entreated the Justice to provide the alternative of a fine.

"If you come here to-morrow morning with \$15," said Justice Schalk, "the Court will accept that in lieu of your daughter's imprisonment."
 And so the maid-of-all-work's mother spent the long day trying to borrow \$15. She went to poor people like herself, because she knew that they would understand and feel for her and help her if they possibly could. She received many dimes from slender purses, here and there a quarter was tendered, and there were one or two half dollars. But the total, when dusk fell, was far short of half the amount and Mrs. Selther's strength was spent.

So vehement was Selther's sorrow that his wife feared for him. His speech was incoherent when, without waiting to eat anything, he flung himself out of the house to roam in search of money to save his child.
 He roamed late and long, but he did not prove a successful beggar.
 He was almost cold when his wife found him in the morning. He had drunk, and he had sold. When Justice Schalk heard the news he called Mary Selther before him. She had heard nothing of her father's death.
 "Mary, you are discharged," he said, "go home; you are needed there."
 And when Mary Selther reached home her punishment was greater than if she had been sent to prison.

M'KINLEY TO BAIT POLITICAL HOOKS.

His Fishing Expedition to Be Devoted in Part to Fixing Up a Programme for a New Campaign—Platt, Quay, Burrows, Hanna and Others Will Help.

Washington, March 9.—The President's Millan, of Michigan; M. S. Quay, of Pennsylvania; T. C. Platt, of New York; Shelby M. Cullom, of Illinois, and J. C. Burrows, of Michigan.

With the Presidential party at Senator Hanna's home will be former Premier W. R. Day, Vice-President Hobart and Representative Charles H. Grosvenor, of Ohio. It is expected the statesmen will return North with a well-defined programme for next year. They will be able to explain to the rank and file just how far the Administration intends to go in reform of the currency and what will be necessary to propitiate the Indianapolis Monetary Commission, whose membership includes many of the leading gold Democrats of the country; what plan is to be followed in Cuba and the Philippines, and how Republicans who are McKinley protectionists may also endorse "the open door" policy in the far East.

VAN DYKE IS ELECTED TO A PRINCETON CHAIR.

Much Money Has Been Given to the University During the Past Twelve Months.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Princeton University, held yesterday afternoon, the resignation of James Lindsay Murray, dean of the faculty, was handed in, cause, failing health. It was unanimously decided to refuse the resignation, and a resolution was passed urging the president to resume his duties when health permitted.

President Patton announced that \$300,000 had been raised by patrons of the university for the endowment of a new chair of English literature. The gift was made on the condition that Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Princeton '73, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, should be the first incumbent. It was further announced that \$24,000 was presented by General Daniel H. McAlpin, of New York City, and the other \$26,000 was raised by private subscription among prominent alumni.

SMUGGLED OPIUM IS SEIZED BY OFFICERS.

Two Hundred and Three Cases, Worth \$30,000, Are Taken by the Government.

A seizure of smoking opium was made yesterday by Special Employes Britton and Finley, of the office of the Special Treasury Agents. There were 203 cases of the stuff. The duty is \$5 per case. The seizure was taken to the Public Stores.

Very little could be learned last night regarding the opium seizure. Special Agent Cross has been working on the different clues which led to yesterday's seizures for some time. It was learned that the Treasury agents expected to make several arrests when they seized the opium. A gang of nearly a dozen smugglers had been operating over the Canadian border for quite a while. Another article, believed to be silk, upon which there is a heavy duty, was extensively smuggled.

HEIRESS ELOPES WITH A RAILROAD OFFICIAL.

Hopkinsville, Ky., March 9.—Miss Sarah Neefe Mason eloped last night to Clarksville, Tenn., and married Claude Berry, of Washington, D. C., a Southern railroad official. The bride is the daughter of Colonel Meriwether S. Mason, the largest land owner of Christian County. She met the bridegroom in Washington, where she was situated.

CITIZENS OF NEW YORK ASCENDING THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL TO PROTEST AGAINST THE FOUR-TRACK GRAB.

No such large or influential delegation ever went to the State House in the interest of any pending measure as that which journeyed to Albany yesterday to lend moral support to Senator Ford's bill, which aims to save Amsterdam avenue from the deadly peril of four railroad tracks.

LIST OF AMSTERDAM AVENUE'S FRIENDS AND FOES IN THE SENATE.

Here is the record of the vote in the State Senate on the motion to strike out the amendment to the Ford bill. Those who voted "Aye" showed themselves in favor of immediately saving the avenue from four tracks. Those who voted "Nay" favor long delay in the courts. Names of Democrats in Italics; names of Republicans in Roman:

Aye.	Nay.
MR. ARMSTRONG,	MR. AHEARY,
MR. BOYCE,	MR. AMBLER,
MR. BROWN,	MR. BRACKETT,
MR. DONNELLY,	MR. CHAHOON,
MR. ELLSWORTH,	MR. COFFEY,
MR. ELSBERG,	MR. COGGESHALL,
MR. FORD,	MR. CULLEY,
MR. HIGGINS,	MR. DAVIS, D. F.,
MR. HUMPHREY,	MR. DAVIS, G. A.,
MR. KRUM,	MR. DOUGLAS,
MR. MALBY,	MR. FEATHERSON,
MR. MARSHALL,	MR. FEETER,
MR. MARTIN,	MR. FOLEY,
MR. PLUNKITT,	MR. GOODELL,
MR. STRANAHAN,	MR. GRADY,
MR. THORNTON,	MR. GRANEY,
MR. WHITE,	MR. HAYENS,
	MR. JOHNSON,
	MR. LA ROCHE,
	MR. MACKAY,
	MR. MCCARREN,
	MR. MITCHELL,
	MR. MUNZINGER,
	MR. NORTON,
	MR. PARSONS,
	MR. RAINES,
	MR. RAMSPERGER,
	MR. RICE,
	MR. SHERWOOD,
	MR. SULLIVAN,
	MR. WAGNER,
	MR. WILCOX,
	MR. WILLIS,

THE victory in the first battle to save Amsterdam avenue from the rapacious street railroads is with the enemy. There is no use trying to disguise the fact that the defeat in the Senate yesterday of Senator Ford's motion to strip the bill of the hampering, tumorous amendment is a hard blow to the forces of honesty and public welfare. The passing of the bill in the Assembly in its clean original form is a sentimental victory, barren of result unless there is a revulsion of sentiment in the Senate Chamber. This the friends of the measure hope for. Senator Ford and the leaders of the Amsterdam avenue delegation that went to Albany yesterday say the fight is by no means hopeless, and Assemblyman Fallows is equally hopeful.