

DID SAND FILL THIS COFFIN?

Father Schwinn, of St. Nicholas' Church, Suspects Medical Students.

WANTS A BODY EXHUMED

The Landlady of the Late Count Stadnitski Says the Doctors Got His Remains.

HAD OFFERED TO SELL THEM

The Austrian Consul's Aid Has Been Invoked, and a Thorough Investigation of the Matter is Probable.

The Rev. J. W. Schwinn, of No. 112 East First street, assistant rector of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, in Second street, called yesterday at the office of the Austro-Hungarian Consul, at No. 33 Broadway, and asked the latter's assistance in the task of exhuming the body of Count Henry Stadnitski, the Austrian nobleman, who died in destitute circumstances at Bellevue Hospital March 28.

Dr. Schwinn said that Mrs. J. Goetz, of No. 124 East Fourth street, with whom Count Stadnitski lodged, had come to him and asserted that what was buried in Trinity Cemetery was not the body of the Count, but merely a coffin full of sand surmounted with the head of the deceased.

Mrs. Goetz declared that the body had been sent to one of the medical colleges for dissection. Dr. Gehwin told the Consul that he felt obliged to investigate the woman's story, because he had conducted the funeral services over the remains of the deceased, and he did not propose to tolerate the suggestion that the solemn rites of the church had been celebrated over a sham.

The Austrian Consul promised Dr. Schwinn that he would lay the matter before the Coroner, and that every effort would be made to disinter the remains as soon as possible.

Dr. Schwinn when seen yesterday at his residence, No. 112 East First street, said that he did not know whether the woman's story was true or not, but that he was determined to push the investigation to the end.

"If this thing was done," said he, "it was a gross outrage upon our holy religion. I should certainly never have consented to hold services over the head of a man from which the body had been separated. I am resolved that the matter shall be thoroughly investigated."

Count Stadnitski died in Bellevue Hospital March 28, and was buried from St. Nicholas Church the following Thursday. Mrs. Goetz, his former landlady, defraying all expenses. She engaged Undertaker Frank Odendahl, of No. 115 Third street, who brought the body from Bellevue to his shop and prepared it for burial.

Count Stadnitski had told her before he died that she could take his body and sell it to some medical college in order to reimburse her for the expenditures made by her on his account, but she rejected the offer and insisted that the body should be buried in a Christian burial in consecrated ground.

When she asked the undertaker about it she says he admitted having given the body to the doctors for dissection. Undertaker Odendahl yesterday denied Mrs. Goetz's story with vehemence. He said he was willing that the body should be exhumed. He had himself brought it from Bellevue and was certain that he had buried the whole body, and not the head only.

Count Stadnitski was an impoverished nobleman, who had been cast off by his family. His cousin, the Countess Dunin-Borkowski, is the wife of Herr Hengel-muller, Austro-Hungarian Minister at Washington.

FIVE DIED, NONE TO BLAME

Nobody's Fault that the Flat House in West One Hundred and Fifth Street Was Burned.

The flat house No. of March 30, at No. 61 West One Hundred and Fifth street, was investigated yesterday by Coroner Tutthill and a jury. Mrs. Elizabeth French and her child, Mrs. Thomas Darlington and child and Miss Ellen Morrissey were burned to death in this fire. The building was five stories high and of brick.

Roundsmen Graham declared that it was the fiercest and quickest fire he ever saw. The landlady told of her discovery of the fire, near where she was working in the cellar, and said that she ran upstairs to warn the tenants, but that the fire spread so rapidly that she could not get above the third floor.

The evidence tended to show that the fire originated at the bottom of the dumb waiter through a hole in the ceiling. Assistant Building Inspector O'Toole said that except as to some minor points regarding the stairways, the fire was in accordance with the laws of today. The law was not violated when it was put up.

Verdict that the deaths were accidental, and that no one was to blame.

IN FEAR OF MASSACRE.

Mrs. Kirnkurian, an Armenian, Just Arrived. Tells of the Terror in Constantinople.

Mrs. Kirnkurian, the wife of an American citizen, who with her three children had been visiting relatives in Constantinople, had been prevented the last three months from leaving Constantinople because of an edict of the Sultan prohibiting Armenians from emigrating. She applied to Minister Terrell, and he notified the Sultan that all Armenians who were citizens of the United States should be allowed to leave Turkey if they intended to return to this country.

The Sultan granted the demand, and Mrs. Kirnkurian and her family were permitted to leave Constantinople. She and her three children arrived on the La Normandie and were sent to Ellis Island, where she was examined by Inspector Arbesley. She told him that the Armenians in Constantinople were in constant dread of their lives, as the Turks were threatening to massacre them, and there was no chance for them to leave.

Man Hanged on a Metal Hook. Winstead, Conn., April 13.—Lorenze Wheeler, a prosperous Waterbury farmer, was fatally injured yesterday while trying to kill an ugly bull. Everything was in readiness for the execution, and the bull was about to be hoisted up when he made a plunge to get out of a door where Wheeler was standing. Wheeler was seized against the wall where a metal hook had been driven. The hook entered his back close to the spine and he was left hanging on it until he died. The hook entered his body straight it would have killed him outright. He is in a precarious condition, with little or no hope for his recovery. The bull is still alive.

HE CANNOT SEE.

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and dinner and were lost to the clergyman's vision.

"A cloud is passing over the sun," he said.

Loses His Sight. He closed his eyes. He raised his lids; he could not distinguish one of the objects so familiar that surrounded him. Darker, darker, black became the room.

"I'm going blind!" shrieked the old preacher, and he jumped to his feet as the dreadful thought flashed across his brain. His cries brought his wife and daughter to him.

"I cannot see, I am blind," he told them. They looked at his eyes. They were as bright, as clear as ever.

It is quite certain the Rev. Mr. Hubbell could not see, whether or not he made himself believe he could not see. To refute the learned oculist it may be stated that the preacher's sense of touch seemed to him to become more acute when he lost his vision.

It is well known that in such cases one senses tact vicariously for another that is blind. It was taken to his bedroom, which was darkened. A physician was called, who prescribed some simple remedies. Rev. Mr. Hubbell's family and his friends comforted him with the hope that his blindness would be only temporary.

He bravely bore his affliction. Mrs. J. Whitney, No. 473 Madison avenue, Brooklyn, Rev. Mr. Hubbell's sister, received a letter from him yesterday.

He said his sight was slowly returning. When the ministers, at a conference learned of his brother's misfortune they voted him \$10 for each year he has been in the ministry, a comfortable sum, \$120.

Now, to the theory that this worthy preacher is unconsciously deceiving himself, unwittingly causing his wife and children so much mental agony.

May See if He Will. Rev. Joseph A. Raub, No. 295 Clinton avenue, Brooklyn, is consulting physician to the Brooklyn Eye and Ear Infirmary, an oculist of reputation. The Rev. Mr. Hubbell's case was told to Dr. Raub.

"Although I have not seen this minister," said the doctor, "I am certain that if he can be convinced he is not blind his sight will be restored. His is a case of hysterical amblyopia, an affection of the mind, a nervous affection, but not an affection of the optic nerve. It should be repeatedly suggested to him that he can see and he will see."

"I have seen a similar case," continued Dr. Raub. "My patient was a well-known newspaper man of Brooklyn. Soon after the trolley cars began to run here, he was watching a feed wire overhead when there was a sudden and vivid flash of electricity from it. The flash 'blinded' him. He really could not see for a minute, but after the minute passed he believed he was yet blind."

"Soon afterward he was taken to the Eye and Ear Infirmary. I diagnosed his case as one of hysterical amblyopia. By

amblyopia I mean dimness of sight, without opacity of the cornea or of the interior of the eye. I prescribed some very simple washes and set about to convince him he could see. In fact, his will so strongly dominated his senses that he could not see, or, rather, perhaps, he would not see. But I finally convinced him and instantly he saw."

"Would not hypnotism cure such cases?" was asked.

Dr. Raub is conservative. "Well," he said, "when all the resources of medicine have been exhausted, hypnotism might be tried; perhaps, with good results."

Possibility of Hypnotism. "It is possible that the Rev. Dr. Hubbell may be suffering from a purely imaginary trouble, though it is entirely out of my power to diagnose his case without making a careful examination," said Dr. Edward Allen, of New York. "In a man of his age one would naturally expect some weakness of vision, and with continued reading this might result in such a straining of the optic nerves as to produce temporary blindness. The effect is the same as when a person stares open-eyed at the sun and then attempts to look at an ordinary object. With a person of unusually susceptible temperament this temporary blindness might possibly be imagined to be permanent and might be suggested into a belief. The deception would soon make itself evident, however, and would pass away. With an aged person whose weak eyes were under strain the trouble might be of more than momentary duration, but total blindness would last for only a brief time. But the actual trouble with the vision might be exaggerated for a few days by the mental belief of the sufferer."

MINISTERS TRANSFERRED. Conference at Newark, N. J., Make Appointments Outside the State.

The Methodist Episcopal Conference, in session in Newark, N. J., yesterday, made the following assignments of ministers outside of that State:

Matamoras, Pa., supply; Midvale, Pa., supply; Milford, Pa., W. R. Nott; Mountville and Saddle River, supply; New City, N. Y., supply; Newfoundland, M. E. Grant; Nyack, N. Y., J. H. Egbert; Oakland Valley, N. Y., supply; Otisville, N. Y., D. W. C. Ramsey; Palisades, N. Y., supply; Piermont, N. Y., S. D. Harris; Port Jervis, N. Y., Daniel Harrington; Ridgefield Park, supply; Ridgewood, Frank Chawick; Rock Lake, N. Y., S. Yarnall; St. George, S. L. G. F. Aigler; Sparrowhawk and Monaca, N. Y., H. H. Turner; Spring Valley and Moneys, N. Y., J. S. Gilbert; Stony Point, N. Y., S. D. Jones; Suffern, N. Y., B. L. Lockwood; Thibault, N. Y., W. H. Haggerty; Union Falls, N. Y., W. H. Haggerty; Verona, N. Y., W. H. Haggerty; West Chapel, N. Y., supply; Waldwick, A. J. Conklin; West Town and Unklesville, N. Y., N. S. Newsom; West Nyack, Thomas Hall.

SHALL CHAPPIES BE SUCCESSFUL?

Shoemakers Strike May Put Them "On Their Uppers."

VERY SERIOUS TIMES

Workers on Fashionable Boots for Swell Young Men Want More Money.

ONLY A QUESTION OF FIFTY CENTS

But It May Tie Up Riding Boots, Tennis Shoes and Golf Footwear Unless the Strike is Speedily Settled.

"These are the times that try men's soles." That is what society men of New York may say when they learn that a number of fashionable shoemakers have gone on strike, and that unless employers or strikers yield, they may be left on their uppers.

THE CASTELMARY SALE.

All the Personal Effects of the Opera Singer Who Died on the Stage Disposed of Under the Hammer.

The personal effects of Signor Castelmarty, baritone of the Italian opera, who died on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House, were under the hammer yesterday. Few except dealers in second hand goods were present. They were the principal bidders for the goods that genial Castelmarty once wore, even to coats, stockings, boots, wigs, face paints, greases, overalls, swords, plumes that nodded on the stage as Castelmarty sang his part.

All these things were disposed of at public auction in order that the law in such cases might be complied with, and the estate of the dead man finally closed. Plancon was in the throng. So was



The Auction Sale of the Effects of the Late Signor Castelmarty, the Opera Singer.

Pickets were posted yesterday in front of three establishments, whose proprietors and workmen alike believe that they do the greater portion of society men's custom-made trade. The Strike Committee of the united "Section One" and "Manhattan Section" of the Boot and Shoe Makers' Union, sitting at their temporary headquarters, at Sixth avenue and Forty-first street, were kept constantly advised as to what was going on.

The strike is made entirely by the men who put soles on the custom-made boots. They believe, and have struck on account of that belief, that society men's soles are worth 50 cents apiece more than has been paid for them. The three establishments affected by the strike are those of Oliver Moore, at No. 118 West Forty-second street; John Turill, at No. 13 West Forty-second street; and William Arnold, at No. 241 Fifth avenue. In all some fifty men have quit work. The strike does not affect the work on ladies' shoes in the same establishment, nor does it greatly involve the workers on men's uppers, but it has caught the employers at a critical time, for they have a large number of orders for fashionable boots of all kinds. Standing in long rows in their establishments are unfinished coaching and hunting boots, messengers, polo and golf boots and russets, for which men of money and fashion and clubmen will call in vain unless some settlement can be made with the strikers.

"We work only for the 'Four Hundred,'" said President Brodley, of the union, with dignity, last evening, and members Kirsh-

Lasalle, so was Schutz, brother-in-law of the De Reszkes, the latter of whom secured the more desirable articles in poor Castelmarty's belonging, at the outskirts of the throng that faced Auctioneer Walters, at No. 103 West Thirty-third street, was a man of sentiment, a man who loved Castelmarty, his personal friend, Captain F. De Cloch, rather than permit certain articles to fall into the hands of dealers he bid them in.

Captain De Cloch became the owner of a pile of Castelmarty's books and novels by paying \$1, and with \$12 more he carried away an ivory cup and a framed picture of Castelmarty's father and mother. The Captain also became the possessor of several handsome canes and umbrellas. Mr. Schutz got a gold watch and chain with a locket and picture attached for \$3. Then came the awards of which Castelmarty was so fond, but his favorite fencing blade only brought \$6.30, while a Spanish rapier was knocked down to "Smith" for \$13. And "Smith" also obtained a sword with a gold hilt for \$5 and another in imitation of one that Henry IV, of France, wielded for \$8. "Smith" as a buyer was very prominent at this sale. "Smith" is a dealer in second hand goods.

Lott's Body to Be Brought Home. Managua, Nicaragua, March 26.—The remains of Hiram R. Lott, late United States Consul at Managua, who died June 6, 1885, were today disinterred for shipment via San Francisco, to be home of his daughter at Floyd, La. Special permission from the Nicaragua Congress had to be obtained before the body was disinterred.

Lehigh Valley's \$5,000,000 Mortgage. Philadelphia, April 13.—The Lehigh Valley Railroad announces that the company has concluded the negotiation with Drexel & Company for the sale to them of \$5,000,000 of its new mortgage and collateral trust bonds to provide for the settlement of the outstanding obligations.

SOME OF CASTELMARY'S PROPERTY FETCHED AT AUCTION.

The personal effects of the Italian singer who died on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House recently, were sold under the hammer yesterday to dispose of the estate in accordance with the law in such cases. This is a list of the articles that were sold:

NO GRAND OPERA FOR NEXT YEAR.

So at Least Seems to Be the Metropolitan Situation.

THE DE RESZKES' DECISION.

Say They Will Not Come Back Next Season and Maurice Grau Retires.

OPERA HOUSE WILL BE "TO LET."

Extraordinary Meeting of Directors, in Which the Opinion of the Great Male Singers Was Not Only Listened to But Solicited.

To let—The Metropolitan Opera House. As stated in the Journal a week ago, Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau have no further use at present for this fine piece of property. A week ago that statement was informal. Yesterday it was rendered authoritative, when Mr. Grau gave it official utterance before the directors of the Metropolitan Opera Real Estate Company, assembled to receive it.

As in the case of his statement to the Journal, Mr. Grau said he did not see his way clear to produce opera next season up to the standard of past years. Therefore, on behalf of the Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau Co., Limited, he declined to renew the lease of the Metropolitan Opera House, which expires on the first day of next June.

Yesterday's meeting was a preliminary one, called especially to receive Mr. Grau's determination. The directors were already in receipt of several propositions with respect to leasing the opera house, but they declined to consider any of them until all efforts had been exhausted to induce Mr. Grau to continue.

The directors of the real estate company who received Mr. Grau yesterday were: G. G. Haven, president; W. C. Whitney, Adrian Iselin, George F. Baker, George S.

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