

MONEY DEMANDED IN A PRINCE'S NAME.

Prominent Washington Ladies Are Alleged Recipients of Anonymous Letters.

Yturbide Was Accused, but Intimated That It Was the Work of a Former Sweetheart.

SEVERAL LAWSUITS MAY RESULT. Father of the Girl to Whom the So-Called Godson of Maximilian Paid Court May Bring a Criminal Action.

Washington, April 11.—Anonymous letters have been received during the past few months by Mrs. S. S. Howland, formerly Miss Belmont; Mrs. Wolcott, wife of the Colorado Senator, and Mrs. Henry May, a cousin of Mrs. Yturbide, who is a sister of Fred May, the language was quite menacing and the money was demanded in the name of Prince Yturbide. The letters were at once shown by these ladies to their husbands, who, after a conference, employed Judge Jeremiah Wilson as counsel. Together they called upon the Prince, who is well known in society. He is said to be a godson of the late Emperor Maximilian.

MADE AN EMPHATIC DENIAL. The Prince received his visitors, but denied emphatically that he was the writer of the letters. After an examination of the correspondence, the Prince pointed out that they were all written in a delicate feminine hand, and that he would be very unlikely to make a demand for money accompanied by threats, knowing as he did the fear of the law in this country regarding blackmail. The three gentlemen in question were not satisfied with the further explanation that the Prince gave, namely, that the letters were in all probability the work of a young woman to whom he had been paying court for several months.

This young woman is the daughter of a wealthy retired army officer, and when the matter was laid before her father he at once engaged Calderon Carlisle and Woodbury Blair, two of the most prominent lawyers in the city, to take care of his daughter's interests.

These are all of the known facts, although much gossip is current regarding the incident, that led up to the refusal of the young Prince's offer of marriage. It is asserted that a violent scene marked the last interview between the two young people.

CHURCH PROSECUTION THREATENED. Prince Yturbide was formerly a member of the Metropolitan Club, and gossip at one time connected his name with a threatened duel with Robert X. King, the well-known cross country horseman. The Prince is not connected with any of the legends. At the present hour threats of a criminal prosecution are rife, in which event the whole story will come out, and many features of this interesting case will be elicited.

GREEN GOODS IN THE JAIL.

James G. Wilson Continues to Operate His Old Swindles from His Cell in Jersey City.

Green-goods operators will carry on business whether in jail or not, as Warden Mitchell, of the Hudson County (N. J.) Jail, ascertained yesterday.

For several days James G. Wilson, serving a six month sentence for dealing in green goods, has been receiving attacks of mail. The letters were all addressed "James G. Wilson, No. 235 Newark avenue, Jersey City." This is the street number of the jail.

Warden Mitchell yesterday opened one of the letters. Posted at the top of the sheet was this advertisement:

WANTED—Agents to start a mail order business at home. Send address and return envelope to James G. Wilson, 235 Newark ave., Jersey City.

The advertisement was clipped from a New York morning newspaper, and investigation showed that it had been appearing there for a week. Warden Mitchell opened several more letters. One was from the City Clerk of Martinsburg, West Va., written upon the official letterhead of his office. The Warden at once went to Wilson's cell and confronted him with the letters. The prisoner laughed at him and denied inserting the advertisement.

United States Commissioner Romaine and Secret Service Agent Esquilin now have possession of the letters. Wilson was arrested in Jersey City on November 7 last for running a green-goods game in a saloon on Pavonia avenue. His real name is Arthur Hammond and he hails from Wareham, Mass.

The advertisement, Warden Mitchell believes, was written by one of his gang, and the people who replied were to receive green-goods circulars.

MAD RACE ON A BICYCLE.

Policeman Gilles Successfully Chases a Flying Coupe, Which Knocks Him Down—Scorchers Fined.

Bicycle Policeman Gilles, who distinguished himself by making the first arrest from a bicycle, was run down on the Boulevard, Friday afternoon, by a reckless cabman, whom he subsequently pursued for many blocks and finally captured.

Gilles was slowly peddling down the Boulevard at Sixty-eighth street, at a little after 4 o'clock, when he was suddenly made aware of a tremendous commotion in his wake. Looking over his shoulder he saw a spirited horse on a mad gallop, attached to a coupe, on the box of which was a driver, who was apparently very drunk. The policeman wheeled in toward the curbside, but wasn't quick enough. The wheels of the coupe struck his bicycle, wrecking the machine and throwing him out on the roadway. He jumped up and hailed a passing cab, mounting the seat and ordered the driver to pursue the coupe. The "cabby" did the best he could, but the coupe was gone.

At Sixty-third street Gilles jumped from the box, seized the wheel of an astonished cyclist and proceeded to give it the liveliest spur of its history. Down the Boulevard, across the Grand Circle and into Eighth avenue they sped, attracting attention on all sides. At Fifty-sixth street the driver turned to the east and Gilles caught up with him.

VANDERBILT'S BIG PLANS.

Rumors of a Contemplated Purchase of the Union Pacific and Other Lines Leading to the Coast.

San Francisco, April 11.—The real purpose of the trip to California, made by Messrs. Depew and Vanderbilt, has been a subject of considerable comment in railroad circles. Private advices from Chicago to-day say that Vanderbilt intends to purchase the Union Pacific Railroad. It is known that for over two months he has had an expert from the operating department of the New York Central making a survey of Union Pacific property, from the Missouri to Portland. This official is also said to be making a close inspection of the Oregon Short Line, but for what purpose is unknown.

The dispatch also states that the Vanderbilts have already purchased the Oregon & California Railroad, running from Columbia River down the coast to San Francisco. Their purchase, therefore, of the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line would give the Vanderbilts a direct all-rail line from New York to San Francisco.

Manager Fillmore was seen relative to the matter to-day. "The Vanderbilts have not secured control of the Oregon & California line," said he, "nor are they likely to. The truth is, the Vanderbilts do not own a single mile of track on the Pacific Coast, certainly not in California. The Oregon Short Line may eventually become their property. This talk of their buying a line which is part of the Southern Pacific system, however, is bosh."

Well-informed railroad men declare there is truth in the statement as to the contemplated purchase of the Union Pacific by the Vanderbilts.

OLIVE BRANCH OFFERED.

Lauterbach Says Brookfield Men Will Be Safe Under the Raines Law, but That Tammanyites Must Go.

Edward Lauterbach, chairman of the Republican County Committee, was in consultation last night with George Hilliard, the new Deputy Excise Commissioner. Later, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Mr. Lauterbach said:

"In the reorganization of the Excise Board under the new law every Republican who now holds a position will be retained. It matters not whether he is a Brookfield Republican, a Murray Republican or an organization Republican. So long as he is a Republican and has been an efficient and trustworthy officer, he shall not be removed. No factional distinction will be recognized."

SEEKS A WIFE IN COURT.

Schuck Thinks He Can Find a More Suitable Companion in This Way, but is Disappointed.

Joseph Schuck, a prosperous journeyman tailor living at No. 91 Montrose avenue, Williamsburg, is anxious to secure a wife. With this idea Schuck has several times visited the Lee Avenue Police Court in hopes of seeing some female prisoner matrimonially inclined. Yesterday he paid his final visit to the court without success.

"Of all the women prisoners I have seen," said Schuck, to one of the court officers, "there has not been one that I would want for a wife."

Schuck has \$500 in bank, and believed that a wife from the unfortunates would make him happier than finding one at a matrimonial agency, because a good home would be more appreciated. Schuck is twenty-three years old.

VON SCHRADER IS DEAD.

The Master of Ceremonies Who Fought a Duel with Kotze Dies from His Wound.

Berlin, April 11.—Baron Von Schrader, Master of Ceremonies at the Prussian Court, who yesterday fought a duel with Lebrecht Von Kotze, a former Court Chamberlain, and received a shot in the stomach, died from his wound to-night.

HARD PRESSED BY MATABELES.

An English Column Near Buluwayo Sends for Reinforcements.

Buluwayo, April 11.—Captain Brand, in command of a column which is at a point thirty miles distant from here, has sent a request for help, he being pressed by the Matabeles.

Captain Macfarlane and 250 men will go to the assistance of the column.

YOUR DENTIST WILL TELL YOU HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT BRIDGE WORK.

Is the heading of an article Section 3, in Page 5, of TO-DAY'S JOURNAL. READ IT! L. T. SHEFFIELD, D.M.D.

LAWN GRASS AND SWEET PEAS. Vaughan's Seeds. CALL OR SEND FOR SPLENDID FREE CATALOGUE, 26 BARCLAY ST.

RABBIS DISAGREE ABOUT DR. MORGAN.

The Appropriated Easter Sermon Defended by Dr. Silverman in Emanu-El.

The Senior Priest, Dr. Gotthell, Leaves the Sanctuary with Certain Members of the Congregation.

REV. MR. LEE CALLED A DETECTIVE.

What the Hebrew Divines Say of the Incident—Dr. Gotthell Thinks the Synagogue Not a Proper Place to Discuss Such a Subject.

Dr. Joseph Silverman, in his sermon at Temple Emanu-El yesterday, started the congregation by defending Dr. Parker Morgan from the charge of improperly appropriating his Easter sermon. He said that in his opinion Dr. Morgan was not a plagiarist, and called the latter's accuser, Rev. Dr. Lee, a "ministerial detective." At this stage of the proceedings the Rev. Dr. Gustav Gotthell, who was seated on the platform directly in the rear of Dr. Silverman, arose from his chair, hurried from the sanctuary and retired into the vestry of the Temple. Half a dozen or more members of the congregation followed him.

Dr. Silverman's face reddened, but in no other way did he appear to notice the silent interruption. He continued his defense of Dr. Morgan until the final words of his argument had been uttered and the services concluded. Then a few members of the congregation made their way to the front and congratulated the preacher. While he was standing on the edge of the low platform acknowledging these compliments, Dr. Gotthell came out of the vestry room and, walking up to Dr. Silverman, said:

"I want to tell you, Dr. Silverman, that I entirely disagree with the sentiments you uttered from the pulpit to-day."

"Well, Doctor," replied Silverman, "I can't help it. You know that this is not the first time we have disagreed."

"I repeat," retorted Dr. Gotthell, "that this subject should not have been brought up in the pulpit at all. It is no business of ours. I tell you again, that we entirely disagree with your utterances this morning."

Later in the day Dr. Silverman gave out a digest of that part of his sermon to which Dr. Gotthell objected. It contained among other things that Dr. Morgan had appropriated a few ideas and phrases from another's sermon not for the purpose of theft or deception, but merely for convenience. Dr. Morgan had not stolen but improved upon Dr. Putnam. In conclusion Dr. Silverman said:

"Out of respect for the literary scent of the ministerial detective, Dr. Lee, I had better refer him more specifically to Willam Matthews's essay on 'Originality in Literature,' where he will find some whole-some truths on the subject of plagiarism."

FIGHT WITH CROOKS.

"Piggy Real" and "Big Joe" Caught Last Night, but Not Until the Latter Was Wounded.

Detectives McCarthy and Weller, of the Central Office squad, were walking along East Ninth street about 9 o'clock last evening, when they noticed two men acting suspiciously. They recognized the men as "crooks." One was James Wallace, alias "Piggy Real," twenty-nine years old, and the other Joseph Harrington, who is also known to the police as "Murphy" and "Big Joe." The latter is an Englishman twenty-four years of age. A third man presently joined the pair, but soon afterward disappeared.

When he had gone Harrington went into a dyeing establishment conducted by Mrs. Stroebel and Wallace entered the candy store of Mrs. Vanderhelde. These stores are located on either side of the door leading to the tenement at No. 100 East Ninth street. McCarthy and Weller hid in the hallway opposite until Wallace reappeared. He crossed over to where the detectives were in hiding, and McCarthy grabbed him by the collar. Wallace jerked himself around, drew a revolver and attempted to shoot the detective. McCarthy knocked the revolver from his grasp, clapped handcuffs on his wrists and then turned the prisoner over to Weller.

A crowd had gathered, and just at this moment Harrington came out of the store. McCarthy tried to deal with him as he did with Wallace, but Harrington was too quick for him. He caught the detective by the throat with one hand and drew his revolver with the other. A murder looked inevitable. The crowd had increased, but no one interfered. McCarthy wrenched himself free and also drew a revolver. Then the two men clinched. The struggle was a desperate one, and during the scuffle the detective's revolver was discharged, accidentally, he says, and the bullet lodged in Harrington's right shoulder. He was then promptly handcuffed.

Both men were hurried to Police Headquarters. Wallace was lodged in a cell and an ambulance from St. Vincent's Hospital took the injured man to Bellevue Hospital. Detective Sergeant Madden was sent to Bellevue to guard the prisoner, who had been locked up in the prison ward. The prisoner, Harrington, was taken to the police station, where a conversation while the third man was at work in breaking open and robbing the rooms in the rear of the store. The police are looking for the third man.

MRS. MAYBRICK'S MOTHER.

She Writes a Letter Defending Herself Against Recent Charges.

Baroness Caroline de Roque, mother of Mrs. Florence Maybrick, has written a letter to the Journal, dated at Rouen, France, in which she recites many incidents of her life, by way of proving the falsity of certain statements recently published regarding her.

Baroness de Roque sets forth that her first husband was William G. Chandler, of Mobile, Ala., whom she refers to as a gentleman of high character. She further states that he was attended during his last illness by skillful physicians.

Her second husband, Major Du Barry, was not a French count, but a native of Maryland. His death was the result of wounds he received in battle. Referring to her daughter, Mrs. Maybrick, the Baroness says:

"I understand you published a letter reputed to have been written by her to a Mr. Bletly. That letter was never legally proven to have been written by her at all. She never saw it and, fortunately, it contained internal evidence that it was a forgery, which should excite no surprise when it is known that in that community, at that time, the enemies of my poor child had in their employment an expert counterfeiter, who had written other letters, to which they signed her name, that had deceived her most intimate friends and elicited from them answers. I would be glad to answer any charges or questions that could be made against or propounded to me, for, under a conviction of my child's innocence, I dread no ordeal to which I can be exposed or submitted."

MINNIE ARNETT SAID TO HAVE MARRIED.

It was said in Brooklyn last night that Minnie Arnett the co-respondent in the Winkelman divorce case, had been secretly married a few days ago to a young physician of Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn. Christian F. Winkelman said he knew nothing of the story, and cared less.

STERN BROS.

In their Upholstery Departments are showing large assortments of Summer Draperies consisting in part of Royaline Crepes, Delft Blue India Muslins, Japanese Crepes, Cretonnes.

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THE FAVORITE PORTRAIT STUDIO. 17 UNION SQUARE (Near Tiffany's), NEW YORK.

Do not let this opportunity pass. Your time is limited, so order to-day. If you have a likeness of a friend, parent or child, take advantage of this and beautify your home, and at the same time secure a life-size and everlasting remembrance of one you love. This offer holds good until May 15, 1896. An additional charge expressed in advance only will be made to the price of 99 cents to people living out of town. Every original picture will be returned with finished crayon. Out of hours coupon holders can send orders by mail and receive the same prompt attention as those called in person. Studio open from 8 to 6, Sundays from 10 to 2.

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