

\$50,000 DIAMONDS ARE LOST IN FIRE

John R. Livermore's Jewels in Ruins of Bedford Residence or Were Stolen.

ASHES MAY HIDE CRIME

Quantity of Silver Plate, Rare Books and Costly Pictures Destroyed—Children Narrowly Escape.

PYROMANIAC IS SUSPECTED

Villagers Afraid a New Series of Midnight Incendiary Fires Has Been Inaugurated.

Careful investigation into the origin of the fire which destroyed the country residence of John R. Livermore, in Bedford village, Westchester county, early yesterday morning, convinces the village authorities and detectives from a New York detective agency that the pyromaniac is credited with starting eleven other fires in the neighborhood within the last six months had a hand in this.

Yesterday's investigation indicates that the fire started on the outside of the house, at the northwest corner. It is also feared that robbery may have been one of the motives of the incendiary, for it is now known that Mrs. Livermore lost in the houses, locked in a strong box, diamonds and other jewels valued at more than \$50,000.

There was also a rich store of solid silver plate, many of the pieces wedding presents, which have been stolen or were melted in the furnace heat.

Mr. Livermore leased the farm, with its fifty acres of land, from H. L. Hassell, and furnished the manor house magnificently.

There are several great barns and stables on the place, where Mr. Livermore has costly carriages and many fine horses, as well as a large herd of blooded cattle. On a former occasion an attempt was made to burn these barns, it was believed, a man having been discovered near them at midnight during the reign of terror created by many fires started last fall.

In the residence Mr. and Mrs. Livermore had assembled a valuable library of two thousand works, all specially bound. Among these were many works which cannot be duplicated. There were also rich rugs, pictures held priceless by the owner and objects gathered all over the world.

The Livermores made the Bedford place their permanent home.

At last week Mr. and Mrs. Livermore left the place in care of their servants and came into the city. Mrs. Livermore's maid might be near his physician. The two small children were left in charge of the French governess and the nurse.

Thursday night there were three persons in the building, eleven being women, besides the two children and their governess. None of the men servants save the house save the first and second butler. A dozen farm hands slept in an adjoining building.

At ten o'clock, when the night watchmen held retired, the second butler went through the building, seeing that all lamps were extinguished and the property properly locked and the doors were closed. He also saw to it that all windows and doors were properly locked and barred.

About half-past eleven the inmates were awakened by crackling flames which enveloped the north end of the house. The rapidly with which the fire spread in the building was appreciated when it was understood that the servants were able to save only a clothes basket, the fifth book. Not a piece of furniture or single picture could be saved.

The inmates escaped by a night, when the butlers carrying out the two small children. The women were hurried into the shelter of the barns, where they were wrapped in coats, robes and horse blankets.

Meanwhile the residence was consumed by the last stick, the doors and roof falling into the cellar. Only the side chimneys remained standing. Early yesterday two watchmen were directed to search the ruins, instructed to allow no one to search the charred debris. A force of men were put to work and a search made to determine whether the jewels are at the bottom of the ruins.

Believe Negro Den Keepers Murdered White Slaves

Believe Negro Den Keepers Murdered White Slaves

District Attorney Hears That False Death Certificates Were Issued by Black Physician After Mysterious Death of Two Girls.

HORRORS INCREASE IN LATEST WAR ON VICE

That murder may have been committed in one of the low dens controlled and patronized by negroes, the inmates of which were white women who had been lured to the place and kept prisoners there, is the grave suspicion entertained by the officials of the District Attorney's office, who have been making a quiet investigation of the houses where ordinary punishments, according to the stories which have reached Assistant District Attorneys Garvan and Murphy and John A. Henneberry, chief clerk of the District Attorney's office, who have had charge of the investigation.

RUINS OF COUNTRY HOME MAY HIDE \$50,000 IN GEMS.



Ruins of the Country Residence of John R. Livermore near Bedford Village.

Believe Negro Den Keepers Murdered White Slaves

District Attorney Hears That False Death Certificates Were Issued by Black Physician After Mysterious Death of Two Girls.

HORRORS INCREASE IN LATEST WAR ON VICE

That murder may have been committed in one of the low dens controlled and patronized by negroes, the inmates of which were white women who had been lured to the place and kept prisoners there, is the grave suspicion entertained by the officials of the District Attorney's office, who have been making a quiet investigation of the houses where ordinary punishments, according to the stories which have reached Assistant District Attorneys Garvan and Murphy and John A. Henneberry, chief clerk of the District Attorney's office, who have had charge of the investigation.

Teeth kicked out if one of the women dared to speak disrespectfully to the captors, ribs broken and noses, too, if they discovered order and violent chastisement for any infraction of the rules of the houses were ordinary punishments, according to the stories which have reached Assistant District Attorneys Garvan and Murphy and John A. Henneberry, chief clerk of the District Attorney's office, who have had charge of the investigation.

Crined in the houses under the keen eyes of watchful negroes, with doors guarded, windows locked and the blinds chained, their clothing hidden from them and compelled to wear the flimsiest of wrappers, escape was an impossibility.

Other women named by Hattie Whelan were examined and found to have been enticed from their home in New London by an agent of Spriggs.

It was taken to one of the Cornelia street houses. There was nothing to be taken from her and she was taken to the prison. For four years she remained in the prison, leaving it only on three occasions, and then to go, in the company of a woman named Jimmie, and it was he who, with a club, kept the other inmates in terror.

It was taken to one of the Cornelia street houses. There was nothing to be taken from her and she was taken to the prison. For four years she remained in the prison, leaving it only on three occasions, and then to go, in the company of a woman named Jimmie, and it was he who, with a club, kept the other inmates in terror.

It was taken to one of the Cornelia street houses. There was nothing to be taken from her and she was taken to the prison. For four years she remained in the prison, leaving it only on three occasions, and then to go, in the company of a woman named Jimmie, and it was he who, with a club, kept the other inmates in terror.

It was taken to one of the Cornelia street houses. There was nothing to be taken from her and she was taken to the prison. For four years she remained in the prison, leaving it only on three occasions, and then to go, in the company of a woman named Jimmie, and it was he who, with a club, kept the other inmates in terror.

It was taken to one of the Cornelia street houses. There was nothing to be taken from her and she was taken to the prison. For four years she remained in the prison, leaving it only on three occasions, and then to go, in the company of a woman named Jimmie, and it was he who, with a club, kept the other inmates in terror.

It was taken to one of the Cornelia street houses. There was nothing to be taken from her and she was taken to the prison. For four years she remained in the prison, leaving it only on three occasions, and then to go, in the company of a woman named Jimmie, and it was he who, with a club, kept the other inmates in terror.

It was taken to one of the Cornelia street houses. There was nothing to be taken from her and she was taken to the prison. For four years she remained in the prison, leaving it only on three occasions, and then to go, in the company of a woman named Jimmie, and it was he who, with a club, kept the other inmates in terror.

It was taken to one of the Cornelia street houses. There was nothing to be taken from her and she was taken to the prison. For four years she remained in the prison, leaving it only on three occasions, and then to go, in the company of a woman named Jimmie, and it was he who, with a club, kept the other inmates in terror.

It was taken to one of the Cornelia street houses. There was nothing to be taken from her and she was taken to the prison. For four years she remained in the prison, leaving it only on three occasions, and then to go, in the company of a woman named Jimmie, and it was he who, with a club, kept the other inmates in terror.

It was taken to one of the Cornelia street houses. There was nothing to be taken from her and she was taken to the prison. For four years she remained in the prison, leaving it only on three occasions, and then to go, in the company of a woman named Jimmie, and it was he who, with a club, kept the other inmates in terror.

ELIOT CONDEMNS DUMMY DIRECTORS

Harvard President Attacks Practices of Corporations in Address on Their 'Ethics.'

SALARIES ARE TOO HIGH

Decries the Practice of Issuing Stock Dividends by Public Service Corporations.

SECRET MANAGEMENT IS BAD

"Liberty with Troubled Peace Better for Capital and Labor Than Peace Without Liberty."

Chicago, Ill., Saturday.—Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard University, was the guest of honor to-night at the banquet of the Merchants' Club. He delivered an extended address on "The Ethics of Managing Large Corporations."

"The alleged overcapitalization of a large proportion of American industries managed by corporations is one of the main causes of the existing industrial unrest. This inevitable state of feeling is a fact which is to be taken into account in dealing with the whole question of expedient and righteous capitalization, because it intensifies the conflict between labor and capital."

"The common practice of declaring dividends of stock, the speaker declared to be objectionable in the case of public service corporations because it is a device to avoid the payment of taxes on the earnings of the corporation."

"The speaker declared in positive terms that the conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

"A great abuse has of late years grown up in corporations which hold and use great powers, namely, the expropriation of salaries of recent times overpay the employees and they are worse than needed. They are positively harmful."

In closing his address President Eliot declared that on a previous occasion he had said that the business community certainly wanted peace between capital and labor, but that it should be peace with liberty.

"It is a bad sign, as regards the ethical conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

"The speaker declared in positive terms that the conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

"The speaker declared in positive terms that the conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

"The speaker declared in positive terms that the conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

"The speaker declared in positive terms that the conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

"The speaker declared in positive terms that the conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

"The speaker declared in positive terms that the conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

"The speaker declared in positive terms that the conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

"The speaker declared in positive terms that the conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

"The speaker declared in positive terms that the conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

"The speaker declared in positive terms that the conduct of the corporation if its directors entrusted the business to a few executive officers and subordinate agents, a director who gives up the use of his name to a board of whose work he knows little or nothing, misleads the public."

DRY GOODS, & C. B. Altman & Co.

NOTICE.—B. Altman & Co. announce that, during the Spring months, their establishment will remain open daily until SIX P. M.

SPRING GARMENTS for MISSES and GIRLS.

Misses' and Girls' Dresses for Afternoon and Party Wear, School, Outing and General Service.

Misses' Tailor Suits in plain and fancy styles; Separate Skirts, Linen and Cotton Frocks; Dresses in exclusive effects, appropriate for dance and reception; Blouses for wear with tailor suits. Misses' Coats and Evening Wraps. Children's Frocks of muslin, piqué, linen and serge.

(Misses' and Children's Riding Habits, of cloth or linen, made to order at moderate prices.

NEW SELECTIONS OF SILK DRESS FABRICS FOR SPRING AND SUMMER.

AMONG WHICH ARE A NUMBER OF IMPORTED SILKS, EXCLUSIVE TO B. ALTMAN & CO., INCLUDING FRENCH FOULARDS AND CLAIR DE LUNE, IN DESIGNS PRODUCED ESPECIALLY FOR THE APPROACHING SEASON.

On Monday, March 12th, 2,500 YARDS OF IMPORTED BLACK CHIFFON DRESS TAFFETAS, DOUBLE WIDTH. REGULAR PRICE \$3.00 PER YARD, AT \$1.90

HAND-MADE BRUSSELS LACES. B. Altman & Co. will hold an exceptionally interesting Sale, comprising several styles of Brussels Hand-Made Laces, as follows, on Monday, March 12th:—

Duchesse Laces, Usually \$2.50 to \$25.00 per yard, at \$1.65, 4.75, 10.50 to 16.50

Bruges and Point de Flandres Laces, Usually \$1.50 to \$10.50 per yard, at \$1.00, 2.65 to 6.75

Font d'Appiqué Laces, Usually \$1.65 to \$8.75 per yard, at \$1.10, 1.35, 4.50 to 5.50

BOYS' CLOTHING FOR SPRING AND SUMMER WEAR, INCLUDING NORFOLK AND DOUBLE-BREADED SUITS, PLAIN AND FANCY SAILOR AND RUSSIAN BLOUSE EFFECTS; WASHABLE SUITS OF SUMMER FABRICS; REEFERS AND TOP COATS;

HATS AND CAPS, SHIRT WAISTS AND BLOUSES, CRAVATS AND SCARFS, SPRING AND SUMMER FOOTWEAR.

FURNISHINGS FOR SUMMER HOMES. Lace and Muslin Curtains, Cretonnes and a variety of other light materials; Portieres and Table Covers, Rugs and Mattings, furnishings for Boudoir Veranda, expressly selected for their moderate cost;

including varied assortments of materials, suitable for window and door hangings, bed coverlets and boudoir draperies, among which are Colored Madras, Plain and Figured Nets and Muslins.

ESTIMATES GIVEN FOR THE FITTING OF SUMMER HOMES WITH SUITABLE DRAPERIES OR FLOOR COVERINGS. WINDOW SHADES MADE TO ORDER.

1,000 pairs of Ruffled Curtains, trimmed with lace and insertion, reduced to \$1.10, \$1.60 & \$1.90 per Pair

Colored French Madras Curtains, formerly \$6.75 and \$8.50 per pair, at \$4.75

Ruffled Net Bed Sets, with combination of Renaissance lace and motifs, \$4.75, 5.50, 8.50

Embroidered Swiss Muslin, 12c, 15c, & 18c p. yd. Cushion Tops and Chair Seats of various materials, usually \$1.00 to 3.50, at 40c., 50c., 75c. to \$1.50 each

Lounging Cushion Covers of Japanese Grass Linen, with hand drawn work and lace medallions, blue and white combination, \$1.75 and \$2.00 each

MAIL ORDERS FILLED PROMPTLY. Broadway, Eighth and Ninth Sts. One Minute from Astor Place Subway Station. Nineteenth Street and Sixth Avenue, New York.

MOTHER WANTS SON AGAIN.

Adopted by a Man, Woman Calls for His Surrender.

Mrs. Ida Van Tassel was found six months ago with her six-year-old son Nicholas in a destitute condition and ill, her husband having deserted her. She was sent to the Convalescent Home and Little Nicholas was taken by Charles Schwaly, a hunchback, of No. 1139 Third avenue.

Charles Schwaly was very fond of the little fellow, and it was a great disappointment when yesterday Mrs. Van Tassel, having been discharged from the Convalescent Home, visited Mr. Schwaly's store and asked for her son. The boy ran away, but was located and the case was referred to the Children's Court.

GAS WELL STILL BURNS.

Caney, Kan., Saturday.—An attempt to cap the great well six miles from Caney, which has been burning thousands of feet of gas daily since February 23, was made yesterday and failed. When an immense steel hood was run up to within twenty-five feet of the well the truck carrying the crane needed to raise the hood left the rails. At about the same time a steam pump used to force water upon the intense was the heat near the track that the men could not approach close enough to raise it.

PROTECTS DYING PATIENTS.

To prevent another case like that of Mrs. Jeanne Cheno, of No. 142 West Thirtieth street, who died in an ambulance on the way from the New York Hospital to Bellevue Hospital, the Board of Coroner's of Manhattan yesterday adopted a resolution denouncing the moving of dying patients to keep down the fares to the hospital and ordered the practice stopped.

John Daniell Sons & Sons Women's Jackets.

Tan Covert Jackets, three styles in strapped effects, collar and cuffs finished with satin bows of stitching, satin lined; values \$14.00 to \$16.00, for \$9.00 and \$10.50 each.

Black Broadcloth Jackets, two styles; strapped effects or handsomely trimmed with braid; silk collar and cuffs; values \$16.00 to \$19.00, for \$11.50 and \$14.00 each.

Lace Department.

Lace Robes of Black Chantilly and Point d'Esprit, 2 flounces, trimming of chiffon applique; special for 22 50

White Valenciennes Allover Lace Nets, for Waists and Dresses, 45 inches wide, per yard, 75c

New Spring Ribbons

"FAILLETINE," THE CORRECT RIBBON FOR MILLINERY, in white, black and all the new shades, 5 1/4 inches wide; value 22c. per yard, for 19c

Black Velvet Ribbon, Satin Back. No. 2 (3/4 inch wide); value 9c. per yd., for 6c

No. 3 (5/8 inch wide); value 11c. per yd., for 7c

No. 5 (1 inch wide); value 14c. per yd., for 9c

No. 7 (1 1/4 inches wide); value 17c. per yd., for 12c

No. 9 (1 1/2 inches wide); value 20c. per yd., for 15c

Long Mousquetaire Gloves,

in all the prevailing lengths, direct from Paris. 16 B. Mousquetaire Real Kid Gloves, black, tan, pink, heliotrope, white, mode, light blue, champagne, pearl, gray and blue. 3.25

16 B. Mousquetaire Mirlance Silk Gloves, double-finger-tips, cardinal, pearl, tan, plum, mode, slate, heliotrope, pearl, lavender, old rose, Nile and hunter's green. 1.15

16 B. Mousquetaire Washable Chamois Gloves, natural color. 2.00

New Spring & Summer Dress Goods

A Special Sale of Low Priced Summer Furnishings Gray mixed suitings, the most popular dress fabric of the season, in stripes, checks and invisible plaids, 54 and 56 inches wide; Value 80c. per yard, for 75c

Value \$1.25 per yard, for \$1.00

Wool Crepe de Paris, all leading shades, 42 inches wide; value 75c. per yard, for 59c

White Cotton Fabrics.

500 yards White Madras, dots and neat figures, extra good value; per yard at 17c

200 pieces English Long Cloth, soft finish, unexcelled for wear; piece of 12 yards for \$1.50

English Nainsook, 36 inches wide; piece of 12 yards; value \$1.98, for \$1.75

Dotted Silk Mull, white, tan, gray, cream, pink, sky blue, lilac and light cadet; special, per yard, at 20c

MAIL ORDERS FILLED PROMPTLY. Broadway, Eighth and Ninth Sts. One Minute from Astor Place Subway Station.

MR. HUGHES WON'T TESTIFY.

Refuses to Advise Congress Committee on Prevention of Campaign Contributions by Corporations.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.—Charles E. Hughes, who conducted the investigation of insurance companies in New York, has declined to appear before the House Committee on Election of President. Vice President and Representatives in Congress to testify concerning the prevention of corporation contributions to political campaigns.

MR. HUGHES WON'T TESTIFY.

Refuses to Advise Congress Committee on Prevention of Campaign Contributions by Corporations.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.—Charles E. Hughes, who conducted the investigation of insurance companies in New York, has declined to appear before the House Committee on Election of President. Vice President and Representatives in Congress to testify concerning the prevention of corporation contributions to political campaigns.