

McConnellsburg, Pa.

FAITHLESS CORN.

Corn has decided to do without the respect and admiration of the people. The promise of the crop at the period following early seeding was unexcelled, and every eater of meat and eggs in the land could congratulate himself that this promise was equal to the realization of last year.

Among the other interesting pieces of news set afloat this summer is one coming from the shoemakers of Boston to the effect that women's feet are growing larger.

Last year there died in the United States of pulmonary tuberculosis about 150,000 people! Multiply this number by three and a fraction—the ratio of India's population to our own—and you will find that these terrible figures covering the loss of life from the plague in India, when analyzed, show that out of a thousand men, women and children in the United States, practically as many die of consumption in the ordinary year as died of the plague in India during the past six months of epidemic.

A practical joker at Atlantic City wanted to scare the crowd with an imitation of a drowning man. It took an hour to restore him after the scare had become a real one. The water is an element which does not lend itself kindly to this peculiar form of humor.

The highest paid woman in government service is announced, though somewhat needlessly, to be engaged in the occupation of making money. She is in actual charge of making colts at the mint.

A rich woman from New York angrily declined to become a patron of a Los Angeles hotel when she was informed that her doggie would not be permitted to receive massage treatments in the barber shop. Aren't some hotel keepers independent!

After she had jabbed her hatpin into a man's eye a San Francisco woman scolded her victim for having his eye where it interfered with her hatpin. We feel almost sure that she belongs to the class of women who regard all men as brutes.

The chicken, as well as the dog, has had its day. A St. Louis hen bumped into a motor car and wrecked it. Possibly this is the solution of the old conundrum: "Why does a chicken cross the road?"

A New York woman says she bangs her head in shame because America is not producing more great poets. Poets are born, but we can't expect them at the rate of one a minute.

A Pennsylvania minister has quit his pulpit to become a carpenter. Hate to think what he'll say when he hits his thumb instead of the nail.

One of the biggest elephants in captivity is said to have broken its leg. Evidently he tried to stop a freight train.

Society women who take up aviation will get a comprehensive view of the new styles in hats.

Any French aviator who has not flown across the English channel is considered too unprogressive to take high rank in his art.

Soul analysis is the latest cure for nervousness. Its efficacy is likely to depend somewhat on the findings of the analyst.

Shoemakers say that either women's feet are becoming larger, or else they are wearing shoes that fit.

DEATH CHAIR FOR HENRY C. BEATTIE

Verdict of Murder Returned Against Wife-Slayer.

To DIE IN CHAIR NOV. 24

The Defense Will File Petition For Writ Of Error To Supreme Court Of Appeals—Receives Verdict Unmoved.

Chesterfield Courthouse, Va.—Twelve Virginia farmers knelt at dusk Friday night in the obscurity of the small jury-room of Chesterfield Courthouse, praying fervently that they might pass judgment airtight on Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., indicted for the murder of his wife.

Pausing in solemn contemplation for 58 minutes, weighing carefully the meaning of their decision and once more on bended knees beseeching Divine assistance that they might not err, they fled into the hushed stillness of a crowded courtroom, and with startling suddenness 12 voices, instead of the usual one of the foreman, spoke the single word "guilty."

The specter of death, which stalked the Midlothian turnpike on July 18 last, when the life of Mrs. Louise Owens Beattie was taken away with the single report of a shotgun, stared hard at the young husband ready to claim his victim by electrocution on Friday, November 24, next. But the prisoner returned the gaze, unswerving and unafraid.

To Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals, to be sure, will be asked to grant a writ of error and a new trial. Young Beattie, cognizant of the legal weapons yet at his disposal, did not surrender. Instead, he consoled his broken-down father, white-haired and wrinkled, and comforted him as he whispered "I haven't lost yet, father."

Unusual as has been the tragedy and the gruesome stage where it occurred, the 12 jurors did not hesitate to admit to their friends that they stood in judgment not only over the cold-blooded murder but upon his marital infidelity as well.

BOY TRIES TO ROB BANK

Cashier's Shots Save Cash of Laurel, Md., Institution.

Laurel, Md.—John R. Morgan, 17 years old, of Fincastle, Va., made a bold attempt Friday morning to rob the Citizens' National Bank of Laurel.

The attempt failed and the would-be bandit was captured hiding in the town about an hour and a half later. When first arrested he gave the name of Henry Jackson and said he was from Arizona. He was committed to the Marlboro jail by Justice George P. McCeney to await the action of the jury at the next term of the Prince George's County Court.

That Morgan did not succeed in getting the bank's cash was not due to any lack of nerve, but rather to the crudeness of his methods. Those were only worthy of a boy of his years.

In many respects the attempt to loot the bank in this quiet place in broad daylight reads like the thrilling narrative to be found between the backs of some cheap yellow-covered novel.

Morgan had been seen loitering near the bank before its doors opened. He had on a long linen duster, such as is used by automobilists, and a blue cap. He stood on a corner apparently reading a paper, with a bundle wrapped in newspapers under his arm. No one heeded him as he seemed harmless.

Still Has Money To Give Chicago.—Dr. D. K. Pearsons, the aged philanthropist, who a month ago, it was announced, had given away his entire fortune, "dug up" another \$50,000 Friday. He sent a check for that amount to the Chicago City Missionary Society. During the last seven years he has given \$150,000 to the society.

Gems Stolen in Dining Car Cleveland.—Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad detectives reported that a woman giving her name as Mrs. A. A. McCormick, of Chicago, was robbed of a handbag containing \$2,200 worth of jewels in the dining car of a Lake Shore and Michigan Southern passenger train somewhere between Toledo and Cleveland.

Family Mourned Wrong Man. San Francisco.—Mrs. Geo. Weber, of Port Richmond, Cal., called up the coroner here. "We made a mistake in holding that funeral," she said. "My husband has just come home." Services were held a month ago over a body found in the bay and identified by Mrs. Weber as that of her husband. When Weber returned he said he had wandered away in a dazed condition and did not know where he had been.

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NAVAL AVIATOR MAKES A RECORD

Trip From Annapolis to Washington.

VOLAPLANED TO THE MALL

Lieut. John Rogers Unannounced Started on the First Ambitious Flight Made by an Army or Navy Aviator.

Washington.—Lieut. John Rogers, of the Navy, son of Rear Admiral Rogers, retired, of Havre de Grace, Md., flew in a Wright aeroplane from Annapolis, Md., to Washington, paid his respects to naval officials here and sailed to the Army aviation field at College Park, Md., where he housed his machine for the night.

The flight was the most successful cross-country effort yet made by an officer of the Navy or Army.

Between Annapolis and College Park, while sailing along at 3,000 feet in the air, his barograph showed he struck a severe windstorm, and the frail air craft was buffeted about by the winds for 20 minutes. It was all the officer could do to keep from being thrown from the seat of the machine, and had it not been for the fact that he kept a cool head he would probably have been dashed to the earth and instantly killed.

As it was, the machine at times stood at an angle of nearly 60 degrees, and farmers who witnessed the performance marveled. When the wind ceased the machine righted itself from the trough of the air and then sped onward. The aviator passed over College Park and the army men stationed there were at a loss to explain the strange aeroplane.

The trip to Washington was made in one hour and twenty minutes and Lieutenant Rogers arrived over the city when the streets were crowded with shoppers and government clerks, just released from their offices. All traffic was stopped as the aviator sailed overhead. He circled the downtown section of the city several times, executing that dangerous descent known as the spiral dip. The crowd in the streets held its breath and wondered at the exhibition. Finally the sky pilot came down to about 500 feet above the ground and then he circled the Washington Monument, flew over Pennsylvania avenue and then back to the Mall, where he alighted.

The flight was the first ever made from the new school of aviation to this city, and in fact it is the first flight ever made by a naval officer to amount to anything.

THIRTY-TWO WERE DROWNED

Wreck of the Chilean Steamer Tucapel Near Quilca.

Lima, Peru.—A telegram received here from the purser of the Chilean steamer Tucapel, which was wrecked near Quilca, says that the total number of persons drowned was 32. Ninety others were saved.

Those who lost their lives were the captain of the vessel, the first and second officers, 20 members of the crew and nine deck passengers.

The Tucapel during a heavy fog struck on an uncharted stretch of rocks 20 miles north of Quilca, which lies several hundred miles south of Lima.

Lays Two Eggs Daily. Athol, Mass.—Townspointe challenged the statement of Albert Ellsworth, a prominent citizen, that Mary Hooker, his prize buff Orpington, laid two eggs every day. To prove it Ellsworth appeared at the Athol Fair and placed the hen on some straw at the feet of the judges. She laid two eggs, one of them double-yolked, chirped a triumphant cackle and disdainfully strode away. Hundreds of visitors to the city applauded the Orpington's vindication of her owner.

Asks Indictment. Kittanning, Pa.—For the first time in the history of the local courts, a lawyer has petitioned for a bill of indictment against his own client. Attorney W. L. Peart asked the court to re-arrest and indict George Golden, recently charged with wife murder, and later released on habeas corpus proceedings. Golden shot and killed his wife on the night of July 13, in mistake, he claims, for a burglar. Since his release so many rumors have been circulated that Golden asks for a full trial.

PRESEVERANCE WINS AT LAST

Burgess Finally Swims the English Channel.

BATTLE WITH THE TIDE

It Was His Sixteenth Attempt and He Won Out Only After a Desperate Effort—Was Twenty-two Hours in the Water.

Deal, England.—After a lapse of 36 years Capt. Matthew Webb's feat of swimming the English channel has been duplicated by Wm. T. Burgess, a Yorkshire man by birth and a naturalized Frenchman. It was Burgess' sixteenth attempt, he having first essayed the task in 1904.

Burgess started from South Foreland, Dover, at 11.15 o'clock Tuesday morning. He landed at Le Chatelet, a little village two miles east of Cape Gris Nez, at 9.50 o'clock Wednesday morning, accomplishing the passage in 22 hours and 35 minutes. A motor boat accompanied the swimmer, and it is estimated that Burgess, owing to the zig-zag course he was compelled to take because of the baffling tides, covered 60 miles. Soon after the start a dense fog settled down over the channel, and no further tidings of his progress were received until the announcement was made that he had successfully accomplished the task and landed on the French side.

Throughout the trip Burgess was favored by a calm sea, but a strong tide was running, and a severe strain was put on the swimmer to get past the Goodwin Sands. Twice he was attacked by sickness and several times was only held to his task by the strongest will power and the encouraging words of the men in the boat.

ENVOY WEDS BY PROXY

Dr. Ferras in Washington, Bride in Costa Rica—Groom Could Not Get Home.

Washington.—Dr. Belsario Porras, minister from Panama to Washington, was married in San Jose, Costa Rica, last week. Dr. Porras was not present at the ceremony, being now in Washington. His place at the altar was taken by a trusted friend, who responded in his name to the questions in the marriage ceremony, placed the ring on the bride's finger and afterward signed the name of Dr. Porras in the marriage register.

In other words, the almost medieval ceremony of a "marriage by proxy" was observed. Senora Porras will be in Washington next October to meet her husband, and in deference to modern thought there will be another marriage ceremony in this city. The second ceremony, however, is unnecessary, because the marriage ceremony performed in San Jose is wholly legal and is recognized as legal and binding by both the state and the church.

\$100,000 For Telescopes. San Francisco.—The largest observatory in the world is to be located on top of Mount Tamalpais, in Marin county, which is only a short distance from San Francisco. It is planned to spend at least \$100,000 on instruments alone, which include the largest reflector telescope in the world.

"Human Kissing Bug." Trenton, N. J.—Charles Tulley, a youth who recently served 10 days in jail for causing excitement in a department store by rushing in and kissing and hugging at least a dozen girls, has been arrested again for playing a return engagement on the Delaware and Karitan Canal bank here. Several women complained to the police about him. This time Tulley as the "Human Kissing Bug," probably will pass some time behind the bars.

Dynamite Hidden in Navy Yard. Boston.—Discovery of three sticks of dynamite in a great floating crane in the lower end of the United States Navy Yard at Charleston caused the officials there to start an investigation with Secret Service men. The dynamite, enough to have blown the heavy crane to tiny bits and wrecked the whole lower part of the yard, probably killing several hundred workmen, was found, it is said, within five feet of where laborers were swinging great sledge hammers.

SCORES PROPOSED PEACE TREATIES

Roosevelt Attacks Pending Agreement.

DECLARES IT A HYPOCRISY

Country Would Repudiate It When Suggestion Was Made That It Refer a Question of National Honor to Outsiders.

New York.—Former President Roosevelt deals with the arbitration treaties recently presented to the Senate in an editorial article appearing in "Outlook." He says in part: "It is one of our prime duties as a nation to seek peace. It is an even higher duty to seek righteousness. It is also our duty not to indulge in sham, not to make believe we are getting peace by some patent contrivance which sensible men ought to know cannot work in practice, and which if we sought to make it work might cause irretrievable harm."

"I sincerely believe in the principle of arbitration; I believe in applying that principle so far as practicable; but I believe that the effort to apply it where it is not practicable cannot do good and may do serious harm. Confused thinking and a willingness to substitute words for thought, even though inspired by an entirely amiable sentimentality, do not tend toward sound action."

Mr. Roosevelt cites the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and the Spanish-American War as instances in which "we put righteousness above peace." He also cites the existing arbitration treaties between the United States, Great Britain and France as better than the proposed treaty, because they make no false pretenses and exclude questions affecting our vital interests, independence or honor.

"The wording of the treaty is so loose, it so lacks explicitness, as to allow one set of its advocates to announce that it binds us to arbitrate everything, and another set to say that under it we would not have to arbitrate anything we did not wish to. Now, no moral movement is permanently helped by hypocrisy. "It is our duty, so far as now possible, so far as human nature in the present day world will permit, to try to provide peaceful substitutes for war as a method for the settlement of international disputes. But progress in this direction is merely hindered by the folly that believes in putting peace above righteousness."

"The history of our country the peace advocates who treat peace as mere rightness will never be, and never have been, of service, either to it or to mankind. The true lovers of peace, the men who have really helped onward the movement for peace, have been those who followed even though afar off, in the footsteps of Washington and Lincoln, and stood for righteousness as the supreme end of national life."

Only by acting on these principles, only by following in the footsteps of these great Americans in the past, can we of the present generation work for and secure the peace of righteousness."

Bryan Calls on Roosevelt. New York.—William J. Bryan dropped in for a call on Col. Theodore Roosevelt Friday, at the former President's editorial offices. Mr. Bryan spent some time there, and after the visit Colonel Roosevelt said: "Mr. Bryan and I have had quite a nice visit. We had a general talk on interesting subjects. That was all."

Two Tati for Army. Louisville, Ky.—Dempsey G. Wren, a Kentucky giant, 6 feet 9 inches tall, and physically perfect, has been denied admission to the United States Army. The local recruiting office sought permission from the War Department to enlist Wren, but the department refused because his height would prevent symmetry of ranks.

Little Girl Kidnapped. Madison, Wis.—Irene Lemberger, seven years old, was kidnapped from her bed, according to the police. The child went to bed with her sister about 9 o'clock and when her parents arose in the morning the youngest child was missing. A window in the bed room had been forced. The missing girl is the daughter of Martin Lemberger, a member of the local Italian colony.

Poisoned by Mushrooms. New York.—Poisonous mushrooms caused another death here, making a total of 10 victims since the first of the month. The recent heavy rains brought out an immense crop of mushrooms, both edible and poisonous, and both kinds have been sold extensively by vendors in the Italian quarter. Mrs. Marietta Casco, the latest victim, ate the poisonous variety purchased from a pushcart. Her husband, who shared the dish, is not expected to live.

Americans May Be Lost. Shanghai.—Grave fears are felt for the safety of American men and women missionaries attached to stations in the Yagp-tse-Kiang Valley, where devastating floods have claimed 100,000 lives and ruined crops. There are about Presbyterian and Methodist missions in the devastated zone, and efforts to get in communication with them have failed so far. A relief committee of foreign residents of Shanghai has been formed and American Consul Wilder has been asked to act as chairman.

EVEN SAILORS SOUGHT RELIGS

Scenes Incident Upon Raising of the Maine.

UNDERTAKER'S EXPERIENCE

Seaman on the Battleship Connected Too Everything They Could Find—Mo. b. d. American Who Wanted A Skull.

Washington.—Mr. Oliver E. Jenkins, an undertaker, has returned to this city from Havana, where he was employed by the government to prepare for burial the remains of the sailors who were killed by the explosion of the battleship Maine. Mr. Jenkins stated that at present the weather is such as to make it impossible to search the wreck for bodies. There are times, he said, when the water and the spray dash 100 feet high. Mr. Jenkins is outspoken in his criticism of morbid Americans who seek to obtain souvenirs of the tragedy.

"There were people in Havana," said he, "who would have taken anything from the Maine just to have a souvenir of the wreck. I met one man who told me that there was just one thing he would like to get off the Maine, and that was the skull of some sailor or officer. I told him that if ever he got a skull off that ship he would have to take mine with it. I never knew that Americans were so forgetful of respect for the dead."

Mr. Jenkins stated that no one was allowed on board the Maine, because of this fear of relic-hunters. He commented sharply on the conduct of the men from the battleship Connecticut, the ship which brought Secretary Stimson to Havana from Panama, and then brought him up to Washington. "I never was so surprised and disappointed," said Mr. Jenkins, "when I found that those American sailors were themselves ransacking the battleship from end to end for souvenirs. They broke into boxes and pried open desks and tried to carry away everything that wasn't actually nailed down."

"We found 11 bodies under the turret which had been blown over by the force of the explosion. They were men who had laid down there for a nap. In the pantry we found the body of a boy leaning over a dishwasher. Lieutenant Merritt's body we found in the wardrobe. Altogether we have found 27 bodies so far."

COLONEL ASTOR WEDDED.

United to Young Girl at His Summer Home.

Newport, R. I.—Col. John Jacob Astor and Miss Madeline Talmadge Force were married Saturday at Beechwood, the Astor home here.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Joseph Lambert, a Congregational minister of Providence.

William Force, the bride's father, gave her away.

Just before leaving Beechwood Colonel Astor gave out the following statement: "Now that we are happily married, I do not care how difficult divorce and re-marriage laws are made. I sympathize heartily with the most straight laced people in most of their ideas, but believe re-marriage should be made possible, as marriage is the happiest condition for the individual and the community."

40 HURT IN CAR CRASH.

Slipping Trolley Cause of the Accident.

Washington.—More than 40 persons, all excursionists returning from a Saturday afternoon outing at Chesapeake Beach, Md., were injured in a rear-end collision of electric cars of the Columbia Street Railway Company, near Chesapeake Junction.

The cars wrecked were the first two of a string of about seven long pay-as-you-enter coaches which left Chesapeake Junction, the District terminus of the Chesapeake Beach Railway, shortly after the arrival of the 7.15 train.

Car 327 was at the head of this line of cars, all filled with passengers and traveling in close order when they left the junction for the city. At the sixty-first street crossing, about a quarter of a mile east of the junction, the trolley pole of the lead car flew off the wire as the car was rounding a curve. This darkened the interior, into which were jammed about 100 passengers, and car 256, traveling at lively speed, crashed into the rear of the other with terrific impact, knocking it off the tracks into a field.

Unwell Gersuch Shift.

Christiana, Pa.—Upon the spot where, 10 years before the first battle of Bull Run, occurred a riot that hastened the outbreak of the Civil War, a monument was unveiled here Saturday to the victim of that riot, Edward Gersuch, of Glencoe, Baltimore county, Md., and North and South clasped hands to signify that past enmity is dead, and that the United States holds now but one people. Miss Rebecca Mitchell, of Glencoe, great-granddaughter of Edward Gersuch, released the flag.

Killed By Jealous Husband. Kansas City, Mo.—Henry C. Gumbel, Jr., a wealthy speculator in hay, with headquarters in Wichita, Kan., and a son of Henry C. Gumbel, a Kansas City capitalist, was shot and probably mortally wounded by Robert F. Curtis, a cigar salesman, on September 1 Curtis brought suit for divorce against his wife, Lucie B. Curtis, and Gumbel was mentioned as one of the men friendly with Mrs. Curtis. Several years ago Curtis killed a man in Austin, Texas. Jealousy was the motive.

STATE NEWS.

Stroudsburg.—The finding of a diamond ring, valued at \$1,000, by Roy Mann, a hotel bell boy, wrapped in tissue paper, is "part and parcel" of an interesting story behind a prosaic replevin suit entered in the court here. The ring was found at the Water Gap House about August 1. Young Mann gave the ring to Proprietor J. Purdy Cope, who placed it in an envelope awaiting a call from the owner. Mann has brought action of replevin against Mr. Cope. Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer appeared for Mr. Cope, who says that he does not claim ownership, but wants to protect the property of a possible patron, and Judge Staples has granted until November 1 for the owner to appear and file a bond to recover possession.

Erie.—That death was at the throttle of Erie & Pittsburgh passenger train, 201, when it crashed into a freight at Dock Junction the other night is the firm belief of officials, and the Coroner, after an investigation, and a talk with Fireman James Firman, who is in a hospital fatally injured. According to the latter's story Engineer John S. Jones, who has been a well-known engineer for forty-five years, must have been dead long before the crash, for he ran past all signals for five miles that were set against him, and contrary to rules, ran past Dock Junction with a full head of steam. The train crashed into the freight with the throttle wide open, and it is Firman's belief, in which officials coincide, that the engineer died in his cab some time before the crash came.

Harvey Osborne, aged seventeen, who is confined in the county jail charged with the murder of George Bellis, aged fourteen, told the story of the shooting and his escape in the mountains. Osborne declares he lived six days on apples entirely and that there was nothing between him and the boy who had been shot. He says they had been good friends and never had had words. According to his statement he cared nothing for Cora Sergeant, the twenty-one-year-old young woman who was supposed to be at the bottom of the case, and no jealousy existed. Asked why he had picked up the gun and fired at the Bellis boy, he declared he had no idea that it was loaded.

Norristown.—The Court dismissed the action of Frank Tragle, a leading business man, to have revoked the hotel license of John Walker, at Perkiomenville, because Tragle and companions could not get accommodations at the hotel. The costs, about twenty-five dollars, were placed on Walker. In extending leniency, because of first offense, the Court serves notice on hotel keepers in the county that they must pay more attention to the needs of the traveling public than to the bar trade. In this case it was alleged that Walker's housekeeper "would not stand" for boarders because of the additional work involved.

Uniontown.—B. Frank Smith, who killed his father and brother-in-law, and who dramatically escaped from the county jail at this place July 2 last, and has since been leading a merry chase, was captured Thursday at the home of his wife at Bethelboro, six miles from Uniontown. Smith, who is wealthy, is a physical and mental wreck. He made no resistance, although he was armed with automatic pistols.

Marietta.—Mary, aged eight years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Woodward, of near town, is said to have been assaulted by William Stevenson, aged thirty-six, in a stable here. The little girl had been playing with some companions, when called away by Stevenson. Officers McElroy and Ensign arrested Stevenson, who was committed to the Lancaster jail for trial at court. The girl's condition is serious.

Brookville.—Plunging into a landslide at Mayport, a passenger train on the Buffalo and Allegheny division of the Pennsylvania Railroad was wrecked and Engineer C. H. Montgomery, of Dubois, was killed. Fireman Harry Hetrick, of Dubois, was seriously injured. The engine and baggage car went over a steep embankment.

Altoona.—William Shultz, aged seventeen, a student in the Central Grammar School, died of cancer, superinduced by a kick while playing in a game of football two years ago. He was hurt in scrimmage. A growth formed on the spot where he had been kicked, and despite the best experts in the country, it developed until his case was hopeless.

Womelsdorf.—An examination will be held at Sheridan on September 20, when candidates will be required to see if they are competent to become postmaster at Reydland, near here.

Scrannton.—While tampering a hole with an iron drill, Mike Warrenwall, with an iron drill, Mike Warrenwall, his partner, and Joe Sukatowski, his partner, were instantly killed by a premature blast in a shaft of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, at Upper Pittston. Anthony Johalske, miner, Pittston, who was working in an adjoining chamber, was seriously injured.

Slatington.—The Slatington Rolling Mills, this town's leading industry, which had been closed down since last November, has started up. Several hundred hands were given employment.

Quakertown.—The Quakertown & Delaware Railroad will be put in operation September 12, after having been closed five years. The road, which extends from here to Reigelsville, fifteen miles, will provide a direct outlet for their products to the Philadelphia markets.

Lebanon.—William H. Kline, a huckster, 57 years of age, was run down and killed in the yards of the Reading Railroad. Kline, who was deaf, failed to hear the approach of the New York dier.