## BEAT THE BELMONTS

THEY CASHED MENDOZA'S SPURIOUS SIGHT DRAFT.

One of the Most Audaelous Swindling Op erations That Has Occurred In Nev York In Years He Was Employed a

NEW YORK, April 1,-A suave, middle agod foreigner, professing complete ignorance of the English language and describing himself modestly as a tourist, arrive here from Cuha on March 11. He traveled atone, carried no baggage except at sminently respectable looking satchel and coglistered at the Hotel America in Irvinaplace as Manuel Gonzalez Mendoza of Herenog

Although a stranger in a strange land Mendoza instantly made himself very much at home. On the afternoon of his arrival he employed Mr. Gentini, a profes-sional interpreter, as secretary and cum

That night Mendoza and his secretary eccupied a box in a variety theater and the latter noticed with surprise that his amployer apparently enjoyed every joke racked by the English speaking come inns as if they spoke his mother tongue. Observing Mr. Gentini's wonder, Mr Observing Mr. Gentini's wonder, Mr. Hon. Alonzo P. Carpenter has been ap Mendoza smiled inscrutably and re-

Later in the evening the light hearted New

and was driven to the offices of Angust Belmont & Co., 28 Nassau street. There the stranger, with true Castilian grace, presented a sight draft drawn on the bankers bearing the ostensible signature of Hidalgo & Co. of Havana. It was for a large amount, probably in the neighbor hond of \$25,000.

Presented at Relmont's.

Of what followed Mr. Gentini alone of the interested parties will talk.

According to the interpreter, the presentation of the draft was met with a demand for identification by Belmont & Co.'s

chief clerk.
Mendoza was unruffled at this and explained that, anticipating the difficulty,
Hidalgo & Co. had written a letter inclesing his (Mendoza's) signature, and asking
that the matter of personal identification

Governor Morton has signed the bill apbe waived.

"I am surprised," murmured the plausible Mendoza, "that the letter is not already here. It should have arrived by the

steamer on which I came."

As if in providential vindication of his truthfulness, while this conversation was

medium of Mr. Gentini, "that this writ-ing is an exact reproduction of my signa-ture inclosed to you by Hidaigo & Co. Now, kindly oblige me with the money." "It is probably all right," responded the hesitating clark, "but as the amount is a large one I must trouble you to satis-fy me still further." fy me still further."

Blandly professing perfect willingness submit to any form of investigation, Mendoza and the interpreter accompanied Wall street, where the Havana bankers,
Hidalgo & Co., have an agency. Mr. Saido
is their representative, and to him the
draft bearing stranger was introduced.

Everything Looked Regular,

According to the interpreter, the papers and signatures were carefully examined, and Mr. Saldo dissipated the last lingering doubt of Mendoza's reliability by remark-

ng:
Everything looks regular. I guess it is years ago.
Hannah

Then the bilarious stranger departed, estensibly for a tour of the south, taking the interpreter with him. At Washington Mendoza snuddenly dispensed with Gen-

ording to Chief Clerk Lewis of the Hotel America, nothing more was heard of the mysterious stranger until two weeks ago, when two detectives questioned every one in the hotel about Mendoza's appearance and movements and finally explained to the management that the draft collected from Belmont & Co. was a

Nothing has been heard of the present whereabouts of Mendoza. August Bel-mont refused to say anything about the matter and showed intense annoyance a being questioned in regard to Mr. Mer

At Hidalgo & Co.'s agency, 113 Wall street, Mr. Saide was almost equally reticent. "This is Mr. Belmont's busi-ness," he explained. "It would be ob-viously wrong for me to spéak."

Tried to Kill a Waitress. KUNETOWN, Pa., March 31. — Daniel Ruppert, aged 18 of Alburtis, attempted to kill Annie Oswald, a waiter girl in the State Normal school, and then committed suicide. He was infatuated with the girl, but she did not return his affection. He attacked her with a knife. She was severely out about the body. Students came to her rescue and Huppers ran away, and hefore he could be cuptured shot himself.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., March 31.—The Southmayd block, a three story wooden building on Main street, was badly damaged by fire. Henry S. Boers, who occu-pled the second floor as a dwelling, and George K. Southmard, the occupant of the top floor, all sustained considerable loss. The adjoining building was slightly damaged. The total loss is about \$10,000.

Seized by the Sheriff. MAUCH CHUKE, Pa., April 1.—Sheriff Setzer levied upon the property of the Car-bon County Improvement company at Weissport on two write of execution ag-gregating nearly \$50 000. One, in favor of Charles Waiters of Philadelphia, amounts to \$41,697 and the other, in favor of Fred-erick Harlasber of Slatington, is for \$6,018

Married His konthrui Niese.

LYONE, N. Y., March S1.—Dennis McKenny, aged 70, was married to Lotta
Nexport of Sodus, his niese, who is 29
years old, by Rev. Dr. Luther A. Ostrander. She had been his housekeeper. The
wedding was kept secret until the papers
were filed with this register. The groom
has grandchildren older than the bride.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 80.—Johnson coal breaker No. 1, at Priceburg, owned by O. S. Johnson and others, was totally destroyed by fire, the origin of which is unknown. Leas is \$100,000. Mr. Johnson, the principal owner, is in California, and

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Thursday, March 20, Mr. Booth-Tucker has salled from Lon-gon for New York to take command of the

Salvation Army.

The Rev. W. H. Brown, the Congregational clergyman, of Madison, Conn., who was tried on the charge of heresy, has been pronounced innocent.

The Rermuda fillbusters, with the cargo of arms and ammunition, are now in the Cuban insurgent camp, with General Calizto Garcia at their head.

Callate Garcia at their head.

The counsel for Dr. J. C. Meore of Manchester, N. H., appeared in the supreme court and asked for a continuance of the case, owing to the illness of Dr. Meore.

The consecration of the Rev. Dr. Henry Yates Satterlee as the first bishop of Washington, which took place at Calvary church, in New York, was attended by a large number of seclesiastics from different parts of the country.

ent parts of the country. ont parts of the country.

Governor Griggs has sent to the New Jersey senate the following nominations: Clerk court of chancery, Lewis A. Thompson of Somerset; state prison keeper, David A. Pall of Bergen; inspector of workshops, John C. Ward of Salem.

Friday, March 27. The Old Dominion line steamship York-town went ashers on Sewell's point, on the Virginia coast, during the fog.

rked:
"I laugh at everything. It's a harmless Hon. Charles Doe, decused. The greater New York bill passed the

York state assembly by a vote of 91; nave, 56. It had previously Mendoza emptied two quart bottles of yeas, 91; hays, 56. It had previously champagne and sampled a great variety of passed the senate and now goes to the governor.

American mixed drinks. He was finally aken from under a table in the litera America cafe and carried, still laughing to his room.

Early the next morning Mendoxa reap Early the next morning Mendoxa reap as a daisy. Accompanied 80 days.

The Old Colony mills of Wilton, N. H., operated by Mesers, C. J. Amidsn & Son, have shut down indefinitely owing to dull times, throwing a large number of men-out of employment. A terrible explosion of fire damp has

taken place in a mine at Brunnerton, New Zealand. Five persons were killed outright and 60 more are entombed with no hope of being rescued Saturday, March 28.

D. Joseph Beals, a leading spiritualist, died at Greenfield, Mass., aged 75. The steamer Sam Brown of Pittsburg. valued at \$25,000, was burned on the Ohio river at Louisville.

Governor Morton has signed the bill appropriating \$75,000 for finishing and equipping the newly erected prison buildings at Sing Sing.

vernor Morton sent the nomination of Frank D. Kilburn to be superintendent of banks to the New York senate, and it was unanimously confirmed.

Reaching for a pon, the smiling and triupmhant Mendoza swiftly traced his name
on a slip of paper and handed it with a
bow and affourish to the still doubtful Belmont clerk.

"Observe," he remarked, through the of weeks ago, was unable to obtain em ployment, and, being without friends o mensy, became despondent and fired bullet into his temple.

Monday, March 30.

The new battleship Iowa has been launched, with belitting ceremonies, from the Cramps' shipyard in Philadelphia. The Glenmore worsted mills at Phila-delphia, operated by S. A. Wood, were de-stroyed by fire. The loss is about \$150,000. Erastus Aldridge of the firm of Aldridge & Dalley, produce dealers at Brockport, N. Y., committed suicide by shooting

self through the heart. A. J. Conover, a notorious bank draft forger and ex-convict, has been arrested in Peru, Ind., at the instigntion of the American Bankers' association.

James Shepard, 60 years old, a tramp weaver, is in jail at Fall River, Mass., charged with manslaughter. It is believed be caused the death of his sistor's small daughter by an overdose of medicine three

Hannah Woodward of Lowville, N. Y. all right."

The draft was then cashed and Mendoza returned to the Hotel America. For the next two days Mendoza celebrated his affluence and the worthy Gentini was kept constantly at work drawing corks and or bany county penitentiary and fined \$25.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker's child died in England, and her sister's child died as it was

about to sail from India. Senator John Sherman visited New York and said he believes McKinley has 255 of the 388 delegates thus far elected.

At the Democratic district conventions held in Iowa up to this time ex-Governor Boles has been unanimously indersed for

the presidency. The Allsa won the yacht race for the Grand Prix de Nice, which was sailed at Nice. The Britannia was second and the tanita third.

The Harrison elevator, the property the National Linseed Oil company at Bur-lington, Ia., was burned to the ground. The loss is \$50,000. Charles O. Peckens of Rochester, con-

victed of grand larceny in the first degree, was sentenced to state prison for eight years at Canandatgus, N. Y. The Manufacturers' club of Philadelphia repudiated the action of their mem-bers who attended the recent silver confer-ence in Washington and declared for a sin-

Justice Smyth, in the criminal branch of the supreme court, refused to dismiss the indictment against Mrs. Mary Alice Almont Livingsion Fleming, who is now confined in the Tombs in New York ac-cused of the murder of her mother, Mrs. Evelyn T. Bliss.

Wednesday, April 1. The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough ore welcomed to Blenheim castic.

The president has numinated William

A. Little of Georgia to be assistant attor-ney general for the interior department, vice John I. Hall, resigned. The plan for a meeting between Bal-lington Booth and Mrs. Booth Tucker,

her objections to certain stipulations made by him. A bill to provide for the payment of the debt of the Pacific railroads to the govern-ment has been agreed upon by a joint sub-committee of the senate and house rail-

road committees.

Adjutant General E. A. McAlpin of Governor Morton's staff is announced as a candidate for the Republican nomination for vice president on a ticket with William McKinley of Ohio.

The New Hampshire Republican state convention, that at Convention and elected

convention met at Concord and elected four delegates at large to St. Louis. They were not instructed, but are said to be for Reed, with McKinley as second aboles.

Decapitated by a Cail of Hot Wire. TERRYON, March 81.—Henry Schroeder, an employee at Roshling's wire mill, was accidentally killed. A coil of hot wire fell upon him and cut the top of his bead off. He leaves a widow and five little children.

Mark Twain Healthy and Prosperous. Londow, March 26.—News has been re-ceived bere that Mark Twain has com-pletely recovered his health, and that he sent, and Cape Town. He has sold the copyright of a new work for \$50,000.

A DEED OF A DEMON.

AN AGED COUPLE BRUTALLY MUR-DERED IN OHIO.

They Were Prightfully Mutilated-An ex-Convict Under Arrest Charged With the Crims - Revenge Was the Apparent

Aknon, O., March 30 .- A masked man Armon, O., March 30.—A masked man sutered the farmhouse of Alvin M. Stone, near Tallmadge, a few miles from this city, and in the brief space of half an hour committed a borrible butchery. When he took his departure. Stone and his wife, both aged people, were lying dead in bed, horribly mutilated, and fra Stillson, the hired man, and Emma Stone, the aldest of three departures. eldest of three daughters, were uncon-scious from blows death by the murderer. The murderer entered the house by means of a ladder, which he raised to an up stairs window. He first passed through the room in which Hattle and Flora Stone were sleeping without awakening them. Going quietly down stairs to the room in soing quiety down stairs to the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Stane slept, he attacked them with a blunt weapon of some sort, hitting both upon the head. They were probably rendered unconscious and possibly killed by the blows, but the flend, not satisfied with this, preceded to mutilate their bodies with a knife. He cut we want to be seen as a standard blows. off one of Stone's cars, shashed him across the face and stabbed him in the back. Then he laid Mrs. Stone's check open with a knife.

An Ex-Convict Arrested, AKRON, O., March St. - Anson B. Strong was arrested at Bayenna, Portage county, and charged with the murder of Mrs. Alvin N. Stone at Talimadge on Saturday night.

The evidence on which the charge is sed is largely circumstantial. Thirteen are ago Strong was sent to the peniten tiary for horse stealing, his conviction be-ting secured by the testimony of Stone. Several parts later, after his release from prison, he was arrested again for the same crime and again convicted on the testime ny of Stone. He gained his liberty the second time about three weeks ago and was at once suspected of the murder of Stone and bis wife. When taken into custody, Strong said he was at the home of his sister in Ravenna all of Saturday night and that he had gone to church Sunday morning. A search of the slater's house, however, resulted in the discovery of a suit of cluthes and an overcoat which had been placed by a stove to dry. There were no blood stains on the clothing, but Strong's sister said she had washed the arments in an outhouse. In one of trong's pockets was found a railroad tick-t from Rayenna to Kent, the latter place sing within two miles of the scene of aturday night's tragedy. The ticket was urchased last Saturday. Strong was brought here and placed in

jail. The news of the arrest soon spread and a big crowd assembled. There was no disorder, but Mayor Harper decided to pre-

and many threats were made against Anson B. Strong, the suspected murderer of the Stones at Tallmadge. The militia is still under arms at the armory, which ad-joins the prison, and a force of police is ready for action. It is not believed, how-ever, that an outbreak will occur. Strong continues to deny all knowledge of the crime, but the police claim that the chain of circumstantial evidence is tightening around him.

A DOUBLE FATALITY.

Iwo People Killed In an Elevator Accident In Boston.

Boston, April 1.—A terrible double fa-

tality occurred in the elevator shaft of the new Morse Button Hole Machinery com-pany building, corner of Bandolph street

bottom. It is thought he he saw workman paught above and was going to stop the would elevator. The workman, John McGargan, rocks. is thought to be the one who was setting

Waterbury Fire Swept. WATERBURY, Conn., March 30.—The worst fire that Waterbury has experienced for years broke out in the mammoth yards of the City Lumber and Coal company, near the depot of the New England Rallroad company, practically in the heart of the city, and burned fiercely for ten hours. Three large establishments have been burned out and thousands of feet of lumber and quantities of coal have been con-sumed. The principal losses are: City Lumber and Coal company, \$75,900; in-nurance, \$10,000. Lilley, Swift & Co., \$40,000; insurance, \$10,000. Valentine Bohl, \$25,000. Sundry losses, \$19,000.

New Presidential Offices. Washington, April 1.—The following postoffices have been raised to the prosi-dential class, the action taking effect to-day: Maine—Gorham, Guilford and Phillips; Massachusetts — West Brookfield Rhode Island—River Point; New York— Akron and Shamrock; New Jersey

River: Pennsylvania—Berwyn and Na-trona; Virginia—Bluckstons. For McKinley and Hebart. CAPE MAY, April 1 .- The primaries in the First New Jersey congressional dis-trict were held and delegates were elected favoring McKinley for president and Sen-ator Garrett Hobert of New Jersey for

vice president. General Markets New York, March H .- FLOUR-State and western quiet at unchanged prices; city mills patents. \$4.2054.35; winter patents, \$3.850 a.55; city mills clears, \$4.1054.20; winter straights \$4.0054.35.
WHEAT-No. 2 red steady, advanced on

cold wave predictions and small spring ceipts sold off under local realizing, but ag rallied on fair clearances; March, 70%28713

Edits Steady that the Life, western, 1981146.
SUUAE-Raw Remer; fair refining, Sec.; contribunt West, & S-Re.; refined firmer; crushed, \$18-10c.; powdered, \$7-10c.
MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, 19830c.
HICE—Quiet domestic, 18830c.; Japan, 35

TALLOW-Quiet; city, 8 11-16c.; country,

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

Summary of the Proceedings of House as

Washington, March 26 —In the sensity resterday Mr. Plats introduced a resolution providing for adjournment on May 2. The legislative appropriation bill was considered. In the house the navel appropriation bill was taken up and most of the propriation bill was taken up and most of the propriation bill was taken up and most of the propriation bill was taken up and most of the propriation bill was taken up and most of the propriation of the propriat the items approved. Personal explanation were made by Messra. Boutelle and Bart

WASHINGTON, March 97 .- In the senat yesterday the Arizona statehood bill was favorably reported. Consideration of the legislative bill was continued. In the sesterday the Arlsons statehood bill was favorably reported. Consideration of the legislative bill was continued. In the access the naval appropriation bill was passed. The Cuban conformes committee legisled to adopt the senate resolutions. Washixcron, March 28.—In the senate resterday the legislative appropriation sill was passed after a lively political deate. In the house bills on the private alendar were considered. calendar were considered.

Washington, March II.—In his senata yesterday there was a spirited colloquy be tween Senators Peffer and Hill over the former's resolution calling for an investi-gation of the recent bond sale. Only rou-tine business was transacted. In the house 12 pages of the sundry civil appropriation bill were disposed of.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—In the senate
Mr. George groups against the claim of Mr.

Mr. George spoke against the claim of Mr. Dupont of Delaware to a seat. The post-office appropriation till was discussed, but it was not completed. In the bount consideration of the sundry civil bill occu pled most of the session

TWO MEN KILLED. The Result of an Explosion In an Extract

ing Works at Newsrk.

ing Works at Newark.

NEWARK, N. J., March 27.—By an explosion in the Nickerson & Spence greass extracting works two men were killed and two badly burned. The fire resulting from the explosion did several thousand dollars' damage. The killed are Albert Aericht, 22 years old, of this city, and Frederick Gallagher of Rockland, Mass. Those injured are James Hayes, superincendent of the works and Charles Besler. ndent of the works, and Charles Begler,

workman.
It is not known what caused the explo It is not known what caused the explo-aion, which occurred in the extension of the main factory, but it is supposed that it was from naphtha, which is used exten-sively in that department. Those in the main building heard a roar and saw the flames shooting up. Every one rushed from the buildings just in time to see Hayes and Begler stagger out of the burning building. After the flames had eaten through the front of the extension the bodies of Acricht and Gallagher, charred beyond recognition, could be seen charred beyond recognition, could be seen for some time before the firemen could take them from the ruins.

Hayes and Begler were badly burned about the face and upper part of the body. They were sent to St. Michael's hospital. ut were unable to tell how the accident

Margaret Ryan, 60 years old, single; could be bers. Upon the occasion of her died on the way to the hospital from inlast visit she told Mr. Williams that she juries received by jumping from a window. The injured are: Kate Higgins, 35 years old, leg fractur-

pany båilding, corner of Randolph street and Harrison avanue.

Pedestrians, hearing a crash and cress coming from the second floor, rushed in ada saw a terrible sight. Looking up the elevator well could be seen the head of a man completely severed from the body and wedged between the elevator and the level of the fourth floor. Piteous means came from below, and lying at the bottom of the shaft was John Reese, the owner of the building. Mr. Reese was carried to the hospital, where he died.

There was no witness to the accident,

Ex-Mayor Clevetand Dead. JERSEY CITY, April 1 .- Word has be received from Manchester, Vt., of the death of Hon. Orestes Cleveland, formerdeath of Hon. Orosies Cleveland, formerly mayor of this city. Orestes Cleveland, formerly mayor of this city. Orestes Cleveland was born in Schenectady March 2, 1829. He want to Jersey City in 1845 and became identified with the interests of the Dixon Cracible works in that city. During 1861 and 1862 Mr. Cleveland served the city as an alderman, and at one time he held the position of president of the board. He was elected to the mayoralty in 1864 and held this position for the three succeeding years. In 1868 he was sent to congress and scoured the passage of the act providing for the centennial exhibition at Philadelphia. Mr. Cleveland was first vice president of the centennial commission.

Fatal Fire In France. PARIS, March 30.—A dangerous fire ocurred in St. Savener church and hospital at Lille. All of the patients were rescued from the burning building, but three of them died subsequently from fright. Fif-

Murdered From Ambush.

Wilcox, A. T., April 1.—A courier reports that Alfred Hand, a goat herder, was ambushed and killed by Indians at the head of Cave creek. Word was immediately sent to Fort Grant, and Lieutenant in the lower part of my distribution. The contents read as follows:

"MR. WILLIAMS—On Sunday morning distributions to be contents."

the head of Cave creek. Word was immediately sent to Fort Grant, and Lieutenant Rice, with a detachment of Indian scouts, left for the scene of the murder. The trail leads toward Mexico. A troop of the Seventh cavairy station at Fort Grant is now what I should do. Then I buried her in Colonel Lyncan Appointed.

Alkany, March St.—Governor more and the sent to the sanate the nomination of the sent under the receipts April, 1946.

OATS—No. 2 opened steady with wheat, but declined under liberal carlot receipts April, 1936.

OATS—No. 2 quiet and steady: May, Stc.; track, white, state, 242356.

PORK—Quiet: mean, 29230 family, S11.500 liquor tax law. Colonel Lyman halls from Cawego and is at present one of the fish, same and forest commissioners. He was collector of the port of Oswego under the Harrison administration and is a man of considerable influence in central New York. He is between 60 and 60 years of age and has held several offices in Oswego county, where he is regarded as a man of character and ability.

Big Diamand Robbery in Besten. ALEANY, March 31.—Governor Morton has sent to the sanate the nomination of

Big Diamond Robbery in Rosten.

Borrow, March 20.—One of the most called to the residence of Mrs. E. Will on North Clinton street, where an infant had sever recorded in this city was made at the heave of William Harris, the theatrical manager, on St. Betolph street. The burglands of William Harris, the burglands of William Harri Big Diamond Robbery In Bosto

STRANGLED HIS WIFE

THE MAYS LANDING MURDER MYS-TERY IS NOW SOLVED.

John Rech Wanted the Money His Wife Inherited-Bessie Weaver's Strange Life History-She Had Been Twice Divorced, They Borrowed a Baby.

MAYS LANDING, N. J., March 28. MAYS LANDING, N. J., March 38.—
What appears to have been a brutal murser was brought to light by the finding of
the body of Mrs. John Roch in a strip of
woods near Estalville, a small town two
miles from this place. A man familiarly
known as Spiky Jones, while on his way
to work, found that a tree had been folled
across the path which he usually follows.
Beneath the tree the earth had been heapall in a possible manuse. Jones' curloulty foot of a woman. Without waiting to in-vestigate further, Jones hurried to this place and informed Sheriff Johnson of facturer of New York, took to E

for him, but it was ascertained that he had left for Philadelphia in company with his little girl.

Bech Under Arrest.

PHILADELPHIA, March 80.—John Rech, the Estelville (N. J.) farmer who was arrested in Bustleton, Pa., on suspicion of having murdored his wife Elizabeth at their home near Mays Landing, N. J., was brought to police headquarters in this city and is held there pending investigation. It has been learned that Mrs. Rech was

none other than Bessie Weaver, whose troubles with her father and his house-keeper, afterward her stepmother, gained wide publicity a dozen years ago. She was the daughter of Dr. Martin Weaver, a was the daughter of Dr. Martin Weaver, a wealthy but eccentric resident of German-town, a suburb of this city. He died, leaving an estate of over \$50,000 entirely to his second wife. Soon after his death Bessie married William Heft of German-town. She had previously instituted pro-ceedings to break her father's will, but tate was divided between Bessle and her PERISHED IN FLAMES.
Four People Burned to Death In a Fire In
New York.

New York, March 80.—Four people
Attorney C. W. Williams of the Philamers killed and tree are trained to fee

were killed and two were injured in a first which started on the second floor of the three story brick building 374 Hudson street, occupied for business and dwelling purposes. The dead are:

The week age of the Philadelphia bar was trustee for the estate. He has thrown some interesting slide lights on the tragedy. About two weeks ago, he said, Mrs. Rech came to his office. To his surprise, she carried on her arm a boy baby purposes. The dead are:

Thomas Malloy, 25 years old, a fireman on the steamship St. Louis; suffocated.

was 7 months old. Mr. Williams did not his son, Robert Garrett, succeeded him Archinald Grogan, 55 years old, a wait; sufficated.

Mary McMahon, single, 29 years old; and a waitafficated.

Margaret Hyan, 60 years old, single; could be hers. Upon the occasion of her led on the way to the hospital from inted on the way band because he treated her badly, and he noticed that two of her front teeth were

Rate Higgins, 35 years old, leg fractured by falling.

Edward Walsh, 29 years old, fireman or hook and ladder company 5, residing at 292 Prince street, internally hurt by falling from a ladder.

Rilled by an Avalanche.

Histor, W. Va., March 30.—Jim and Frank Tilman and Lucy Law were instantly killed by a rock orashing through the house where they were sleeping at Echo, a station 40 miles west of here. Two other members of the family were serious-test in case of her death. Under the terms

There was no witness to the accident, but John Wall, the night watchman, saw
Mr. Reess run to the elevator well to grasp
the wire and with a shrick dash to the
mind to rush out and fing an east bound
Track of the Chesapeske and Ohlo railroad
woman made a will leaving her inheritand breaking through the house with the
ance to Reeh in trust for their child,
above results. Henry Law, one of the coThey had yet to obtain a child. When
they are and with a shrick dash to the
mind to rush out and fing an east bound
make it appears they had a child in this express train which was just due and city. About six weeks ago they are said would have otherwise been wrecked on the to have come here and advertised for an infant about 10 months old. One was ob tained, which is said to be the illegiti-mate offspring of a prominent society woman and a New York business man.

With the child they returned to Estel-ville. The resolve to murder the woman, it is said, ontered Rech's mind suddenly, him. He admitted he was John Rech He was then turned over to the police.

Says He Strangled Her. MAYS LANDING, N. J., April 1 .- The at Lille. All of the patients were rescued from the burning building, but three of them died subsequently from fright. Fitteen soldiers who were employed in quenching the fire went to a druggist's shop and there drank some poison which they mistook for gin. Six of them died as a result of the draught.

what I should do. Then I buried her in the field. The little one is in 514 Callow-hill street, in board. I am miserable. His board is paid for two weeks. You attend to him.

Destructive Floods In Pennsylvania. WILKESBARRE, Pa. April 1 .- The high water in the Lebigh river burst a big dam at White Haven and property to the extent of \$55,000 was destroyed. The dam suppiled the town with its water. The Su Nanttooke are overflowed. Thus far, how-ever, very little damage has been done.

Child Burned In an Oven. ROCHESTER, April 1.—The police were called to the residence of Mrs. E. Will on North Clinton street, where an infant had

AN AMAZING STORY.

HOW THE GREAT AND RICH B. AND O. RAILROAD WAS WRECKED.

Champagne That Cost Millians-Rober Garrett, Finshed With Wine, Told His Secret-Thomas Scott Anticipated Him. Mary Garrett's Fine Loyalty.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad has arrived in the hands of receivers.

Its descent in that direction began when Rebert Garrett opened a certain bottle of champagne. That was the dearest bottle of champagne on record.

It cost millions of dollars.

The Baltimore and Ohlo is the oldest steam railroad in this country. The first stone of its roadbed was laid in ded in a peculiar manner. Jones' curiosity first stone of its roadbed was laid in the pile of dirt. After removing a few inches of the soil he came across the naked with elaborate ceremony. Over its original length of nine miles mules dragged place and informed Sheriff Johnson of what he had found.

The sheriff summoned Justice Isard and the county clerk, and, with Jones acting as their guide, they made their way to the spot where the body had been unearshed. After removing a few inches of earth they came upon the corps of a woman. The body was clad only in a nightdress and wrapped in twe cid sacks. A handker-chief was wrapped tightly around the neck, and she had every appearance of having been strangled to death.

An investigation was made, and it was found that the dead woman was Mrs. John Roch, the wife of a man who had formerly lived in a little cottage about 200 feet from where the body was buried.

Suspicion pointed to her husband as the probable murderer, and a search was made for him, but it was ascertained that he had left to Philadelphia in account with facturer of New York, took to Balti-

dore Vanderhilt, who created the New York Central, and of Thomas A. Scott, the father of the Pennsylvania. Garrett knew everything about a railroad from the ties to the president's desk. his management the road rose to a pros-



PRESIDENT J. E. COWEN. parity that even he had not dreamed of.

The Baltimore and Ohio became the city of Baltimore and the state of Ohio and controlled both as president of the B. and O. Robert Garrett suffered the disadvantage of having a great father. Robert Garrett was a luxurious millionaire. The Garrett holding of B. and O. stock was

then 57,000 shares of the 150,000. Robert Garrett was the center of the ocial system of Baltimore. He wished besides to rival his great father as a railroad man.

There was one railroad between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Robert Gar-rett wanted it for the Baltimore and Ohio. Thomas A. Scott wanted it for the Pennsylvania railroad. That railroad was the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore. Just at that time it was naturally the most desira-

ble thing in the world to the Baltimore and Ohio and to the Fennsylvania, Robert Garrett generally got anything he wanted. Wanting the Philadelphia. Wilmington and Baltimore, he looked around to see how he could get it. He learned that several of the largest owners of the stock lived in Boston. They owned almost balf the stock, and with that in his possession Robert Garrett could easily get control of the majority. So he went to Boston. His negotia-

tions were eminently successful. His offer for the stock was accepted. Robert Garrett went to New York. Already in his mind's eye he saw the Baltimore and Ohio trains rolling into the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore denot at Broad and Prime streets, Philadelphia, for all that remained was to sign some papers. Now, be it remembered. Robert Gar-

rett was never a self contained man. He drank deep. Arrived in New York, he went to a dinner party with some of his old friends. Some corporation lawyers were among them. At that dinner the bottle of champagne that cost millions was opened. Robert Garrett drank it. Flushed, he

could not keep his triumphant secret.
"Congratulate me," he cried. "Drink to the B. and O. and her outlet to Philadelphia. In two days I will control the P., W. and B." More corks popped. But one man, whose legs were under the mahogany, did not drink. He excused himself about 10 p. m., pleaded a pressing engagement and left the table. He took the first train he could catch to Philadelphia. There he was driven to the house of Thomas A. Scott, Rittenhouse square and Eighteenth street. It was long after midnight. He aroused Mr. Scott, a plain man. Mr. Scott went down stairs with his nightgown tucked in his trou-

"In two days?" mused Scott aloud. We'll see. Instantly Scott sent for his assistant, Captain John P. Green, now vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, and for some of the directors. The conference lasted until daylight. That morning Captain Green took the first train to Boston. Other man close to Scott went flying in the directions where they knew

sers and his stockingless feet in slippers.

The man who had dined with Robert

Garrett told Scott of Garrett's boast.

W. and B. stock was held. By 2 o'clock the next day the papers were signed that gave the Pennsylvania control of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore. The stock was to be de-livered in New York that night. Cap. Mr. Hall's design is to tain Green went to Philadelphia, and instantly returned to New York carrying a big satchel. The satchel looked as if he was going on a long journey. It was fat and heavy. R. D. Barkley, assistant to the president of the Pennsylvania, helped Captain Green carry it.

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m the nail spot cash, and the P., W. When Robert Garrett awoke on what he firmly believed was to be the morning of his triumph, the newspapers were full of the deal between the Pennsylva-

nia and the P., W. and B. Inexpressibly mortified, chagrined beyond measure, Robert Garrett deter-mined in June, 1885, to build a line of his own to Philadelphia. First it was necessary to get legislative permission to enter Philadelphia. That seemed difficult. The Pennsylvania had the pull of all its locomotives with the legislature of Pennsylvania and with the Philadelphia city councils. The Pennsylva nia fought Garrett with all its strength.

But Robert Garrett, on his mettle, got permission for his road to enter Philadelphia in 40 days. It cost him \$500,000. He paid his secret agents well; he advertised liberally; he expended large sums in fees to coun There were those who insisted that it should be spelled e-o-n-n-o-i-l. The Pennsylvania road, finding that

Robert Garrett could get into Philadelphia, determined to patch up a truce with him. They agreed to pay him all the liabilities he had incurred looking to the construction of the rend to Philadalphia. They made other agreements that would have profited the B. and O., and Robert Garrett decided not to build the road. He estimated that the project had altendy cost \$2,000,000. The Pennsylvania was ready to pay that.

It had really cost \$8,000,000. The Pennsylvania withdrew from the agreement. The game war not worth the candle to them. Robert Garrett built his road. It proved a fearful drain on the B. and O. The road floated \$17,000,000 of securities on the strength of that road between Philadelphia and Baltimore. But a large part of that money was diverted to other parts of the B. and O. system and was dissipated by peculiar

The B. and O. found itself on the brink of insolvency in October, 1887. Drexel, Morgan & Co-which is to say, J. Pierpout Morgan-advanced the money that delayed the day of reckoning. But, before lending a cent, Mr. Morgan demanded that Robert Garrett resign the presidency.
Perhaps he had heard that Robert

of trousers. It is extremely improbable that old John W. Garrett ever owned two pairs of trousers at one time. Whether or not he knew about the rousers, Mr. Morgan surely knew of Robert Garrett's eccentricities. In a yord, Robert Garrett's mind was un-

Garrett, at that time, owned 140 pairs

balanced. He was a paretic. Samuel Spencer, who was vice president of the Baltimore and Ohio, became president in Mr. Garrett's stead. Mr. Spencer is of the firm of Drexel, Morgan & Co., and he is a fine railroad man. He began to economize rapidly. He upset all the traditions of the Garrett management. He smashed Baltimore's gods. All the Garrett family, all Mary-

land, rose in protest. Miss Mary Garrett, who, of course, inherited a great fortune from her fa-ther, old John W., put her hand in her ocket. She loyally paid off a large part of the road's obligations to Drexel, Morgan & Co. Then Samuel Spencer had to go, Then came Charles F. Mayer as president. His was an extravagant administration. Daring it the once pros-perous railread steadily sunk deeper and eper in the mire of floating debt, bad bookkeeping and the payment of un-

carned dividends. And it is said Stephen Little, the exsert accountant who went to Baltimore examine the Baltimore and Ohio's coks, found the books doctored. There are hints of journal entries that bear the nitials of the officer requiring them to be made, thus to relieve the accommunate of the responsibility.

Enhancement of the market prices of securities is made on the books to appear is income, and no change was made when the value of the securities again declined. It is understood, too, that Mr. Little found 150 engines laid up, useless for want of repairs.

John K. Cowen, who resigned his seat in congress to become the Baltimore and Ohio's president, is now made a receiver of the property for the United States courts. He will continue to operate the railroad much as though noth had happened, but the creditors of the company will be told when they press their claims: "You can do nothing. company is in the hands of the courts.

BOONEVILLE, Ky., April L.-Walker, a og merchant, from Clay county, has just strived here and reports that a cloudburst and waste a strip of country about five miles whice along Little Sexton creek and the south fork of the Kentucky river in reck, was washed down and his wife and little girl drowned. Marders and several log hands escaped, taking shelter under a large rock on the hills. Three other houses were swept away, but it is not known what became of the occupants. Fences and barns were destroyed for miles up and down the creek and the people rendered destitute by the loss of their property and

The Bay State For Reed. Bosron, March 28 .- At the Republican inte convention resolutions were unanimously adopted strongly indorsing Thomas B. Reed for president. The following delegates at large were elected by acclamation: Henry Cabet Lodge, W. Murray Crane, Eben S. Draper and Curtis Guild, Jr. The platform declared in favor of the gold standard, protective tartif and resi-procity, and also expressed sympathy for the Cuban patriots.

Conan Doyle to Track Dervishes. LONDON, April 1.—Dr. Conan Dayle goes to the Sudan as correspondent of The Westminster Gazetta.

A New Religious Movement. NEW YORK, Marchill. -- William Phillips Hall, president of the Hall Signal com-pany and a director in several large conorations, has organized a new evangella ic movement. It will be known as the American Lengue of the Grand Army of the Gross, and its leaders will bear military sities. It is modeled on the lines of the Salvation Army. No uniform will be adopted. Its object is "aggressive evanguism among the people."

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Mr. Hall's design is to use his forces as suriliary to regular church work. The movement was formally inaugurated at Greenwich, Conn., last Weinnsday, where Mr. Hall resides. There is some talk of a combination with Hallington Booth's Volunteers, but the leaders of the new recovered discusses the proposition. of the president of the Pennsylvania, eiped Captain Green carry it.

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