

EMBEZZLED TO KEEP UP STYLE

J. Frank Challenger Confesses Stealing \$10,600 From Trust Co.

LIVED BEYOND HIS MEANS

Chester, Pa., Jan. 9.—J. Frank Challenger, secretary of the Delaware County Trust company, was arrested on the charge of embezzling the funds of the institution. An examination of the books of the company showed a shortage of \$10,600.

When charged with the misuse of the funds, Challenger confessed. He said no person was to blame but himself, and that his peculations were due to the fact that he lived beyond his income.

Challenger's family is prominent in Chester, and he had risen from the position of office boy to one of trust.

The arrest of Challenger came as a shock to a great many people in this county, as he had a large circle of friends and was a more than ordinarily popular man. The discovery of the shortage was made at the annual balancing of the books at the first of the year. At that time some of the other clerks noted discrepancies, and after satisfying themselves there was something wrong notified the president, James A. G. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell immediately instituted a most searching investigation, with the result that it was shown that, through a system of his own, Challenger had been abstracting money. Immediately every account in the bank was scrutinized and balances taken in every department and all of the securities of the institution and the collateral deposited were examined, with the result that it was shown that every other employe's account in the institution was correct and that Challenger had operated entirely by himself.

Confronted with the evidence, Challenger admitted his wrong-doing, and gave such assistance as he could in clearing matters up. He said he had been a victim of his extravagant habits, but denied that he had speculated with the stolen money.

Challenger had nothing to do with the savings fund department of the bank, and his peculations were from the commercial department, his plan being to destroy the deposit slips after the deposits had been properly entered on the depositor's and the bank's books, and manipulate the accounts to avoid detection, although he did not alter figures on the books of the bank. Of course the records showed the amount of customers' deposits, and there would have been no loss to the depositors, even had the shortage not been detected, the loss coming out of what would otherwise have been the profits of the bank.

Challenger was given a hearing before Magistrate Smith, charged with embezzlement and was held in \$10,000 bail for jail. In default of bail he was taken to jail. He was under bonds for more than twice the amount stolen and the loss will fall upon his sureties.

HUNT FOR SMUGGLED DIAMONDS

Inspectors Cut Open Eatables in the Search For Precious Stones.

New York, Jan. 10.—In a hunt for smuggled diamonds on the steamer Vaderland, customs inspectors cut open and examined several kinds of eatables. No diamonds were found. Charles Roemant, chancellor of the Belgian consulate at New York, who arrived on the steamer, was among those whose effects were searched. A cake found in his trunk was sliced into strips, but the inspectors unearthed nothing there except raisins. Several pieces of chocolate candy and some oranges were then cut open. Finally the inspectors interested themselves in a small, compact-looking roll of paper, and at their request Mr. Roemant opened it. The contents proved to be his credentials from the Belgian government to this country.

NEGRESS DEAD AT 135

Mary McDonald Remembered Washington's Camp at Valley Forge.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—Mary McDonald, a negress, who claimed to be 135 years of age, is dead at the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons in this city. According to Mrs. McDonald and her surviving relatives, she was born November 14, 1770, in a settlement known as Frogtown, near Valley Forge, Pa. She often told of the scenes in and about the camp of Washington's soldiers at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78. Mrs. McDonald was of robust physique and was an inveterate smoker up to a short time before her death.

Frank Freedley, a farmer, of Jeffersonville, near Norristown, Pa., fell from the roof of his barn and received injuries that resulted in his death.

SCORES WHITE HOUSE ATTACHES

Husband of Woman Ejected Gives Out a Statement.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Dr. Minor Morris, whose wife was ejected from the White House last Thursday, gave out a public statement in which he severely arraigns those responsible for her removal, denounces the imposition of a fine in her case as adding to her humiliation, and replies to the statement of her brother, Representative Hull, of Iowa, regarding the will and codicil of her father. The statement is addressed "To whom it may concern," and begins as follows:

"A woman of the highest culture, of the rarest attainments, who has devoted her life to her home, her family and her ideals, whose only thought has been to do good, and who has always considered others before herself, a wife and mother, has been seized from behind, in the waiting room of the White House, and maltreated with a brutality which humanity would revolt at seeing accorded to its lowest type. The details of this sickening thing, unnamable, are known to the whole country."

Dr. Morris alleges that an effort was made to hold Mrs. Morris at the house of detention until his arrival two days later, to make "it appear that she was friendly and insane." He says that the physicians sent to examine her manifested their indignation, and that as "it became dangerous to press the insane charge, she stands today recorded as the disturber of the peace to the extent of five dollars."

HAZING DEFINED

Naval Court Says Any Kind of Annoyance or Maltreatment is Hazing.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 10.—Several legal questions of importance arose during the trial of Midshipman Stephen Decatur on charges of hazing before the court martial in session at the naval academy. On a motion to strike out certain specifications as not constituting hazing, the court was led to substantially define the term hazing as it is understood by the members of the court.

In denying the motion to strike out the first two specifications the court ruled that maltreatment of a fourth classman by the infliction of direct physical cruelty was not the only kind of hazing, but that any annoyance or molestation, such as the requirement of menial services, making ridiculous and such like were also hazing.

This ruling is expected to lead to many more convictions.

DIED OF HYDROPHOBIA

Bite From Pet Dog Caused Terrible Death of Young Woman.

Philadelphia, Jan. 10.—Hydrophobia, resulting from the bite of a pet dog six weeks ago, caused the death of Miss Julia Curtin at the home of her parents in this city. Miss Curtin was 21 years old. When all hope was gone and when she and her family knew that death could not be far off she bade them farewell in one of her lucid moments and was then locked in the room with four physicians to meet her terrible end beyond the gaze of her relatives, who could not bear to look upon her sufferings.

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOLS

31,319 In Charge of 32,352 Teachers, Who Got \$14,142,470 Last Year.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 8.—The annual report of Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, for the fiscal year ending June 5, 1905, shows that there are 31,319 schools in Pennsylvania. The report shows also that there are 8028 male and 24,324 female teachers in Pennsylvania, and the average salary of the male teachers is \$61.81 per month and of the female teachers \$39.14. There was paid in teachers' wages \$14,142,470.84 during the year. The total expenditures for the year were \$28,565,475.15.

Russia Gets \$50,000,000 Loan.

Paris, Jan. 10.—It is stated in well informed quarters, though it has not yet been officially announced, that the negotiations between M. Kokovsoff, the former Russian minister of finance, and the French bankers have resulted in the latter agreeing to advance to the Russian government \$50,000,000 at 5 1/2 per cent. interest, plus 2 per cent. commission. The state railroads are offered as a guarantee for the money advanced, which is to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the proposed new loans should the latter be floated within a year.

Kills Himself On Liner.

New York, Jan. 9.—C. C. Meir, of San Francisco, a prisoner on the steamer Carmania, shot and killed himself in his cabin just as the big liner was entering New York harbor. Meir was charged with embezzling \$20,000 from a San Francisco wine merchant, and was returning from London to answer the charge. He shot himself at daylight as the outlines of the American shores became visible. Meir was arrested in London at the request of the state department at Washington.

CAN THEY MAKE ROGERS ANSWER?

Oil Magnate Ordered Before New York Supreme Court.

MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT

New York, Jan. 10.—The question whether Henry H. Rogers can be compelled to tell Attorney General Herbert S. Hadley, of Missouri, whether the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey owns or controls three oil companies which are selling oil in Missouri as separate companies will be placed before the supreme court of New York state. All the important questions which Mr. Rogers has declined to answer by advice of counsel in the last three days of the hearing in this city were presented to the supreme court by counsel acting in behalf of Attorney General Hadley, and the court was asked to order Mr. Rogers to show cause why he should not answer them. The court issued the order, and it was served on William V. Rowe, counsel for Mr. Rogers.

The questions are in a diversity of form, but in substance they all are: "Does the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, either through itself or any other person or corporation, own, hold or control a majority of the stock of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Missouri, the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Republic Oil Company of New York?" No matter in what form the question has been put, Mr. Rogers has declined to answer it. The commissioner before whom the evidence is being taken is without power to compel an answer, but the supreme court possesses the authority to order Mr. Rogers to be punished for contempt of court if he declines to answer after being ordered to do so by that court.

Mr. Hadley wants this information to show that the three alleged subsidiary or confederated companies are monopolizing the oil trade of Missouri in combination, and to induce the Missouri courts to order them ousted from that state.

An interesting feature of the hearing was an invitation sent by Mr. Hadley to Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, requesting him to come to New York and testify, if he can give any information, as to the three companies Mr. Hadley is trying to drive out of Missouri.

The subpoena server who has been trying for several days to summon H. Clay Pierce to testify before the commissioner in this case, notified Mr. Hadley that he has been unable to get Mr. Pierce, who, he said, had sailed away on a steam yacht. Mr. Pierce is chairman of the board of directors of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Missouri and father of the president of that company. The subpoena server said that he had pursued Mr. Pierce and his valet through a suite of rooms in the hotel occupied by Mr. Pierce, but that the oil man had locked himself in his chamber. The server then desisted.

BATTLESHIP DAMAGED

The Kentucky Collided With Alabama, While Latter Was Aground.

New York, Jan. 8.—While the battleship squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, was proceeding to sea, the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky ran aground in the lower harbor off the West Bank light. The Alabama and Illinois were following next in line, and before they could alter their course the Alabama collided with the Kentucky, striking her a glancing blow. Two hours later the Kentucky and Kearsarge both were floated and started for sea.

A wireless message was received at the Brooklyn navy yard from the Kentucky stating that the starboard side of the vessel, above the water line, had been quite badly damaged in the collision with the Alabama. It also was stated that the Kentucky will come up to the navy yard for repairs.

VALUE OF NEW YORK REALTY

Shows Tremendous Increase of \$840,000,000 During Past Year.

New York, Jan. 9.—The tremendous increase of \$840,000,000 in the value of New York real estate during the past year was shown by the assessments of the tax commissioners just issued. The total value of real estate is fixed at \$5,400,000,000. Personal property is assessed at more than \$3,400,000,000, which is an increase of over \$80,000,000 during the past year.

100,000 Hebrews to Parade.

New York, Jan. 8.—Arrangements were made for a parade of more than 100,000 Hebrews through the streets of the East Side on January 22 in honor of the memory of those killed during the riots in St. Petersburg a year ago. The parade will mark the first anniversary of the massacre. A mass meeting will be held after the parade.

17 DEAD IN LANDSLIDE

Thirteen Houses Topple Into Clay Pit at Haverstraw, N. Y.

Haverstraw, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Seventeen persons are missing and are believed to have gone to their death when 13 houses on Rockland street in Haverstraw toppled over into a pit 60 feet deep which had been cut by clay diggers in connection with the brickmaking industry here. Twelve of the persons missing were occupants of the fallen houses; five were among the rescuers who went to the aid of neighbors after the first house fell, and were carried down when the 12 other houses went crashing over the precipice. The wreckage quickly caught fire, and those who were in the mass were either crushed or burned to death.

When the breakage occurred in the long line of land which formed the ragged edge of Rockland street, one house toppled over into the pit with all who were living within its walls. The other occupants of the houses prepared to leave their homes in the face of a blinding snow storm. A number of people who lived nearby rushed to their aid and were assisting them in getting them out when 12 more houses went down, carrying with them not only the families who occupied them, but also several of those who had gone to their assistance. Overturned stoves set fire to the buildings, and firemen came from miles around, but when the landslide occurred it broke the water main, thus cutting off the entire supply.

SEVEN BURNED TO DEATH

Man, Woman and Five Children Cremated in Burning House.

Lewistown, Pa., Jan. 9.—Information was brought here that Isaac Saylor, his daughter, Mrs. Peter Martin, and her five children were burned to death at their home in Pleasantview, Juniata county. Charles Saylor and his wife, of Altoona, who were visiting at the Saylor homestead, escaped. Charles Saylor and his wife occupied a room on the first floor, while Isaac Saylor, his daughter and the five children slept on the second floor. During the night Charles Saylor was awakened by screams and found the house in flames. He and his wife escaped through a window, but were unable to render aid to the seven members of the family upstairs. The children who fell victims to the flames were: Edna, aged 12 years; Earl, 10; Alice, 9; Stella, 6, and Charles, 10 months.

Family of Four Burned to Death.

Huntington, Pa., Jan. 9.—In the destruction by fire of their home at Cove, this county, Robert Adams, his wife and two children were burned to death. The fire resulted from a defective flue.

URGES MORE REFORMS

Governor Pennypacker Issues Additional Call For Legislation.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 10.—Governor Pennypacker issued a supplementary proclamation to his call for the extra session of the Pennsylvania legislature, which convenes next Monday, so as to include a uniform primary election system, a civil service for state offices and the regulation of campaign expenses.

He also amends his original bill so as to enable the legislature to pass a bill for the consolidation of the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny, eminent lawyers having contended that it was impossible to pass such a bill under his original proclamation.

The governor's supplementary call was a great surprise to his official advisers, none of whom thought he would make any change in his original call, despite the pressure for a uniform primary election system and a new ballot law.

All of the subjects mentioned in the supplementary call will be considered at the coming extra session and will naturally prolong the session.

Among the subjects mentioned in the original call are personal registration, state treasury reform and senatorial and legislative reapportionment.

Soldier Died of Exposure.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Private Murnane, of the 47th company of coast artillery, was found dead, and Sergeant Burroughs, of the same company, in a serious condition in a row-boat lodged against the bank below Fort Washington, a few miles south of this city. The men had lost the cars, and Murnane presumably died as a result of exposure to the wind and cold wave. Burroughs was removed to a hospital.

Pauper Hangs Himself.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 8.—John Stauffer, aged 68 years, of Lanark, an inmate of the Lehigh county home since 1900, committed suicide by hanging. Eluding his guards, he slipped away to an obscure place on the farm and hanged himself from a tree. His wife, who is blind, is also at the county home.

C. A. EDWARDS KILLED HIMSELF

Man Found Dead in Bed at New Haven, Conn., a Suicide.

HE USED BULLET AND POISON

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 9.—Suicide by means of both bullet and poison is the explanation given by Coroner Eli Mix of the death of Charles A. Edwards, of New York city, at the Abigail Hiller homestead. This finding is contained in a preliminary report to State Attorney Williams, and is based in part by the discovery of morphine in the body of Mr. Edwards by Medical Examiner Bartlett and the surgeons who performed the autopsy. The finding is supported by some portions of the evidence taken at the inquest, which extended through five days and which is not yet completed.

The preliminary report is made at this time to relieve the public suspense, and Coroner Mix adds that Mr. Edwards' death probably was one of the most remarkable on record. The theory of suicide, however, appears not to have been held by the coroner until Saturday, when detectives unearthed in the shrubbery near the Hiller house a 22-calibre revolver and a half-pint bottle containing a quantity of laudanum. Until that time, and in the absence of a report on the chemical analysis of the viscera the weight of evidence taken by Mr. Mix was that Mr. Edwards had been murdered.

The first action taken by Coroner Mix after reaching a conclusion in the case was to order the release from surveillance of A. Maxey Hiller, brother-in-law of Mr. Edwards, who on Thursday evening last was placed in charge of a police officer.

The coroner's brief report does not dispel the mystery in the death of Mr. Edwards, and until the complete finding is ready, probably no public solution can be found as to why Mr. Edwards, as Coroner Mix describes his actions, "at 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning last, clad in his underclothes, left his chamber and descended to the basement, lighted the gas, unbolting and opened the rear door, twice discharged a revolver at himself, one bullet going into the ear; then, falling to kill himself, threw the weapon away, drank laudanum and tossed the bottle after the pistol, and with blood flowing from a wound in the head, dragged himself back to his chamber, got into bed, drew the bedclothes over his shoulders, and after placing a handkerchief under his head to staunch the flow of blood, lapsed into unconsciousness, death coming six hours later."

In discussing some of the facts obtained on which the suicide theory was confirmed, Coroner Mix says that one bullet went wild, being imbedded in the door, while the other made the wound.

The hand rail on the stairs and the wall show bloody hand marks as if Edwards had first put his hand to the wound, smearing it with blood, before starting upstairs. That Edwards had partially disrobed before going downstairs is shown by the care taken in folding his outer garments. Besides, according to Charles Hiller, he retired about midnight. The time of the shooting is fixed by a maid servant next door and by the watchman at the Graduates' Club in the rear, both of whom heard two pistol shots at 2 o'clock. Charles Hiller slept through this noise.

VICTIM OF SUICIDAL MANIA

Doctor Took Poison Because He Could Not Suffer Longer.

New York, Jan. 9.—Dr. R. W. Steger, said to be a graduate of Vanderbilt and Columbia Universities, and of a family prominent in Nashville, Tenn., attempted to commit suicide in the Union hotel by taking a mixture of chloroform and morphine. He was removed to Bellevue hospital, where physicians say he cannot recover.

Dr. Steger took the poison, after leaving a note saying that he had suffered from suicidal and homicidal mania for years, and that he could not bear the suffering longer. He killed his body to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

Shot Wife's Paramour.

Salem, N. J., Jan. 10.—Information was received here that Charles Roberts, colored, shot and instantly killed Harry Moore, also colored, while the latter was driving about two miles from Salem with the former's wife. The murderer and his wife then walked along the road, leading the horse and buggy containing the dead man to a friend's house, where they awaited the authorities from here to come for them. Both are in custody.

"I suppose he clasped you in his arms when the canoe upset?" "No; quite the opposite." "Quite the opposite?" "Yes; the canoe upset when he clasped me in his arms."

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Thursday, January 4.

The resignation of Captain R. O. Richard, of the signal corps of the United States army, has been accepted by President Roosevelt.

Alfred J. George, a horseman, of Allentown, Pa., remarried Margaret Erb, a New York actress, after having been divorced from her 10 years ago.

While playing with toys, the clothing of 4-year-old Willie Sturgess, of Philadelphia, caught fire at the kitchen range and he was burned to death.

James H. Peabody, former governor of Colorado, and his adjutant, General Shuman Bell, both believe they are marked by miners for assassination.

The first National Greek Letter college fraternity to be founded by colored students was organized at the Ohio State University, at Columbus.

Friday, January 5.

Fire destroyed the Bennett & Morgan rectifying plant at Marion, N. C., the largest in the south. Loss, \$250,000.

Joseph Kift, Sr., one of the most widely known florists in the country, died at his home in West Chester, Pa., aged 79 years.

The safe in Albaugh's store at Shoals, Ind., was blown open with dynamite and \$2000 in cash and \$11,000 in government bonds stolen.

Saturday, January 6.

Two trainmen were killed and three injured in a freight collision on the Burlington road near St. Louis.

Mrs. Mamie Dasch, of Philadelphia, took a dose of carbolic acid in mistake for medicine and may not recover.

The bursting of an 18-ton flywheel completely wrecked the plant of the Morgan Engineering company at Alliance, O.

Mrs. Cora Cutshall, a retired Methodist missionary from Africa, died at her home in Franklin, Pa., from African fever after a short illness.

The coinage at the mints of the United States during the year 1905 amounted to 170,892,472 pieces, of which nearly 21,000,000 pieces were for other countries.

Monday, January 8.

A dynamite explosion at a stone quarry at Gary, Ill., killed five men and fatally injured four others.

Elias Johnson, a negro cart driver of York, Pa., was kicked in the heart by a horse and died of his injuries.

Three women were burned to death and one was injured in a fire which destroyed a boarding house in St. Louis.

Nine to ten years' hard labor in prison was the sentence given Leonard B. Imboden and James A. Hill, wreckers of the Denver Savings Bank.

The new chair of Japanese history and literature at Notre Dame university, South Bend, Ind., will be occupied by Francis Sugita, of the University of Tokyo.

Tuesday, January 9.

John M. Pattison, Democrat, has been inaugurated governor of Ohio.

While sitting beside the sick bed of a brother-in-law, George Stevens, of Cincinnati, O., took poison by mistake and died within an hour.

J. Cabell Breckinridge, son of John C. Breckinridge, vice president of the United States during James Buchanan's administration, died at Yonkers, N. Y.

The torpedo boat destroyer Worden was damaged in a collision with the Lawrence in Hampton Roads and was taken to the Norfolk navy yard for repairs.

Wednesday, January 10.

In a pistol duel on the streets of Durango, Colo., Sheriff W. J. Thompson was killed and Policeman Stensel fatally wounded.

Jewelry valued at \$10,000 was stolen from the home of Dr. A. Ravogli, at Clinton, N. Y., during the absence of the family.

Both Samuel Gompers and John Mitchell are scheduled to make addresses at the national convention of miners at Indianapolis, January 16.

Hugh McInnes, a retired paper manufacturer, of Norristown, Pa., dropped dead while playing cards at a reception.

The sword of Robert E. Lee, which he carried in the Mexican War, was destroyed in the fire at Joseph Bryan's residence near Richmond, Va.

Shot His Bride of Two Weeks.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Stephen Leonard, a bride of two weeks, is dying from a bullet wound inflicted by her husband, during what the police aver was a quarrel. The husband is under arrest. He declares that the revolver was accidentally discharged while he was cleaning it. Leonard is 21 years of age. He has not worked since his marriage. His wife resumed her work at a corset factory and has been supporting her husband.

Will Give Miss Alice Handsome Gift.

Ardmore, I. T., Jan. 9.—The Rough Riders will send to Miss Alice Roosevelt on the occasion of her marriage to Congressman Longworth next month a handsome present. United States Marshal Colbert, secretary of the Rough Riders' Association, has made a request on each Rough Rider, including President Roosevelt, for a donation toward the present.