

The News Wishes a Happy and Prosperous New Year to All

ELOPES WITH A SPANISH JEW. THrice HER AGE. Man Was Married

Sacrificed Her Home and \$10,000 for the Man Who Served Her—He Was a Hotel Man.

COUPLE BEING TRACKED

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 31.—Robert H. Deignan, the 17-year-old granddaughter of Robert Bula, sacrificed her home and her inheritance of \$10,000,000 when—

These letters in the opinion of Mrs. Cohen, the wife of the waiter left, have been shown to the police and it is thought that the missing heiress and her fiancé are being tracked.

Robert Bula, the millionaire hotel man, and Robert's grandfather, today made it known that he would alter his will and cut off the girl with out a cent.

Miss Deignan left the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia, was revealed today in letters from her which he left behind when he and little Robert, both in disguise, fled last Wednesday.

Cohen, also, was disguised. He wore a false mustache and a soft felt hat that dropped over his eyes and cast a shadow on his features, when he met the girl at the Broad street station.

This afternoon it was declared that the authorities were close on the trail of the strange couple. Little Robert and the man who cast his weird spell over her while he served her as a mental, have been pursued from the moment their flight was discovered by all the forces that could be mustered by the millions that could be garnered by the deserted wife.

The police of half a dozen cities have been at sea on the qui vive, and it was reported today that Boston, Pittsburg, Buffalo and other cities in the East were involved in the search.

Miss Rosa Stokes left yesterday for Philadelphia.

SO LOVESICK COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT THIR. Was Thrice Married

So He Stole Money From Lunch Room Man to Reach Her Side, Then Killed Her and Himself.

HE LOVED ONLY DORA

Peru, Ind., Dec. 30.—A careful laid plan of a love-sick and discouraged man, involving robbery, murder and suicide, culminated today in the slaying of Miss Dora Chapell, twenty-one years old, a waitress in the dining room of the Bears hotel, by Roy McKinney, who then committed suicide.

According to advices from Indianapolis, McKinney entered a lunch-room there early yesterday and rifled the cash register while he covered the man behind the counter with a revolver.

Stole to Reach Girl. Letters found in the dead man's pocket indicated that the hold-up and today's crime were planned. It is believed McKinney committed the robbery to get money to come to Peru. Three letters were addressed to the coroner, the girl's father, Frank Campbell of Peru, and to McKinney's wife at East Germantown, Indiana.

It is a letter to the coroner, McKinney first directed that his body be sent to a medical college and then added:

Loved Only Dora. "I left my first wife because she was not true to me. I left my second wife last March.

ATLANTA PRISON CONDITIONS ARE DECLARED DIRTY. Revelations Shocking

Country Girl Testifies in City Council Investigation—Tells of Many Cruelties Inflicted—Other Girls Whipped.

GUARDS ARE INDICTED

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—That white women were hung up on the wall of a cell room, as though crucified, with extended arms, that at least one attempt was made to whip a woman, and that prisoners were used to do work for private citizens, were some of the things testified to today in the city council investigation of the city prison, known as the stockade.

Charges that the city prison, to which men and women convicted of misdemeanors and unable to pay a money fine are committed, is a filthy place unworthy of holding even animals, that there has been graft and that barbarous cruelties are practiced there have been made. The grand jurors recently indicted Superintendent Vining and two guards for cruelty and made public a scathing report which resulted in this investigation.

Ruby Gaither, a country girl, who said she was 19 years old, was the star witness of the day. After the star witness of the day. After the grand jurors had described the prison as "the dirtiest, foulest place on earth, dirtier than any pig pen," the girl was called. She told how she was sent to the stockade after her mother remarried, because she fought with her step-mother, and how one day she was struck by another woman in a prison cell.

"Mr. Vining grabbed me," she said, and snatched a handkerchief around my right wrist. He and another guard dragged me to the wall in the cell room and hooked my arm to a ring in the wall. The ring was so high that I could not stand on my feet but had to stand on my tip-toes. I told Vining that I was ill and suffering but he paid no attention to me. I was hung there for nearly an hour in agony before I fainted. I do not know how long I was hanging, but I was down and the doctor was attending to me when I recovered consciousness.

The witness told of seeing another girl, also white, hanging by both wrists. A third girl was hung up, but her hands were so small that she slipped through the handcuffs. This same girl, the witness swore, was put in the whipping machine, a big wooden chair, invented by Vining, in which the victim is placed, fastened and then turned over for the application of the lash. The lash is a heavy leather strap with large metal rivets studded in its surface. This girl, Pearl Ryan, was so small, however, that she slipped through the chair, and the guards gave up the attempt to beat her.

The superintendent and the guards are indicted for cruelty beating a negro. Another negro died a few days ago from blood poisoning caused by shackles rusting on his legs and cutting into the flesh. When prisoners arrived at the stockade, shackles were riveted on over their clothing and so matter how long they were held, they could not remove their clothing. Only a lye soap was furnished the prisoners and they got no towels.

WORK DELAYED. On Account of Ice Work on Bath Bridge Stopped.

Mr. M. M. Jones, of this city, who has the contract to rebuild the bridge running across Bath creek, Bath, N. C., began work last Wednesday, but on account of the recent freeze he was compelled to stop work. The bridge is now impassable, working considerable hardship to the citizens in that part of the county. Work will be resumed as soon as the weather permits.

COMMUNION SERVICE. At the First Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning after the sermon the holy communion will be administered. All the members of that congregation are urged to be present.

THE NEW ENGINEER



By DANIEL W. GALLAGHER UNDER the old earth's outer crust—Mid bed-rock fragments and lava Watching the axis turning slow, The Old Year stood at his dynamo In the power plant which time maintains, And numbered losses and figured gains. "I've done quite well," said the aged assessor— "My record's good as an engineer, I've kept things humming, above—below. I can't complain that I've been slow, And now I'm off to bed tonight call— Then he started doffing his overalls. He washed his face and brushed his hair— Then leaned far back in his arm-chair In pensive mood till a sturdy chap Clambered up to the old man's lap. And said: "Old Year—they tell me you Are sorter thinking of getting through." "Right you are," cried the aged man. "Your task awaits you, little Jan. Get into your duds and start right in, I'll wait right here until you begin, For I wish to see if I rightly guess, Which of the levers you first will press." Then Jan marched up to the dynamo. He passed the levers of "Want" and "No"— Nor touched the levers of "War" or "Fame"— Stopping the while to read each name: Thus a handle grasped—as he turned to go, The Old Year's face seemed all aglow. So when the dawn of that day began Man thought of his stricken brother man. With ready help and an honest tear, For them that know no glad New Year. 'Twas the lever of Love in the midst of gloom— That Jan had gripped in the engine-room.

LEE STATUE WILL REMAIN. Congress Cannot Accept Washington and Reject Old

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee, in Confederate uniform, recently put in position in statuary hall of the capital, will remain there without formal acceptance by the House of Representatives, at least for the present.

When the opposition to accepting the statue made itself manifest on the part of the former soldiers in the Union service, it was announced that if the statue was not accepted and it was required to be withdrawn from the hall, Virginia would withdraw the completion piece, the figure of Washington.

MISS WRIGHT ILL. Now in Richmond For Treatment— Hopes to Return in a Week.

On account of the illness of Miss Wright, who is now in Richmond for medical treatment, the kindergarten pupils will not be required to attend the opening of the public schools Monday morning. Just as soon as Miss Wright recovers sufficiently to return to the city the children in this department will be notified. It is to be hoped she will be well enough in a week's time to resume her duties. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Interesting Services Planned For Tomorrow.

The pastor, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, will fill his regular pulpit at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening. His subject for 11 a. m. will be: "Just a Doorkeeper." At night he will continue his series of sermons on the night scenes in the Bible. The topic for tomorrow night is "Bethel in the Night-time." After the evening sermon the holy communion will be celebrated. The subject for prayer meeting next Wednesday evening will be "Meanings of the Lord's Supper." Good music. And all strangers in the city are cordially invited.

INTERESTING MEETING. Every young man in Washington should make it a point to be present at the Young Men's Christian League Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Hon. John H. Small is to address them on "The Young Man and His Ideal." They will hear something that will be profitable. There will be music by a solo quartet from the Presbyterian Church choir.

NEW YEAR'S EVE OYSTER ROAST. Miss Hattie Cozzens and Mr. J. T. Bland Entertain.

Miss Hattie Cozzens and Mr. J. T. Bland gave an oyster roast last night to quite a crowd of young people. They all met at the home of Miss Hattie Cozzens and played games until 11 o'clock, and then departed for the gas house where oysters, olives, pickles and casseroles were served. The guests amused themselves until 12 o'clock, when they all went out and watched the old year out and the new year in.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Peggam, Misses May Styron, Sarah Wells, Pat Harris, Stella Phillips, Ruth Phillips, Emily Harris, Janie Roberts and Hattie Cozzens. Messrs. Frank Wright, Ralph Phillips, Lee Stewart, John Calloway, Willie Stancill, Tom Bland and Master George Harris.

FINE XMAS CELEBRATION. Held at First Baptist Church Last Evening.

The First Baptist Sunday School sustained its fine reputation for entertainment last night. A beautiful little cantata was rendered entitled "The Magic Snowball." The Little Mothers were Misses Pattie Wilson, Lucile LeRoy, Blanche Allgood, Rosie Spain and Oriol Weeks. Prince Charming was impersonated by Master Irving LeRoy, and the Pixies were Masters Robert Jackson, Vernoq Allgood, John Spain and Charlie Weeks. Miss Galdys Allgood represented Mrs. Santa Claus. All took their parts faithfully and naturally. In the lullaby, the choir very ably assisted in the singing.

Of course everybody connected with the school was remembered with a little present, and in addition each of the Junior Baraca Class received a very handsome token from their teacher, Mrs. Allgood.

The church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Altogether the entertainment was well presented, and the committee, Mrs. E. L. Dawson, Mrs. S. F. Allgood and Miss Bertha Vanhook deserve much credit for their excellent work.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH. Morning and Evening Prayer at Usual Hour Tomorrow.

Rev. N. Harding, the rector, will preach at St. Peter's parish, this city, Sunday morning and evening. After the morning sermon the holy communion will be celebrated.

REFUSES TO GO; THOSE INVOLVED ARE ARRESTED. Sends a Card Home

Tried to Send Girl to the Fath-erland to Marry an Old Sweet-heart—But She Left and is Still Missing.

NARRATOR IS ARRESTED

New York, Dec. 30.—William Boehmeke, fifty-nine years old, a merchant living at No. 128 Park avenue, Hoboken, who owns considerable property in that city, was arrested yesterday on the charge of being responsible for the disappearance of fifteen-year-old Elfrieda Tittlebach, of No. 229 Washington street. Two other men, former employees of the girl's father, who conducts a place at No. 133 Washington street, were also held, charged with aiding Boehmeke.

She vanished on December 18. Hoboken detectives declare that she was seen the evening before talking to Boehmeke in front of his house and that she was heard to say:

"I am afraid to go with those two men. You must keep your promise." The girl's reference to men she feared is believed to be explained by the statement of one Fritz Bermach, a former bookkeeper in the employ of her father, and who is one of the three men now under arrest.

It was in the saloon of Tittlebach on Christmas night, while the disappearance of the girl was under discussion, that Bermach appeared.

"It's Christmas," said the man, "and I've got to tell the truth, and here it is."

"Ed Richter, who used to be the lurcher here, was talking to me in the street on the night of December 14 when Ephraeme came up and asked if we wanted to make a few hundred dollars. He said he was being bothered by Elfrieda, but didn't wish to marry her. He said he understood she had an admirer in Hamburg, Germany, and that he wanted to take her abroad.

"He handed us \$200 for tickets on La Lorraine that sailed on the sixteenth and said he would pay \$1,000 when we started.

"We bought the tickets and went after the girl, but we couldn't entice her away from the house and were afraid to use force. The vessel sailed before we could get a chance at her and Boehmeke became very much worried. He took the tickets back and said he would tend to the matter."

Narrator Promptly Arrested. This cheering Christmas story was boldly told by his former employe in the presence of the girl's father, who, restraining an impulse to knock the man down, caused his arrest. Detectives were then sent in search of Richter, who, when placed in custody, fully corroborated the story.

Yesterday Chief Hayes and his detectives, who had watched Boehmeke's home all Sunday night, arrested him as he stepped out. The tickets for La Lorraine were found on him, and he was confronted with the accusation of abduction.

The girl Elfrieda is still missing. Yesterday her mother received a postal card in her daughter's handwriting but addressed in another hand.

CARRIER BOYS TO COLLECT. Beginning Today They Will Collect Subscriptions for the Daily News.

The management wishes to announce to the subscribers of the Daily News that beginning today the city carrier boys will be authorized to collect subscriptions on their respective routes. The subscribers of the paper will please bear this in mind and have their change ready when the carriers call. This is done for the convenience of our subscribers and enables the boys to earn more. We hope to have the cooperation of every subscriber in this new method, as it will save both themselves and the management much annoyance.

Misses Ruth Brinson and Annie Pipkin, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ouder, East Main street, left last night for Reelsboro.

WHOLE BLOCK WIPED OUT IN PORTSMOUTH. Many Horses Burned

Williams' Livery Stables Destroyed, Together With Stores, Saloon and Restaurant—Originated from Overheated Stove.

LOSS ABOUT \$125,000

Portsmouth, Va., Jan. 1.—Fire probably from an overheated stove destroyed the O. L. Williams block of business houses at the corner of South and Crawford streets yesterday with a total loss estimated at \$125,000 and with only partial insurance. The Portsmouth market and armory across the street were threatened and only saved by shifting winds. Eight or ten horses were cremated in the fire. The places burned were:

O. L. Williams' livery stables. J. H. Branch's hay and grain store. Whit Wilkins' commission place. Clark's restaurant. J. H. Howard's saloon. Woodward's restaurant. The undertaking vehicles of Snelling, King and Cooper were burned, as was also the handsome new ambulance of the King's Daughters' Hospital of Portsmouth.

The loss to buildings is placed at \$50,000 with \$75,000 loss on stocks and other personal property. The flames, fanned by a high wind, spread rapidly and while the Portsmouth fire department worked hard they were unable to extinguish the blaze before the entire block had been practically wiped out.

Asked Norfolk For Aid.

Mayor Reed, of Portsmouth, called on Chief McLaughlin, of the Norfolk department for assistance, but the Norfolk companies did not respond. Chief McLaughlin told Mayor Reed that the Norfolk firemen were ready to respond to the call for assistance when it came from the chief of the Portsmouth department and asked him to get in touch with Chief Menden. Nothing further was heard of the request.

Estimate of Losses. The losses are estimated as follows:

- Stables, \$50,000. Horses, feed, vehicles and furniture stored therein, \$47,000. Snellings, King and Cooper, loss of harness and other vehicles, \$7,000. J. H. Branch, loss of stock, \$8,000. King's Daughters' Hospital, loss of ambulances, \$350. A. B. Jarvis, loss of wagon, \$200. Portsmouth Burial Company, loss of horses, \$300. Clark's restaurant, \$500. Woodward's restaurant, \$500. John H. Howard's saloon, \$2,000. Whit Wilkins, produce dealer, \$300.

GREAT DAMAGE IN FLORIDA. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31.—Two days of freezing weather extended to south Florida has left 35 to 50 per cent of the orange crop still on the trees seriously damaged. Thousands of acres of early vegetables are a total loss. The temperature is the lowest since 1895. The greatest damage is in central southwest Florida. On the lower east coast, damage to fruit is slight. Florida citrus exchanges will be heavy losers.

INFANT CHRISTENED. Archie Clark Rodman, the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. John C. Rodman, was christened at the residence, West Main street, yesterday at noon by Rev. Nathaniel Harding, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Misses Lida T. Rodman and Janie Myers were the godmothers, and Messrs. Archie Clark of Wilson, and Rodman Gulon, of New Bern, the godfathers.

New Advertisements in Today's News

- J. K. Hoyt—Hoistery. Carl D. Parker—Insurance. J. H. Harris Plumbing & Supply Co.—Greetings. W. O. Saunders—Abe Rancourt's Freshments. E. R. Mizon & Co.—A Solicitation. Gem Theater. Gaiety Theater. Vick's Remedies. Capoline. Doan's Kidney Pills. Cardui.

