

SURE THAT HE IS COINFELD.

THE ABSCONDING MERCHANT'S CREDITORS LOCATE HIM IN CANADA.

The mysterious man Hoffman, who tried to sell \$300,000 worth of Government bonds in Detroit, identified as Isidor Cohnfeld—Some of His Creditors Seeking to Have the Bonds Attached by Telegraph.

It has been established to the satisfaction of Isidor Cohnfeld's creditors in this city that the man calling himself Hoffman, who yesterday sent a woman over the Canadian border to Detroit to sell \$300,000 worth of United States bonds, is none other than the absconding merchant.

This morning Blumenstein & Hirsch, representing several large creditors of Cohnfeld, telegraphed to a lawyer in Windsor, Ont., who went to the Crawford House, talked with the so-called Hoffman, and wired back this description of the man:

"About fifty years of age, five feet nine inches high, broad-shouldered, very stout, dark brown hair, thick mustache and chin beard, heavy eyebrows, very thick neck and ridge of surplus flesh above right collar."

This is a strikingly exact pen-picture of Isidor Cohnfeld, the well-known theatrical manager and feather merchant and the million-naire owner of Maxey Cobb, Netta Medium and a score of equally famous trotters.

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THE MIRANDA WAITING FOR ORDERS.

She Has Not Yet Been Sent to Search for the Lost Log Raft.

Bowring & Archibald, agents of the steamship Miranda, which had the raft of lumber in tow, which now floats about the Atlantic, constant menace to commerce, say it is not definitely settled whether or not the steamer will be sent in search of the derelict.

The Miranda still remains at Whitestone awaiting instructions. It is thought probable that she will be sent in search of the derelict raft.

"Bowring & Archibald do not place any confidence in the remarks attributed to Mr. Leary, which appeared in a morning paper, that he intended to sue them for the full worth of the raft. They have heard of no such intention and have no fears of any suit.

The steamship Portia, which sails for Halifax to-morrow evening, will have instructions to keep a sharp lookout for the raft.

Supt. Houting, of the Maritime Exchange, who telegraphed the Navy Department at Washington the United States sending a United States vessel in search of the raft, has as yet received no reply to his message. It is not thought probable, however, that any vessel will be sent in search of the raft.

So far none of the ocean vessels or coastwise steamers which have arrived have come in contact with the raft.

LATER—It has been learned that Secretary Whitney has instructed Commodore Gherard, in command of the New York Navy-Yard, to send a naval vessel or a cruiser after the enormous raft from Nova Scotia, now drifting in the path of European steamers.

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FITZGERALD STRIKES BACK.

HE CAUSES JOHN NUTTALL TO BE ARRESTED ON A BENCH WARRANT.

"A Man Has Little Besides His Character, and I Am Bound to Protect Mine," Says the Public Prosecutor—Nuttall Makes Another Statement Which Modifies the Situation a Good Deal.

"A man has little besides his character, and I am bound to protect mine," said Assistant District-Attorney Fitzgerald yesterday.

The result of this determination was the issuance of a bench warrant by Recorder Smyth, on which John Nuttall was arrested at his home in South Brooklyn by Detective Sergt. Phil Reilly this morning.

Nuttall is the insurance agent who was discharged by Recorder Smyth on a suspended sentence recently. He had been indicted for grand larceny for having failed to return the premium on a policy of insurance which he had written in the Prudential Life Insurance Company, but which policy was not accepted by the company.

On Monday the Rev. Jas. B. Nies, of 417 Clinton street, Brooklyn, called on District-Attorney Martin and told him that Nuttall's friends had paid for him \$125.00, which was to be used to pay for the expenses of the District-Attorney's office, and that Assistant District-Attorney Fitzgerald had received the money.

The publication of this complaint led to the arrest of Nuttall this morning. Nuttall said to a World reporter that he did not see why he should be arrested. He had made no complaint against Mr. Fitzgerald. The facts of the matter, he said, were these:

Charles A. Wright, a young lawyer of Jersey City, had come to him in the Tombs and offered his services, which were gladly accepted. He had known Curtis and Nuttall the same insurance company for which he was working.

Mr. Merriman, of Rhode Island, on behalf of the committee that had called the meeting, proposed that Nuttall be given the body and the case reported to the Twentieth street police station. Capt. Dakin was placed under arrest pending the Coroner's inquest.

Speaking of this challenge from Sullivan, Mr. Fox said to-day: "It's nothing but a big bluff. If Sullivan wanted to fight Kilrain why didn't he when they were both in this country?"

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Miss Clara Kellogg returned to town yesterday in a new role. The plump, vivacious little singer is now Mme. Carl Strakosch.

The Hoboken Common Council met last evening, and decided to reject the offers of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company to effect a compromise from a twenty-second street ferry-boat in the East River.

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Two Women Faint in Court. In the Court of Special Sessions at 10 o'clock yesterday a proffered against a colored servant named Alice Hicks, on trial for petty larceny, fainted dead away in the arms of the Court Interpreter, Dr. St. Abe, who caught her just in time to save her from what might have resulted in a life of imprisonment.

Well Dressed and Accused of Theft. Mrs. Elizabeth Fack, aged thirty-five, a stylishly dressed woman, who gave her residence as 128 Perry street, was arrested in Brich's light suit in the East River, carrying a bundle of handkerchiefs in her possession, all alleged to be stolen. In the Jefferson Market Police Court to-day she was held for trial.

Samuel Moore, thirty-two years old, who lived at 64 Varick street, and who was employed as a helper by Truckman William Murphy, in the employ of Messrs. Francis H. Laggett & Co., wholesale grocers, was arrested at the Tombs Police Court this morning on a charge of stealing \$13.50 which he had collected from Messrs. J. J. Judge & Co., of 42 Water avenue, Jersey City, on Monday, for goods which he delivered for his employer. Moore, after collecting the money, went on a drunk and spent it. He pleaded guilty. He was held for trial at General Sessions.

Squires Had Religious Inanity. Deputy Coroner Jenkins viewed the body of Charles M. Squires, who was found last night hanging in a closet in his apartment at Baruch House, 162 East Fifty-first street, to-day, and granted a permit for the removal of the body to an undertaker's establishment.

IT LOOKS LIKE A STRIKE.

Cigar Manufacturers to Return to the Tenement-House System After Jan. 1.

The declaration of eleven firms which gave up the manufacture of cigars in tenement-houses to resume the old system is very likely to lead to a big strike in short time—probably after the Christmas holidays.

Officers of the Cigar-makers' International union in this city said to-day to a World reporter that the move is made by the Cigar Manufacturers' Association mainly to break up the unions, and that the question of outside competition and prices does not enter into the matter.

Should a strike take place fully 10,000 men will join in it.

The union men say that they are prepared to resist a resumption of the old system, but the pernicious system of making cigars in tenement-houses, and they are confident of success.

This admission that there is an injury to the trade from the exportation of Birmingham, where 1,000 non-union men are employed at lower rates of wages than are paid in this city, but they assert that the principal cause of loss of trade is the fact that the manufacture of inferior grades of cigars at prices paid formerly for better qualities.

In the event of a strike the local unions will be aided by the 30,000 members of the International Union and by the American Federation of Labor.

Large meetings of the unions will be held next Sunday, when final action in the matter will be taken.

A secret meeting of the manufacturers who formerly had their work done in the tenement-houses was recently held. It was resolved to resume the old system after Jan. 1.

Woolen Manufacturers Revolt. A Combination to Stop Giving too Favorable Terms to Customers.

Representatives of the principal woolen and worsted manufacturers of the United States met this morning, at 84 White street, to discuss business principles and to correct certain abuses.

Thomas Dolan, of Philadelphia, was chosen Chairman and A. S. Leland Secretary. On taking the chair, Mr. Dolan said there was no business subject to the same violent abuses, uncertainties and vicissitudes as their own.

"It is not only the very objectionable terms that are made and given in the sale of our products," he said, "but the conditions are such that we are called upon to guarantee and become responsible for the mistakes of our customers."

"We are called upon frequently to perform impossible and such unreasonable demands as uniformity of shading and color in each and every piece, furnishing one-eighth, one-fourth, one-half and yard samples, regardless of price, free of cost, and the privilege of ordering and sending to the pleasure of the buyer are made upon us."

JOHN L. SULLIVAN'S CHALLENGE. R. K. Fox Thinks It is a Big Bluff, but is Ready to Back Kilrain.

Mr. Richard K. Fox, of the Police Gazette, received the following cable dispatch last night from Jake Kilrain's agent in England: Sullivan challenges Kilrain and Smith for \$6,000 in a fight to the death, on terms of his own opinion, is greatest fighter ever seen in the ring.

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ON THE VERGE OF WAR.

Prince William's Plain Speech to His Favorite Regiment.

"We Are on the Brink of a Future Which is Uncertain."

The young soldier enjoys the confidence of Prince Bismarck, and his words create excitement in Berlin—"We Should Think of the Motto on Our Shields, 'With God for King and Fatherland.'"

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—There is much excitement over the speech made Monday night by Prince William to his regiment, the Zietzen Hussars. Enjoying, as he does, the closest confidence of Prince Bismarck, his ominous words of war command respectful attention.

Nothing has done more than the young Princes' speech to strengthen the belief that Europe is on the verge of a prolonged struggle in arms.

Since we celebrated Christmas last year times have changed. They have become very serious. We are on the brink of a future which is perhaps uncertain, and it is, therefore, fitting that we should think of the motto on our shields, "With God for King and Fatherland," and above all on the words "With God." May he stand by us in this serious time, when one of our greatest commanders and Generals, who has led our armies in so many wars, is enduring a severe trial.

A telegram has been received here stating that Prince Randolph Churchill is on his way to St. Petersburg to obtain an audience of the Czar.

BARNEY ROURKE'S TREACHERY. Figures Which Prove that He Kuffed the Republican Candidates.

The official statement of the vote cast at the last election shows that Barney Rourke and the gang of repeaters and ex-convicts did their worst in the Eighth Assembly District. Below will be found the returns from seven election districts in Rourke's stronghold on certain candidates.

Rourke supported Col. Fellows for District-Attorney and Daniel G. Rollins for Supreme Court judge, Rollins being the only Republican candidate he did support. He also worked for Stecker, the Union Democratic candidate for Civil Justice, as against Botty, the machine Republican.

A study of the figures will prove interesting. In the Election District Botty got only one vote, and Rourke has offered \$500 reward for the discovery of the man who cast it.

There are fully forty residents of the district who are willing to swear that they voted for Botty. The inspectors, however, swore that Botty only had one vote when they got through their canvass.

Offended at a Christmas Present. Anna Manton, a resident of Emerald street, Astoria, attempted to commit suicide last night by jumping from a second-story window into the East River.

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Christmas Cheer for Four Persons. Assistant District-Attorney Davis said this morning to a World reporter: "You may safely say that neither Jay Gould, Russell Sage, Henry S. Paine nor George H. Stewart will be indicted by the present Grand Jury."

Barrels from the Scotland. Two large barges of the Merritt Wrecking Company arrived at Stapleton this morning laden with empty barrels, which are a part of the cargo of the British bark Scotland, sank on the Jersey coast.

Brooklyn News at a Glance. A uniform belonging to United States Customs Inspector Stuart was stolen from his office in Brooklyn scores yesterday by some unknown person.

James Matthews' Speech. James Matthews, the young printer who attempted suicide last night by jumping off a Courtland street ferry-boat, was arraigned at the Tombs this morning. He said that he quarrelled with his parents and went on an agree which lasted three weeks. He was under the influence of drink and learned that his mother had died during his absence. He became disconsolate and continued the spree. He was under the influence of drink at the time of the accident, as he called it. Justice Kilbret discharged him.

STARVING ON KANSAS PLAINS.

NO FOOD, NO FUEL, SEVEN PEOPLE DEAD AND NO HELP IN PROSPECT.

Unless the Cold Weather Moderates the Future in Dark—Immigrant settlers dependent on a Railroad Corporation, Which Did but Little for Them, Threaten They Claim to Be Doing the Best They Can.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—There is terrible suffering among farmers and stock raisers in the western part of the State, which is sparsely settled. Four people are reported dead from the cold in Clark County, while near Dighton, Kan., a woman and her two children are known to have perished.

The scarcity of coal is a great disadvantage. The supply was exhausted during the recent cold snap, and the situation is now deplorable. The food is almost as scarce as fuel.

SENTENCED BUT NOT INDICTED. Two Men Who Pleaded Guilty and Were Sent to Prison by a Clerk's Mistake.

One of the most curious incidents in the history of the Court of General Sessions was the sentencing of two prisoners who had not been indicted.

The prisoners were August H. Schultz, charged with burglary in the first degree, and Charles Edwards, charged with assault in the first degree.

The former pleaded guilty to burglary in the third degree, and was sent to the Reformatory, while the latter pleaded guilty to simple assault, and a residence for six months in the penitentiary was his lot.

Both men were undoubtedly guilty of what they would not have pleaded, but the Grand Jury did not have sufficient evidence to warrant an indictment, and the bills were in each case dismissed.

Instead, however, of indorsing the indictment on its face with the red-ink legend "Dismissed," the Clerk to the Grand Jury made such endorsement upon the book, and the foreman, not seeing the words, his name under the indorsement. "A true bill."

Assistant District-Attorney Fellows said this morning that as neither Schultz nor Edwards was properly sentenced, they should be released on habeas corpus proceedings.

BLAMED MICE FOR THE BLAZE. The Alleged Origin of a Suburban Fire in the Howard Building, on Broadway.

A very stubborn fire, which caused small loss, but gave two hours' work to the firemen, broke out at 9.30 a. m. to-day in the Howard Building, on the southeast corner of Broadway and Maiden lane.

Mice, according to the foreman, had drawn papers and matches beneath the flooring of an unoccupied room on the sixth floor, and had started a blaze by nibbling the phosphorus.

The smoke was so dense that it filled the building and drove the tenants from the second floor. The fire was extinguished by the firemen, but the damage was considerable.

KILLED BY AN EXPRESS TRAIN. George G. Crary's Neck Broken by an Engine at East Orange.

George G. Crary, a wealthy and well-known citizen of Orange, N. J., was struck by an express train at 9.30 this morning while attempting to cross the tracks of the Morris and Essex Railroad at East Orange and was instantly killed, his neck being broken by the shock.

THE TROUBLE WITH THE "L."

Is not the Manhattan Road "Taking Zoo Many Chances?"

FUNERAL OF JOHN HOWSON. By His Own Wish His Body Will be Cremated at Fresh Pond To-morrow.

The funeral of John Howson occurred this noon from the Church of the Transfiguration.

John Howson was playing with the Lotta company in "Paw-Ticket No. 210" last Friday in Troy, when he died suddenly of acute aneurism. He left a wife and one son, who were at his home in New Rochelle.

Among the people who came to pay the last tribute to merry John Howson were William and Henry Holland, the sons of the actor who whose friends were comforted in the "Little Church around the Corner."

Old John Gilbert was there, and he remarked solemnly to the veteran "Ben" Baker, Secretary of the Actors' Fund: "We come here pretty often now, don't we?"

Henry Edwards and wife, John L. Vincent, Prof. John Allen, Mrs. Emma Carson, William Burroughs, John Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray and many others famous in the music world were present.

A delegation from New York Lodge of Odd Fellows, headed by Exalted Ruler J. J. Spies, attended, and Brothers William Brown, Robert S. Martin, William Clark, George L. Stout, Harry Palmer and Thomas C. Mayland, of that lodge, were pall-bearers.

The body was brought down from New Rochelle at a little after 12 o'clock. It lay in a black lead casket in the church, and was very plain. On the simple plate was the inscription: "John Howson, born Nov. 17, 1843; died Dec. 16, 1887."

There were many floral designs, most notable of which were a laureate wreath knotted with beautiful pink and cream roses, from an unknown friend; a flat eson bearing the words "Brother," from Miss Emma Howson, the original Josephine; "Fiancée," from Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Parson's; wreaths from Mrs. Huntley and John D. Ralph, and a pillow of lilies of the valley from Mrs. George C. Bowler.

The funeral services of the Episcopal Church was read by the venerable pastor, and a volunteer quartet, composed of Mrs. W. W. Thomas, soprano; Miss Clara Stanton, contralto; Harry Mooler, tenor; and W. W. Thomas, bass, rendered the chant "Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days." Barnaby's "Sleep thy last sleep," "Lord, kindly light," by Dr. Dykes, and "I hear a voice from Heaven," the marches were Best's and Schoffen's, respectively.

John Howson, leader of the Madison Square Theatre orchestra, and wife; Charles F. Howson, Irving's advance agent; Miss Emma Howson, and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Parsons followed the body with the widow and son of the dead man.

John Howson in life frequently expressed a horror of being buried after death. He used to say: "I don't want to be dropped into a hole in the ground for the worms. I would rather be dropped into the sea, or cremated."

His wishes will be respected. His body will lie in the rooms of Taylor & Co., No. 163 Bowery, until to-morrow, when it will be taken to Fresh Pond, L. I., and cremated.

Prices at the Assembly Park Fair. ASBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 21.—The receipts of the fair held by Canton Atlantic, No. 7, Paterson, Millant, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and other societies, were \$1,000.

Robbed by an Ungrateful Heav. Gustave Hoffman, aged eighteen years, son of Frederick Hoffman, of No. 138 West Fifty-third street, was arrested last night for stealing \$500 worth of ivory bric-a-brac and jewelry from his parents.

Chabmen All at Work Again. The cabmen and stevedores having waived the demand for a year's contract with their employers, and the latter having granted an increase of wages, the strikes have ended and all hands are at work.

It Will Be Cold Enough for You. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Instructions for the twenty-four hours, commencing at 9 P. M. to-day, for Connecticut and Eastern New York, north coast, with a tendency to fresh winds, with a

Ownership Wagon Hold Cheap. The sale of "bored and wagon police findings" took place at Van Tassel & Kearney's auction yesterday afternoon. One horse brought \$75, while wagons and wagons paid for from \$5 to \$25.00.

Chains Against the State. The Commissioners of the State Court of Claims met at the Hoffman house this morning. They are George M. Beebe, Henry T. Allen and William L. Muller. E. M. Holbrook is the Secretary. It is expected that the cases can be disposed of in two days. They include claims for quarantine cases, canal drainage, claims of stenographers to legislative committees.

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No Close Yet to the Fowling. Although the Chief of the Treasury special agents and Inspector Byrnes have been hard at work trying to ferret out the perpetrators of the public stores forgeries they have not yet succeeded in obtaining any definite clue.

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