CHILD'S DEATH.

Sheffield Anglers Repudiate Charges.

AN EXPLANATION.

Coroner and jury commented very severely on what they called the "inhuman" conduct of two Sheffield anglers who had been mentioned in connection with the finding of the body of a little girl named Dorothy Koerner in the canal at Hayton, near Retford. The child, who was the five-year-old daughter of Alfred Frederick Koerner, of the Fire Station, Sheffield, was staying with her mother at the Boat Inn, and fell into the canal while at play.

The anglers were not called at the inquest, and were unable to give their version of the circumstances. They have called on us, and asked us to put the case from their point of view. This shows their conduct in an entirely different light. Doubtless if their version had been given at the inquiry the opinions expressed would have been considerably modified.

It was alleged that the two men went to the Boat Inn and inquired for rooms, and then said to the landlord: "Did you know there is a child in the water?" The landlord said that he had been unable to trace them, but understood they had come from the Gate Inn.

They explain that they arrived at Retford on Monday, at 3 p.m., and then walked along the canal side till they came to the Gate Inn, where they had a small drink. They went on as far as Hayton, and on arriving at the bridge near the Boat Inn began to look about for a fishing place. Then one of them saw the body of the child upright in the water, about two yards away from the bridge on the far side of the canal. He drew his brother's attention to this, and called another man, who remarked that it was useless to jump in, for the body looked as if it had been long dead.

The anglers then went into the inn and told the landlord, who brought a rake and recovered the body. When they heard from him and from the child's mother that she had only just been missed, one of the anglers, who was the only person present who knew anything about artificial respiration, tried this for half an hour, but without success. They assert that they did not mention the matter of rooms to the landlord until they had told him about the body.

They decided not to stay, but before leaving gave a full account of the accident to the constable who had been fetched, giving him also their names and addresses. This officer, they say, told them that the Coroner would not want them, and so they came away.

It seems curious that men who were so intimately concerned with the case were not called, and they very much resent the implication that they had in some way evaded any tracing of themselves. There is a conflict between their version of the way in which they reported the discovery of the body to the landlord and the story told by the latter, but they are quite sure that theirs is the right account of the facts.

KNEW SIR WALTER SCOTT

The Death of a Lady Centenarian.

The death took place to-day of Mrs. Drew, at her residence, Ardencaple House, near Helensburgh, in her 101st year.

The deceased, who had lived in six reigns, received a congratulatory letter from the King on attaining her hundredth birthday. The deceased was one of the few remaining links with Sir Walter Scott. When a girl of eighteen she met Sir Walter at her aunt's house at Orbiston.

Mrs. Drew was a liberal contributor to philanthropic schemes.

HUMAN REMAINS.

Discovery in Old Inn at Worksop.

A gruesome discovery of human remains was made at Worksop during the excavations attendant upon the rebuilding of the Marquis of Granby Inn by the Worksop and Retford Brewery Co.

The inn was a house of old-fashioned appearance, and beneath the cellar floor was discovered part of the skull, jaw bones, and other remains of a human being. The body had apparently been deposited there at full length.

There was no sign of a coffin or of any clothing. The teeth were in a perfect state of preservation.

The remains are believed to have lain hidden for over a century. The bones were carefully collected and taken to the Police Station.

READY REVOLVER.

An Echo of the Dock Riots.

(BY OUR PRIVATE WIRE)

At West Ham to-day, the last of the remanded charges arising out of the dock riots on July 31 was heard, when Percy John Norman, 29, a labourer, of Poplar, was charged with shooting at Charles Comber, 27, a riveter, of Stratford, and Patrick Gilligan, of Custom House, while Comber was charged with assaulting Norman.

Gilligan, who has been in hospital for eleven days said that on the morning in question he was walking towards Silvertown in search of work. He saw Norman, and heard someone in the crowd say, "Look out, he has got a revolver." He then saw Norman with a revolver in his right hand, and immediately heard a report. Witness made a rush at him, and tried to pin his arms to his side, but was not quite successful. Prisoner put his right arm over his shoulder, and witness felt the muzzle of the revolver at his throat. Prisoner then fired, and witness felt a burning sensation. His right arm became instantly powerless, and he bled from the throat.

A medical witness, who extracted the bullet from Gilligan's neck, said he was in great danger for three days, but had now almost recovered.

Norman, giving evidence, said he was surrounded by two crowds and used the revolver in self-defence. His intention was to fire over their heads.

Mr. Gillespie said he would commit Norman for trial, and adjourned the case against Comber until Norman's case had been disposed of.

APPRENTICES ON STRIKE.

The engineering apprentices strike against the Insurance Act deductions is spreading in Scotland, and a mass meeting of strikers on Glasgow Green to-day numbered 2,500.

Protest resolutions were adopted. The Employers' Federation is considering the situation.

WIFE'S ADMISSION.

Thomas McAllister, a deputy, of Worsboro' Dale, applied to the Barnsley West Riding Magistrates to-day for the discharge of a maintenance order, and it was stated that his wife had written to him admitting she had been living with another man and asking him to get a divorce. The application was granted.

RECTOR OF GREAT WARLEY.

The Rev. F. L. Williamson, curate at the Sheffield Parish Church, has been appointed Rector of Great Warley, Essex. The patron of the living is Mr. E. Heseltine.

Mr. Williamson has been at the Parish Church with the late Archdeacon since 1908. He was formerly curate of St. Andrew's, Walcot, for three years.

At Cambridge, he was Sizar and Spencer Scholar of Corpus Christi College. He took his B.A. degree in 1903, and M.A. in 1908. The Bishop of Bath and Wells ordained him in 1905. Mr. Williamson is at present away on his holiday.

In Russia and the north of Sweden there is a heat wave.

Football enthusiasts who wish to be up-to-date must get the "Sheffield Telegraph" Football Guide, which is now ready, and is having a remarkable sale. It is full of valuable facts and figures dealing with the pastime, and contains all the local League and Football League fixtures. The price is one penny.—Advt.

JUMP TO DEATH.

Man Cut to Pieces by an Express.

MATLOCK STATION TRAGEDY

Shortly after midday to-day a gentleman visitor was standing on the Matlock Midland Railway station platform when the Manchester to London express was due.

Suddenly several passengers on the platform noticed the gentleman jump on to the rails and try to lay himself down. The express cut him to pieces, his legs and head being cut in two, and he was killed instantly.

A later telegram states that the body of the unfortunate gentleman has been identified by cards and papers found in the pockets of the clothing as that of Mr. Harold Byers, of Sunderland.

He was wearing a monocle. The body was so mutilated that it was impossible to remove the clothing.

The deceased was seen at Matlock yesterday.

The inquest on the deceased showed that his name was Harold Byers, a Sunderland rope manufacturer and had been staying at Matlock for his health. He had suffered from insomnia.

A verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was returned.

KAISER'S COUSIN.

German Baroness Arrested But Soon Released.

As a result of an altercation with officers in the restaurant of the Hotel L'Europe at Constantza, says Dalziel's Vienna correspondent to-day, a German lady was arrested who turned out to be the Baroness Hochenau, a cousin of the Emperor William.

She was at once released with apologies. The officers have been punished and the Chief of Police dismissed.

"A FARCE."

Curious Deadlock in Seoul Trial.

In consequence of the charges brought by the judges who are trying the conspiracy trial now proceeding at Seoul, says Reuter to-day, against numerous missionaries, and the refusal of the Court to call the latter to clear themselves or to bear witness on behalf of the accused, the defence has impeached the judges, demanding a new trial.

It is pointed out that the present trial is merely a farce. The Supreme Court has refused the application of the defence, and the trial will be resumed on August 23rd.

ORPHAN HEIR.

Boy Born to the Family of Astor.

A Reuter's New York message to-day says that Mrs. Astor, widow of Colonel Astor, who was drowned in the Titanic disaster, gave birth to a son this morning.

He will be named after his father, J. J. Astor.

Considerable public interest was taken in the will of the late Colonel Astor when this was made public shortly after the Titanic tragedy.

The bulk of the Colonel's fortune seems to have been left to his son by a former marriage. In addition to settlements, a sum of £25,000, interest in £1,000,000 during widowhood, and the horses, carriages, and consumable stores were left to the widow. The £1,000,000 was to revert to the elder son.

Presumably the interests of the child which has just been born are covered in the settlements made at the time of Colonel Astor's marriage.

DIED ON A HILLSIDE.

Tragic End of a Matlock Visitor.

An inquest was held at Matlock this afternoon touching the tragic death of a Manchester visitor to a Matlock Hydro, Mr. George T. Cooke, a well-known retired secretary of a Scottish Insurance Company of Albert Road, Whalley Range, who was found dead on the Lumsdale hillside on Monday.

The remains were identified by the nephew, Mr. George Digby Simons, of Lytham. The deceased's sister also died suddenly.

A post-mortem examination had been held of the body, and the doctor gave his decision that death was due to natural causes, heart failure or cardiac syncope.

Miss Margaret White, a visitor, said deceased was chatting cheerfully when he fell and died on the footpath.

The jury returned a verdict according to the medical evidence.

THE PANAMA FIX.

Melbourne Premier's Optimistic View.

In the Melbourne House of Representatives to-day, says Reuter, Mr. Deakin asked whether Mr. Fisher, the Premier, intended to communicate with the Imperial Government regarding the decision of the American Senate granting free tolls through the Panama canal to American vessels engaged in the coasting trade, as it was a matter of vital importance to Australia.

Mr. Fisher, in reply, said he regretted that America had taken a course which seemed clearly against the terms of the Anglo-American Treaty. The Commonwealth, he added, had already communicated with the Imperial Government, and he hoped the matter would be satisfactorily settled.

A Reuter wire to-day from Washington states that the conflict over the Panama Canal Bill has made no progress towards a solution. Mr. Adamson, member in charge of the Bill in the House of Representatives, has declined to accept the Senate amendments. There was a night session of the conference of the two Houses, and a deadlock seems imminent in view of the firm stand made by the House members of the conference unless the Senators agree to drop the new proposals.

SENT TO A REFORMATORY.

At the Rotherham Borough Children's Court to-day, three boys were charged with larceny. Two were bound over, and the other, who had been previously in trouble, was committed to a reformatory for five years.

MYSTERY OF AN EXPRESS.

A man, aged about 50, belonging to Keighley, Yorkshire, was found dead on the Midland Railway, near Luton, yesterday morning. The return half of an excursion ticket from Keighley to London was found upon him. It is supposed that he travelled from London by the 12.5, an express train, for when the train arrived at Bedford the door of a compartment was found open, and the compartment was empty.

DECEMBER AND MAY.

A man, said to be 80 years old, applied to the London Guildhall magistrate for a separation order from his wife. He said that in years gone by he would have been able to take the proper steps in the Divorce Court.

An officer of the court said that the wife was only about 28 years old.

The alderman (to the old man): All I can advise you is to leave her. I have no power to grant a separation.

LIMIT IN POLITICS.

When Arthur Hurst, a fishmonger, was accused political meeting, it was stated that he continually at Willesden of being disorderly by disturbing a ally shouted out, "You go and lick your insurance stamps."

"The interest you showed in politics in these apathetic days is very commendable," the magistrate told him. "I shall discharge you, but you must remember in future that there is a limit in political disputes beyond which men should not go."

The typhoid fever epidemic continues at Strood, the total number of cases notified to the authorities being thirty-five.

UNION FUNDS.

Serious Charge Against an Official.

ACCOUNTS WRONG.

Serious allegations were made against a branch secretary of the National Union of Gas Workers and General Labourers, at Sheffield Police Court, to-day, when a middle-aged man named George Chubb, 162, Newman Road, Wincobank, was charged with having, between 1st October, 1911, and 28th July, converted to his own use the sum of £47 6s 3d received by him on behalf of the Union.

Mr. F. W. Scorah, who prosecuted, said the defendant was the first secretary of the No. 9 branch, held at the Pheasant Inn, Wincobank, which was formed on August 26 in last year. It was his duty, there being no treasurer, to receive contributions from members, with the assistance of a shop steward, who was the collector. The defendant's remuneration was 10 per cent. of the total collection, and the shop steward's was 7½ per cent.

The steward's duty was to pay the contributions to the defendant, who should enter them, and make a return every fortnight to the district office in Sheffield, showing the amounts paid and received, and any balance in hand he was to forward.

At the end of each quarter he was to send a quarterly balance sheet, which was to be properly audited and signed by the auditors. On the 13th of July the return showed that a sum of one guinea was due as having been received, and the smallness of the amount excited some suspicion, and an inquiry was made. Mr. C. H. Blackburn, the District Secretary, wrote to the defendant calling his attention to it, and in reply the defendant attributed it to the slackness of members in paying, owing in part to "Saturday night attractions," but he promised to get in the arrears the following week, together with considerable additions to the membership.

"MOST ASTOUNDING."

On August 2nd, Mr. Blackburn having called at the defendant's house, the latter wrote to him, "Regret I was not at home when you called; realise now why you called; weekly report and cash due this week, and most astounding, I have been thinking it was to-morrow (Saturday). However, will be with you to-morrow at 12 prompt, and bring money, £4 12s. 6d." He did not, however, keep that promise. On August 7th Blackburn obtained from the defendant's wife the contribution book and duplicate return book, which on being audited disclosed an apparent deficiency of £47 6s. 3d. The quarterly accounts rendered purported to be signed by two auditors.

Mr. Scorah added that he would call one of them who would say that he had never on any occasion audited any of the defendant's books, and certainly not signed either of the quarterly returns produced. On one occasion the defendant got him to sign a blank form which he explained was a preliminary to his appointment as auditor.

Mr. Blackburn generally corroborated in detail Mr. Scorah's opening, and in cross-examination by Mr. J. E. Wing (who defended) admitted he could not remember whether or not he was present when the defendant was appointed, or whether his appointment was in writing in the minute book or not, on or about the 26th August. He could not find any documentary evidence of his appointment, but he had received the returns from him. There were about 165 members, and their contributions were 3d. per week.

A REMARKABLE MAN.

"Have you ever noticed anything peculiar in the defendant's manner," asked Mr. Wing.

"He always struck me as being a rather remarkable man for a labourer; he was always most refined in his letters and conversation," was the reply.

Mr. Wing: But you don't consider that refinement is a sign of peculiarity?

Mr. Blackburn: Sometimes he appeared very agitated, and got very much agitated over trifles. He proceeded to relate a conversation he had had with Mrs. Chubb, who said her husband had not returned, and she "washed her hands of the business."

Mr. Frank Hague, of Parkgate, Rotherham, branch secretary and district delegate of the Union, proved the audit of accounts which disclosed the deficiency alleged.

Ernest Cox, of Fife Street, Wincobank, a tube drawer, repudiated the signature purporting to be his on the quarterly returns, and said he had never audited them. He [illegible] conversation with the defendant res[illegible] appointment as auditor. He asked [illegible] a paper with a view to his appointmen[illegible] for the ensuing quarter. The pape[illegible]ed was nothing like the quarterly return[illegible]d. When he subsequently spoke to him [illegible] he auditing, defendant told him there w[illegible]ty of time."

DEFENCE RESERVED.

Defendant reserved his defence, an[illegible]mitted for trial at the Assizes. Mr. W[illegible]ed up a doctor's certificate to show why [illegible]ot call him. It was on the doctor's advi[illegible]id, that he did not at present put the [illegible]he box. He was nearly 60 years of ag[illegible]ad never been convicted of any offence. [illegible]nd served in the Army for 17 years, 15 of [illegible]re in India, and during that time he had [illegible]ad sunstroke, which affected his head fro[illegible]to time. After the visit of Mr. Blackbu[illegible]ad left home and had been wandering [illegible]or several days, and returned home [illegible]ry destitute state.

The Stipendiary acceded to an appl[illegible]or bail, and also certified for legal aid [illegible]he defendant.

A PROSPEROUS ST[illegible]

Latest Statistics from [illegible]w South Wales.

The New South Wales railway reven[illegible]he year ended June, 1912, amounted to [illegible]00 (says Reuter's Sydney correspondent [illegible]as compared with £6,042,000 in the prev[illegible], and the expenditure to £4,170,000, [illegible] with £3,691,000.

The remarkable expansion of traffic [illegible] maintained during the past year. The [illegible] revenue for the year amounted to [illegible] as compared with £1,366,000 in the [illegible] financial year, and the expenditure £1[illegible] compared with £1,143,000.

The New South Wales Government [illegible] reports that the population of New So[illegible] at the end of June was 1,729,765, being an increase during the quarter of 18,159. This was highest recorded and consists of 7,489 births and 10,650 excess of arrivals over the departures. The population increased by 36,395 during the last six months. This again is a record.

WEDDING PARTY TRAGEDY.

Fatal Accident to One of the Guests.

How wedding festivities ended in tragedy was told at St. Pancras, to-day, at an inquest on William White (26), newsvendor.

On Sunday, White and his wife were guests at the wedding of his sister. White was slightly under the influence of drink, and shortly after 11 p.m. left the room with a friend named Lee. In a few seconds sounds of a fall were heard, and on search being made both men were found lying unconscious on the staircase. Lee recovered, but White was removed to the hospital, where life was found to be extinct.

The bridegroom stated that a portion of the staircase, which was in good condition, was without a banister. The party was a happy one.

The medical evidence showed that death was due to the man's neck being broken, and must have been instantaneous.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

GANTON'S ROYAL MEMBER.

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught has been elected an honorary member of the Ganton Golf Club.

JUSTIN McCARTHY'S WILL.

The late Mr. Justin McCarthy left estate of the gross value of £460, of which the net personalty has been sworn at £197.

THE KING ON THE MOORS.

The King and the other members of the Duke of Devonshire's shooting party left Bolton Abbey this morning by motor for sport on the Hazelwood Moors.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned at an inquest at Barnsley to-day in the case of William Gledhill (24), a miner, of Lambert Fold, Dodworth, who died in the Beckett Hospital on Saturday from injuries sustained by a fall of roof at Old Silkstone Colliery the same day. The deceased was badly crushed and had a fractured skul

A LITTLE SKELETON.

Shocking Child Neglect in Sheffield.

SEVERE SENTENCES.

"If you want a typical case of the cause of infantile mortality you have got it here," said Mr. A. Neal at the Sheffield Police Court to-day, when outlining a disgraceful case of neglect of children by William and Elizabeth Jarvis, of 2ct., 8hse., Weston Street, Sheffield.

Mrs. Beeby, lady sanitary inspector, spoke to visiting the defendants' home. The wife had had twelve children, seven of whom had died, six being under the age of twelve months.

Mrs. Beeby added that at that visit she found some of the other children in the coal cellar, and they were scantily clothed and verminous. Upstairs there was a bedroom on the first floor, and the only covering was an old torn blanket. On that bed five human beings slept. She advised the woman to take the baby to the Hospital. When twins were born witness advised her to go to the baby depot, but she had not done so.

When the baby, which was taken to the Workhouse, was examined by Dr. Ryves the child was found to weigh only 4lbs. Its normal weight should have been 9lbs. It was, in fact, a little skeleton. The other children were small and verminous.

Defendants expressed their regret, and said they were very sorry.

The Chairman said it was an abominable case. He did not know which defendant was the worst. The mother was sent to prison for six months with hard labour, and the father to three months' hard labour.

A HIGH TIDE.

The Sea Invades Boys' Brigade Camp.

The camp of Preston Catholic Boys' Brigade, on the foreshore, at Southport, was invaded by an extraordinarily nigh tide during last night.

A hurried retreat had to be made and clothes and baggage abandoned. Some of the younger boys were carried to safety.

The sentries did not realise the danger until the sea reached the tents.

"YES" AND "NO."

Tattoo Marks on an Unknown Man.

(BY OUR PRIVATE WIRE)

The body of an unknown man, apparently a tramp, was found in the river at Limehouse on Monday. His coat and hat were found on the bank. On the right forearm were tatooed the words "Yes" and "No."

No money or papers were found, and there were no marks on the clothing to lead to identification.

At an inquest at Stepney a verdict of "Suicide whilst temporarily insane" was returned.

SAILORS IN A PANIC.

Explosion on a French Battleship.

According to a telegram from Toulon, says Reuter's Paris correspondent to-day, some tubes in one of the boilers of the battleship Verite exploded yesterday and caused a panic among the crew.

Accounts of the occurrence as appear in the newspapers to-day say that a number of the crew, after the explosion, jumped overboard and swam ashore. The captain thereupon ordered recall to be sounded and when the men returned on board they were severely reprimanded. Nobody was injured.

Scenes of panic were also witnessed on board [illegible] with 22 Belleville boilers.

LADY DIVER'S CLAIM.

Sequel to Southport Pier Exhibition.

Wearing a Royal Humane Society medal, Miss Edie Pridmore, a lady diver, formerly champion of the Sheffield Dolphin Club, appeared at the Southport County Court yesterday in support of a claim for wages amounting to 30s.

Miss Pridmore has been engaged as a diver at the Southport Pier, where the defendant, Professor A. K. Kinslea, is also giving diving exhibitions. Plaintiff stated that she had been engaged by defendant at 7s. 6d. per week, and he had also to pay her board and lodgings, which came to 15s. per week.

She complained that the defendant had given her notice to leave because she was too ill to dive, and, though he had since allowed her the option of continuing, he had stopped her without again giving her proper notice.

Defendant stated that the people had been disappointed when they went to the pierhead and found that the plaintiff was unable to give exhibitions, especially as she had been advertised to do so.

One day when she complained of being ill he advised her to go to bed, but later in the day he found her at the pierhead interested in some yacht racing.

Defendant consented to judgment for 7s. 6d., and this was awarded plaintiff.

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Stolen Wedding Gifts Found At Last.

A Bacup burglary of seven and a half years ago is just recalled by the finding, at Reaps' Moss, on the moors overlooking Bacup, of a large quantity of gold and silver plate, which had evidently lain there since March, 1905, when a butler named George Thompson was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for burgling the residence of Mr. Archibald Edmeston, Springfield House, Bacup, and stealing gold and silver wedding presents and plate value £50 to £100.

Thompson was arrested, and had sold certain of the goods at Deerplay. A large number of the valuables, however, were not discovered until recently.

When four youths named Sweetman, Cockcroft, Tresler, and Taylor were on the moors they kicked something which turned out to be a silver plate, and searching, they found a large hole filled with gold and silver ware, spoons, cruets, etc.

There is no doubt that this is the remains of the stolen wedding presents.

AT LAST!

Amicable Settlement to Irish Football Dispute.

The Exchange Telegraph Company's Belfast correspondent telegraphs that the Irish football dispute was settled to-day. All suspensions have been raised, and the Irish Football Association will continue to govern the game. Certain alterations will be made in the composition of the Council.

WORST WOMAN IN TOTTENHAM.

"She is the worst woman in Tottenham. When she walks down the street the other people go into their houses and close the doors," said one woman of another at Tottenham Police Court.

BARBER'S £10 A WEEK.

It was stated in the Southampton County Court during the hearing of a compensation case in connection with the Titanic disaster that a second-class barber on the Olympic received £20 per voyage.

His income was, therefore, at the rate of £10 per week.

A new cigarette-making machine, invented by an American and constructed at Rorschach, Switzerland, is now turning out well-made cigarettes at the rate of 150 a minute.

A SMART CAPTURE.

Merchant Robbed of Notes Worth £180.

HUSTLED ON A 'BUS.

(BY OUR PRIVATE WIRE)

At Bow Street, to-day, John Brown, 68, described as a traveller, was charged with stealing a wallet containing bank notes and steamer tickets, of the total value of £181, belonging to Mr. William B. Hill, an American gentleman.

The prosecutor stated that he went to a bank in Pall Mall and withdrew £90. On leaving he boarded an omnibus, and the prisoner, who was carrying an overcoat, got on at the same time. The latter hustled him a great deal, and gave the impression that he had been drinking, and was in a bad humour. On reaching the top of the 'bus witness found that his wallet had been taken from his breast pocket, and he at once descended, but found that the prisoner had disappeared.

He then turned back to the bank, and a telephone message was sent to the police, and the numbers of the notes communicated to the principal money changers in the district.

Immediately after the arrival of a detective at the bank a telephone message was received from Messrs. Cooks and Sons office at Charing Cross to the effect that a man had just presented some of the stolen notes there. Witness accompanied the detective to the office, and found the prisoner waiting in the office. Further evidence was given that the prisoner presented four of the £10 notes at Messrs. Cooks, and asked for French money in exchange. The clerk finding that the numbers of the notes agreed with those which had been reported as stolen, telephoned to the police, and kept the prisoner engaged in conversation until a detective and the prosecutor arrived.

The prisoner, against whom there were a number of convictions, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six months' hard labour. The magistrate said that he would have sent the case for trial if it had not been that the prosecutor wanted to return to America that day.

PERJURY CHARGE.

Alleged False Declaration by a Farmer.

A charge of perjury was preferred at Barnsley to-day against John Hewitt, described as a farmer, of Stow, Lincolnshire.

Superintendent McDonald said the charge was one of making a false declaration before the Deputy Registrar for Marriages at Penistone on May 22. The defendant had just been arrested at Lincoln, and he asked for a remand for a week. Mr. J. E. Wing, of Sheffield, was to appear on behalf of the Public Prosecutor.

A remand was granted, bail being allowed, defendant in the sum of £50 and a surety for a similar amount.

THE LODGER'S RETURN.

Struck the Landlady and Must Pay £5.

At the Rotherham Borough Court to-day Arthur Martindale, painter, of 19, Badsley Street, Rotherham, was fined £5, including costs, for having assaulted Ellen Scott, with whom he lodged, on August 6th.

The complainant said the defendant came home drunk at 11.30 p.m. In attempting to follow her downstairs he slipped and fell. He commenced to curse her, and she told him he had said enough. She suddenly felt a blow on the head, reeled, and fell against the wall. She had been hit with a quart pitcher. She was afterwards taken to the hospital.

Defendant had lodged with her for 15 months, and was all right when he was not in drink.

BEFORE THE BENCH.

[illegible] Told to the Sheffield [illegible]agistrates To-day.

Soldiers' Fall.

[illegible] William Field, a private in the [illegible]berland Fusiliers, stationed at Hillsbor[illegible]racks, pleaded guilty to the thefts of [illegible]lothes, and an overcoat, the property [illegible] his comrades, while they were away in [illegible]

[illegible]o was given that the band storeroom [illegible] broken into, and the defendant seen [illegible]ne of the suits. He was sent to prison [illegible]months.

[illegible]ere three similar charges against John [illegible]yrne, another private in the Fusiliers. [illegible]se the barrack room had been forced [illegible] ransacked, and some of the stolen [illegible]re pawned. Sent to prison for four [illegible]

Still Resisting.

[illegible] nineteenth time members of the Shef[illegible]ve Resisters' League appeared before [illegible]eld Stipendiary to-day to state their [illegible]us objections to the payment of the [illegible]

[illegible]. E. H. Reynolds offered the cus[illegible]rotest on behalf of most of the [illegible]nd the Rev. W. Lenwood, in offering [illegible] against an Act which he regarded as [illegible]endency to the growth of "priestism" [illegible]ntry of which he considered it stood [illegible]nt danger, desired to dissociate him[illegible]he lawlessness which other politicians [illegible]cating as a method of "resistance."

[illegible]Smith explained that he had refrained [illegible]g one-fifth of the poor rate because [illegible]red the brewers and publicans should [illegible]or the maintenance of the "paupers [illegible]als which their trade creates."

[illegible]endiary listened patiently to the pro[illegible] ordered the customary warrants to [illegible]

Grandparents Blamed.

[illegible]tion was made from the usual cry [illegible] Sheffield Police Court to-day, when a man, instead of blaming his mother-in-law for disturbing his domestic happiness, blamed his wife's grandmother and grandfather.

The couple were Frederick William Wood, 11, Bole Hill Lane, Sheffield, and Ellen Wood, 25, Mount Street, Sheffield, and a separation order was applied for by the latter on the grounds of persistent cruelty.

Complainant alleged that her husband got drunk every Saturday night. He had threatened to kill her and had spit in her face and hit her on the head. He had told her to take her "hook."

Defendant denied striking his wife. It was her grand-parents who interfered, he said, and one morning when he got up he found his wife had gone. His wife, he said, used bad language.

An order of 12s. a week was made.

A Cowardly Assault.

What Mr. J. E. Wing termed as a "most brutal, cowardly assault without provocation," was alleged to have been committed by John Simmonite 25ct., Granville Street, Sheffield, on Kate Callaghan, 16, Norwich Street, Sheffield, on August 6th.

It was stated that shortly after 11 o'clock, complainant was proceeding along Blonk Street with some friends when defendant, who was in front with a sailor, suddenly turned round and said "If I cannot knock it out of the brother I can out of the sister," and he immediately struck her a violent blow with a knuckle-duster and knocked her down. Defendant then "scooted." The woman had to be taken to a doctor, who put a stitch in the nose.

Complainant denied calling the defendant a filthy name, or threatening to stick her hat pin into him. She also denied being drunk.

Police-constable East spoke to seeing defendant strike the woman in the face and then run away. The woman was bleeding from the nose and mouth.

Mr. J. W. Fenoughty said the woman was knocked down in self-defence. She had tried to stick her hat pin in defendant's hand, and at a second attempt she scratched defendant's thumb.

Defendant said he had never possessed a knuckle-duster in his life. The woman was intoxicated, and when he pushed her away she spun round and fell on her face.

The magistrates (Mr. J. E. Beal and Mr. W. H. Lancashire) said it was a cowardly assault, and as far as they were concerned were determined to put down hooliganism. As it was defendant's first appearance, he would be sentenced to three months' hard labour, and if he had been in court before they would have made it six months.

The Lambeth Guardians are forced to go to great expense in re-constructing the infirmary drains because roots of trees have found their way into them and choked them up.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS!—AUGUST RED RAILWAY GUIDE now on sale. All trains shown and alterations corrected up-to-date. The Complete Guide! 1d. To fit the pocket. 1d. The Red Railway Guide gives every kind of information in regard to travel. It is also a free insurance policy of £500. Of all news agents to-day.—Advt.

PRINCESS'S LOST BAG.

A Bible with the Kaiser's Signature.

SEARCH BY DETECTIVES.

(BY OUR PRIVATE WIRE.)

The Press Association is informed to-day that notwithstanding the efforts of Detective-Inspector Draper, of the C.I.D., and the detective force of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, no trace has yet been found of the dressing-bag which was missed at Victoria Station, London, upon the departure of Princess Frederick Charles of Hesse, youngest sister of the German Emperor, for the Continent on Saturday evening.

The idea is generally entertained, however, that news of the missing property will reach the police authorities during the next 24 hours, and as it is believed by those engaged in investigating the loss that in all probability the bag has been taken away with other luggage by people who travelled upon the same train as that in which Her Royal Highness journeyed, steps have been taken to get into touch with all those who carried with them large quantities of luggage in order that should the bag be discovered amongst such luggage it will be immediately returned.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of the bag is heightened by the fact that the porter who was in charge of the royal luggage for nearly an hour before the loss was discovered declared that it was impossible for anyone to have taken it from the barrow on which it was placed with other articles.

The statements of the maid and valet who also kept the luggage under their eyes have not been received, owing to their having travelled with the Princess to Germany, and as yet no definite description of the dressing bag has been received at Scotland Yard.

All that is known is that the missing property consists of a black leather dressing bag with a black mackintosh cover. The cover of the bag itself bears the crown and the letter "M," the initial letter of Her Royal Highness's first name, Margaret, but as to whether the black mackintosh cover bears the same impress is not known.

Inside the bag were the usual toilet requisites, the bottles having stoppers of gold or silver gilt, each of which also bore the crown and the letter monogram in gold.

The probability that upon the arrival of Princess Frederick with her family from Eastbourne (where they had been spending a short holiday) at the adjoining London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Station, the bag had been overlooked and that, attracted by the Royal monogram, the person who discovered it has held it, looking for a considerable reward has not been lost sight of, but this idea is to some extent dispelled by the fact that the bag in itself is of little value, and that the £5 reward which has been offered is probably more than its actual worth.

The Bible which it contained, however, bears the signature of the Emperor Frederick William, the Princess's father, and this to autograph hunters would be a valuable trophy.

The official idea is that the bag has been taken away by a mistake and will turn up as soon as its loss has been made known generally.

WORLD'S BIGGEST DOCK.

Launched for the Admiralty at Birkenhead.

The Admiralty's new floating dock, the largest in the world, was launched to-day from Cammell, Laird's yard at Birkenhead.

The dock will lift battleships with a displacement of 32,000 tons. It covers an area of two and a quarter acres, is 680 feet long, and 144 feet wide. The side walls are 60 feet high.

It is equipped with all general arrangements of a dock, with accommodation for officials and crew. The Admiralty will test the dock with the largest vessel they possess.

DIED AT HIS POST.

Engineman's Fatal Seizure at Parkgate.

"Good morning," called George Hoole, through the open door of the winding enginehouse of the upcast shaft of the Aldwarke Main Colliery, Parkgate, at 5.50 a.m. to-day. Receiving no reply he entered, and found John Walker (59) the winding engineman, of 13, Ashwood Road, Parkgate lying dead on the floor.

Fred Cullen and another workman named Gelder, were summoned, and they lifted the body to a bench, where it was afterwards examined by Dr. Menzies. The cause of the fatal seizure is unknown.

Walker went on duty at 10 o'clock last night, and was then apparently in his usual health. He was last seen alive at 4 a.m. by William Lambley, the night banksman.

TOO ARDENT.

A Young Farmer at a Village Ball.

The amazing conduct of a farmer's son at a dance, towards a girl who was a complete stranger, was described at St. Helens police court, when Edward Taylor, of Rainford, was charged with assaulting Ruth Ashcroft, a young woman living in Pemberton.

It was stated that on August 6 athletic sports were held at Rainford. Every year after the sports a dance was held in the Village Hall. About a quarter before midnight complainant and her girl friend were sitting by the side of the room when her friend consented to dance with a young man.

Taylor went to Miss Ashcroft and asked her to dance with him. She declined, and he sat down beside her and asked if he could take her home. She declined, but he took her round the waist and assaulted her. She struggled to get away, but it was not until a young man who was dancing in one of the sets of lancers left his place and interfered that she could get free.

The defendant denied the charge, but the magistrates ordered him to pay a fine of 50s. and costs—in all £4 13s. 6d.

SCHOOLBOY BUILDERS.

The boys of Claysmore School, Pangbourne, have presented for the use of the public a new bathing house at the Weir Pool, which they erected themselves.

Manual work is one of the features of the school's curriculum, and all the carpentry and painting was done by the boys.

The building provides accommodation for swimmers, with compartments for men and women, diving boards, and many other conveniences.

WORKING OVERTIME.

At an inquest in London to-day on Alfred Fixter, 29, carman, who was pinned between the pole of a van and a wall, and died in hospital, it was stated that the man went on duty at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday and worked until 1.55 p.m. on Thursday when the accident happened.

A representative of the firm said it was quite optional with the carmen whether they worked overtime or not. The deceased, moreover, had sat on his van for five hours at Tilbury waiting for a load.

EXPENSIVE SKYSCRAPER.

The biggest deal in landed property in the history of New York was made when a corporation, headed by Mr. T. Coleman Dupont, bought the site, No. 120, Broadway, on which the Equitable Life Insurance building stood before it was burnt down last January.

The land (says the London "Telegraph" to-day) cost £2,800,000, or £56 8s. a square foot, which is considered cheap for property in the heart of New York's financial section.

The corporation intends to erect a skyscraper 35 stories high, costing £3,200,000. The building is expected to be completed in May, 1914, and although it will not be as high as the Woolworth Tower, now nearing completion, by about 20 stories, the new Equitable building will be the largest office building in the world, occupying a whole city block.

The Registrar-General reports that the annual death-rate for the 95 great towns last week averaged 11.5. For Sheffield the rate was 11, Grimsby 4, Wakefield and Barnsley 11, Derby and Nottingham 13, and Rotherham 19.

Reuter's Athens correspondent to-day says that a deputation from Aegean island of Ixaria has addressed to the Powers a memorandum declaring that the acts of violence of the Turkish authorities and the violation by them of the privileges of the islanders have led the latter to abolish Turkish domination and proclaim their autonomy. The delegation demand union with Greece, or if that is impossible complete autonomy.

STOP PRESS NEWS

Up to the moment of going to press the whole of the latest news has been put in the page. This column is reserved for still later telegrams by our Private Wire, etc.

CRICKET.

KENT (95 for one) beat Gloucester by nine wickets.

SUSSEX 46 for three—DECLARED.

ESSEX 84 for three. MATCH DRAWN.

REDCAR MEETING.

4.30—KIRKLEATHAM T.Y.O. PLATE.

Betting: 5 to 2 each agst Autodes and Bokall c, 3 to 1 MATTER, 8 to 1 Journeyman, 10 to 1 each My Sweetheart and Black Wings, 100 to 6 each Marcieaist and others.

5.0—KIRKLEATHAM BIENNIAL.

Runners: Sweet Marjorie colt and Collared.

SWEET MARJORIE COLT beat Collared.

8 to 4 on Sweet Marjorie colt.

DETERMINED TO DIE.

Throat Cut and Afterwards Drowned.

Mystery surrounds the death of Harry Horsforth Piercy, who was found in a pond at Reighton village, near Filey.

Piercy acted as an ostler to his brother, Mr. George Piercy, of Dotterell Farm, and was very well known throughout the East Riding as a handler of horses, despite the fact that he was crippled from the waist down.

On Monday he drove a party of visitors to Filey, and returned with them to Hunmanby. At nine o'clock his horse and trap was seen proceeding home without a driver.

Search was made, and Piercey was found semi-conscious in a hedge bottom. His brother brought him home. He was perfectly sober, but could remember nothing of what had happened.

The next morning he got up at six o'clock, had breakfast, and left home. He was discovered drowned in a pond at 10.30.

Deceased was very popular in the countryside, and it is thought his head must have been affected by the trap accident, and that he had crawled into the water on his hands and feet.

At the inquest last night Dr. Forster said there were traces of razor cuts on the throat.

A verdict of "Suicide by drowning whilst of unsound mind" was returned.

POLICE AND MOTOR-CARS.

Members of the Reigate Borough Police force are to be instructed in the management of motor-cars. A short time ago a car with nobody in it passed through the centre of the town. A police-constable jumped on the step, but his knowledge of the levers was at fault, and he pulled the wrong one. The speed was accelerated and the car dashed into the pillar of the portico of the White Hart Hotel.

At the monthly meeting of the Town Council the Mayor said it was not intended that cars should be provided for the police to drive about in.

The recommendation was agreed to.

A VERY SMALL BABY.

American interest is focussed upon the diminutive proportions of Russel Dailey, the twelve-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dailey, of Philadelphia. His present weight is just 1lb. 11oz., and his length 6½in. In all other respects the baby is described as perfectly normal, and, barring accidents, should thrive.

So tiny is this dainty morsel of humanity (says the New York correspondent of the London "Telegraph") that an ordinary napkin-ring may easily be slipped over his head, and a finger ring of ordinary size will encircle his limbs. He is gaining weight at the rate of 20 grains a day, and medical men compute that at the end of the year, if Providence spares the mite, he should weigh at least 2lb. 10oz. The mother of the baby is not yet 16. She weighs less than 100lb., and is 5ft. 2in. in height. The father is not yet 17, and belongs also to the feather-weight class.

IN A NUTSHELL.

Items of Interest from Everywhere.

BY TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE.

The Queen and Princess Mary left Victoria at 9.30 this morning for Dover on their way to Neu Strelitz to visit the Grand Duchess of Mecklenberg Strelitz, with whom they will remain ten days. Her Majesty was heartily cheered on entering the station.

Mr. Travers left Cowes early this morning on his hydroplane for Eastbourne, but running short of petrol descended at Brighton. The sea was choppy, and the propeller was broken. The aviator hoped to resume the journey after repairs are affected.

A Reuter telegram from Hobart, Tasmania, to-day states that the death is announced of Mr. Nicholas, editor of "The Mercury."

The miners who struck work in Ebbw Vale last week returned to the collieries to-day, the dispute having been settled.

The Norwegian brigantine Handy, says an Exchange wire to-day, was towed into Dover to-day by the Ostend steamer Naiad, having been damaged in collision.

Reuter telegraphs from Brisbane to-day that the University there has conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Mr. Bryce, the British Ambassador to the United States.

A Kieff telegram to the Paris "Journal" (says Reuter to-day) states that a house collapsed there in consequence of the heavy rains. Fifteen persons were killed and twenty-nine seriously injured.

Instead of meeting at Blackpool to-day, as originally arranged, the Miners' Federation Conference will open to-morrow and continue on Friday. The miners' committee will meet to-night.

The patternmakers of the Leven Foundry, Firth of Forth, struck work to-day. They demand an increase of 5s. 6d. to the existing wage of 34s., and maintain that other foundries are receiving 40s.

A Reuter Constantinople telegram to-day states that Izzet Pasha, commanding the troops in the Yemen, in a telegram dated August 6th states that he has defeated a force of 3,000 men with three guns under the Pretender Seyyid Idris at El Haffa.

Reuter's Simla correspondent to-day telegraphs that the peace negotiations between the Chinese and the Tibetans at Llassa have materially advanced during the past week the Dalai Lama having made a concession rendering an agreement probable.

The Berlin "Vossiche Zeitung," says Dalziel to-day, states authoritatively that the visit of the Russian fleet to German waters has not been countermanded, but only postponed, but that the date of the visit has not yet been fixed.

Mehmed Pasha, the Minister of Pious Foundations, says Reuter's Constantinople correspondent to-day, has left on a special steamer laden with provisions for the victims of the earthquake. The Minister will make a tour of the devastated region, and will superintend the relief work.

The latest telegrams from San Sebastian and Bilbao, says Reuter's Madrid correspondent to-day, state that the Mayors of a number of small ports on the Calabrian coast have appealed to the Governor of the province urgently requesting that tugs may immediately be dispatched to the rescue of fishing boats which are in danger of being shipwrecked owing to the impossibility of returning to port in consequence of bad weather. They are believed to number about a hundred.

BETTING CASES.

Heavy Fines at Barnsley and Rotherham.

"This man employs men like the defendant to do his dirty work," said Superintendent McDonald at Barnsley West Riding Court, to-day, in a case of street betting.

The man referred to was stated to be a bookmaker in Barnsley who was alleged to be the employer of a cripple named William Reader, who was charged with loitering for the purpose of taking bets at Stairfoot.

Police-constable Huddlestone, who spoke to keeping observations on the defendant, said when arrested Reader exclaimed, "For God's sake don't lock me up." In his possession were six slips relating to bets to the value of 23s.

Superintendent McDonald told the Bench that betting was becoming very common. Defendant was employed by a bookmaker who was afraid to come and face the music. The men he employed were promised that if they got into trouble they would not have the responsibility. In this case soon after the defendant was arrested £10 was deposited with the police for bail.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty and asked to be dealt with under the First Offenders' Act, was fined £10 and costs.

At the Rotherham Borough Court to-day, Thomas Wilkes, Upper Clara Street, was fined £5 including costs for loitering for the purpose of betting in Edward Street between August 10 and 13 inclusive. Defendant pleaded guilty.

On Saturday, August 10, Police-constable Shore saw the defendant take 15 bets, and on the 12th 25 bets. The officer took the defendant into custody on the 13th. In his possession were £4 7s., a memorandum book, sporting book, two paying-out slips, and 17 betting slips bearing the names of horses running at Nottingham and Folkestone. The slips related to 73 bets. The defendant was consumptive and had not done any work for three years. He had a wife and four children.

Defendant's explanation was that he was not doing the betting for himself.

POOR CHILDREN'S TRIP.

About 250 of Chesterfield's poorest children are being entertained to-day on a trip to Cleethorpes by the Borough Police.

The expenses being met from a fund raised by socials held during the past winter.

WEDDING AT DRONFIELD.

The wedding took place to-day at Dronfield Parish Church of Mr. Harold Allen Elshaw, only son of Mr. Joseph Seddon Elshaw, of Dronfield, and Miss Marguerite Alice Baggaley, daughter of Mr. Charles Chapman Baggaley, B.A., headmaster at Dronfield Grammar School.

TYPHOID FEVER EPIDEMIC.

The typhoid fever epidemic continues at Strood, where the total number of cases notified up to yesterday morning is thirty-five.

These are distributed about the Strood area, parts of which are low-lying, and not far from the Medway banks.

One death has occurred in Medway Union Infirmary, the patient belonging to Rochester, but it is believed that this is an isolated case, though Strood really forms part of Rochester.

MARKET WHIP MINDER.

"Auntie of the Garden" is a famous character in Covent Garden Market, for she has discovered a fresh way of adding to her means.

"Auntie" makes a living by looking after the carters' whips, and by knowing everything about everybody.

She is a cheerful old lady, with white hair and a little black bonnet, and she described her experiences to a "Daily Express" representative while engaged in protecting a barrow of apples from the attacks of small boys.

"I have been about the market for over nine years now, and manage to make a decent living," she said.

"Whip-minding is a very important business for me, as there are some very bad boys among the carters, and whips are as good as scalps to them.

"They take a whip like lightning while its owner is away."

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