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This evening your correspondent inspected articles of agreement, which had just arrived by mail, and were drawn up between the Prospect Park association, of Niagara Falls, Niagara county, N. Y., of the first part, and Leonard Henkle, inventor, of Rochester, N. Y., of the second part, stipulating that for a consideration of $1,000,000, the party of the first part agreed to execute to the party of the second part a deed to Prospect park, its nine acres of land and three acres outside, in the village of Niagrara Falls. That this important contract might be thoroughly understood, your correspondent interviewed Col. Henkle, the local inventor, this evening.

"I have about consummated," said he, "the biggest electric light project ever dreamed of. When a New York paper a few days since quoted a gentleman as saying he believed all New York would yet be lighted and heated by electricity brought through cables from the power that generated it, at the greatest cataract in the world, it only hinted at half what I, through a large company of capitalists, propose to accomplish in that very direction. This million-dollar contract I hold in my hand is only the beginning of the great things that this prospect will yet develop. I have canvassed among leading capitalists of New York, Boston, and other large cities, and found them ready to agree, after taking mere hints of the nature of my new electric-light inventions, that just as soon as I could secure right and title to the water-power of Niagara, or anything co-equal, they stood ready to combine and push the inventions to a practical test if it took $30,000,000 to do it.

"I would be foolish to describe to you in any way the exact nature of these inventions until my project is more practically perfected, as I hope to see it in a very few weeks, certainly before autumn. But I will say this, that this land contract contemplates the execution of a deed in fee simple controlling the water power of the entire American falls at Niagara, some 2,000,000-horse water power altogether. When I first approached one of the prominent officials connecting with an existing Electric Light company, and broached the subject to him, he pooh-poohed and said, 'Oh, you poor fool, you never can get possession of Niagara or the right to its gigantic water power. Why, the government itself has been trying to buy the American side for a public park, but couldn't do it. We admit your scheme might work if you could only get sufficient power to work it, but Niagara isn't to be so easily had.'"

"That electrician," continued Henkle, "has already turned out to be a false prophet. You see, here I hold a title incontrovertible. The purchase of Prospect Park for $1,000,000 would almost pay even if Niagara could not be utilized with it. In 1871 the receipts of the Park Association were over $12,000. Last year they amounted to upward of $33,000. You see we want that park, and I start for New York just before midnight to see the promising capitalists there to-morrow and next day.

"The capital stock of the company when organized will be about $20,000,000. Enormous buildings and ponderous machinery will be constructed on the brink of the American falls, and to these buildings there will be an immense raceway coming from the rapids, a short distance above the falls. We can have water sufficient for 2,000,000 horse-power there upon the money conditions named, and the further condition that the water be returned to the river within a given distance.

"I decline to describe one process of generating electricity by this unlimited hydraulic force, but can simply say we will conduct that electricity through properly insulated cases under-ground to sixty-five prominent American cities and towns between Boston and Chicago. Just as good and forcible an electric current can be conducted 500 miles by my process as can be utilized within an area of one mile. We also contemplate domestic light attachments to the main cables, and will just as surely be able to transmit limited electric power for operating machinery and for heating purposes ultimately.

"There will be about 10,000 miles of cables altogether, with corresponding machinery for industrial purposes. This contract, looking toward the perfection of my project, was, as you see, executed yesterday at the falls. Do you wonder I said it was a big scheme. Do you see the agreement as to how the $1,000,000 consideration is to be paid? The United States government three per cents have been pledged to forward this undertaking. That's why they are named in the consideration."

Colonel Henkle at this point left to get ready for the New York train, and bade the correspondent a very hasty "Good night." He is a highly-skilled mechanic, has patented several very valuable inventions, and has been working with the electric light almost as long as Edison.

Falling Dead when Caught.

Jennie O'Brien, a pretty and innocent looking girl of eighteen, was arrested in New York on Monday evening and taken to a police station for the night. The next morning she was taken to Jefferson market police court, and, says The New York Sun, exhibited marked signs of fright on entering the court station house. Five minutes later she fell to the floor in what appeared to be a faint, but from which she never revived. She was suspected of having been engaged in extensive robberies at the Sturtevant house and elsewhere; and had confessed one series of thefts. The only charge against her on the returns was that she was a "suspicious person." Detective Schmittberger says that the girl went quietly with him to the station house, and did nothing to attract attention after she had been put in a cell for the night. She went to Jefferson market quietly in the morning, but on entering the prison seemed frightened and heaved a long sigh. He turned her over to the prison officer and quitted the place.

The officer at the prison said he noticed that she was very much alarmed when she came in, and held back as he told her to enter the cell. Several other women were inside, awaiting arraignment in the court. She sat down upon a bench as she entered and began crying violently. He told her it was foolish and would do her no good. About five minutes afterward he heard a noise, and found she had fallen to the floor, apparently in a faint. He drew her into the corridor, placed a support under her head, and attempted to revive her with water. Her pulse had almost ceased to beat. A message was at once sent to St. Vincent's hospital for a surgeon and ambulance. Both arrived in a few minutes. Dr. D. E. Millbrook, the surgeon, pronounced the girl dead, and said he thought the cause must have been some form of heart disease.

The girl came to this city from Saratoga in September last, and became a servant at the Sturtevant House. She remained there until Jan. 18, when she was discharged for repeated absences from the house without permission. She returned to Saratoga and remained away from New York until Wednesday of last week, when she returned.

Mr. George Leland, proprietor of the Sturtevant House, told a Sun reporter yesterday that in the death of this girl he believed the clew had been lost to an important robbery which occurred at the Sturtevant House on Jan. 16. An actor residing at the hotel with his family was robbed of $8,000, which was taken from between the mattresses of his bed. The money had been in this place of concealment for several days, during which time many persons had been in the room. A strange thing about the robbery was the fact that valuable diamonds and jewelry were in the room and exposed to view at the time, but were untouched. From other sources the reporter learned that the victim of the robbery was Willie Edouin, of the "Sparks" company. Jennie O'Brien fell under suspicion, as she was the chambermaid who cared for the rooms, but her excellent character and the housekeeper's confidence in her honesty, as well as her own straightforward denial, turned suspicion in other directions.

Mrs. Murray, the housekeeper at the Sturtevant house, said that she had never seen a girl whose manner and personal appearance better recommended her. "Pretty, neat, careful in her work, I never saw a look or motion which indicated that she was sly or dishonest. She convinced the detective, as well as myself, that she knew nothing about the $3,000 theft. The only thing I know against the girl was her many strange acquaintances, who seemed to be invariably bad, and toward the close of her service she remained away over night."

Detective Schmittberger said that the death of this woman disarranged plans that had been laid for catching an expert gang of hotel thieves. She had been the most valuable accomplice they could secure. She was much their superior every way, even morally, but had allowed herself to become their tool. Their plan was to put her in a hotel, where she would make herself acquainted with the rooms and furnish her accomplices with the keys to those in which they could secure valuable plunder. The gang had prepared to work this game extensively here and at Saratoga this summer. It was found that the girl had purchased four valuable silk dresses for herself, and other articles which cost much money. One of her accomplices, an ex-convict, had opened an oyster saloon in this city. An ex-convict managed it, and another is employed in it. The girl told a friend that if she ever got into trouble others whom she had helped should suffer with her. The detectives had a perfect network about her, and would have convicted her, and through her it was expected to convict others. Two officers had gone to Saratoga to arrest other persons.

The girl confessed to the detective, after her arrest, that she had stolen many articles at the Sturtevant house, chiefly linen, and said that they were in a trunk at the residence of Mrs. Cassentine, No. 139 West Thirty-Third street. They were found by Detectives Schmittberger and Dunlap yesterday morning, and taken to the station house. There were about twenty pieces of linen and a few small silver pitchers. These articles, the girl said, she took at different times during her term of service. She did not attempt to explain her large expenditure of money. A young man well known to the police accosted the girl as she was entering Jefferson market yesterday, and told her she was all right, as he had secured her good counsel. The girl is said by the police to have been the sweetheart of an ex-convict.

An Electric Light Monopoly.

New York Special to the Chicago Times.

One of the most gigantic monopolies of the age has been created by the union of the Edison Electric Light company with the Gramme Electrical company, on the 22d of last month. By this combination the several large companies that claim to control all of the patents applying to existing systems of lighting by electricity are formed into one monster organization. The Gramme company was established in the latter part of April, 1881, and prior to the joining of the Edison company was composed of the American Electric Light company of New Britain, Conn., the Brush Electric company, the Fuller Electrical company, the Jablochkoff Electric Lighting company, the United States Electric Lighting company, and the Western Electric Light company. All of these companies were possessed of valuable patents, and were supposed to be backed by ample means. So strong, in fact, did the Gramme company consider itself that it announced by circular that the patents owned by its members covered fundamental principles involved in all the existing systems of lighting by electricity, and could not be successfully avoided by outside companies. The Edison company was one of the "outside companies."

Dancing Immigrants

There was a lively dance at Castle Garden Tuesday. The orchestra was a German accordeon player. The spectators were thirteen hundred immigrants who had just landed, and the performers numbered about a hundred Swedes of both sexes, who arrived Sunday. The programme began with a Swedish dance, accompanied with many war-whoops. A simultaneous sounding of all the notes of the accordeon was the signal to change partners and reverse figures, the dancers saluting each other with a kiss as they did so. The thirteen hundred English, Irish, Welch and German immigrants wanted to join in the dance, but the Swedish peasants would not allow it.

Horrible Outrages Against Jews.

The Zaria newspaper gives an account of a shocking tragedy which occurred in the neighborhood of the town of Loubna. On the night of March 24 three soldiers of a lancer regiment quartered in the town entered the establishment of a Jew retailer of spirits of the name of Malinhoff. The hour being late, the family, consisting of nine persons, had retired to rest, with the exception of the eldest daughter, a girl of 18. The soldiers asked for fourpennyworth of "vodky," with which they were duly served by the girl. When the liquor had been consumed she asked them to retire, as the hour so late. Her guests did not hurry themselves, but presently two of them went out. The third remained, and approaching the bed where the owner of the establishment was lying asleep he woke him up and demanded his money. The terrified Jew sprang up, but before he could take a single step the soldier fired two shots with his revolver and the wretched man fell a bleeding corpse before his daughter's eyes. The screams of the girl awoke the whole family. Her mother, who was in a back room and whom recent events had taught to expect violence and outrage, seized her two youngest children and hid one of them in an empty box, which she shut and locked, and the other under a couch. She then tried herself to escape through the window, but the soldiers were on the lookout, and rushing after her they caught her and beat her until she fell senseless, and as they supposed, dead. Then the murderers returned to the house. There they found two boys, aged 14 and 15, standing awe struck and affrighted over their slaughtered father.

The barbarians were unmoved by this pitiful sight and the boys speedily shared the fate of their parent and fell dying on his corpse. Now the murderers began to search the house, and soon discovered the child whom the mother had concealed in the empty trunk. This unfortunate infant they kicked to death with their spurs. Having thus disposed of the whole family, except the eldest daughter, the ruffians next turned their attention to her, and, under threats of the most fearful consequences should she refuse, they bid her inform them where her father's money was to be found. The trembling girl disclosed the hiding place of the little store which had been saved as the result of the industry and thrift of the family, and 40 roubles and seven silver spoons became the booty of the assassins. It might have been supposed their evil passions would have been satisfied with the crimes already committed, but the unfortunate girl soon found that such was not the case. The ruffians indeed spared her life, but they brutally outraged her before leaving the house. Having thus wreaked their will on all the members of the family they at last departed.

The worst feature in the whole affair has, however, yet to be related, and will show how little mercy the Jews can expect, even from those whose duties should especially teach them compassion. On leaving the scene of their atrocities the soldiers discovered that the mother of the family, whom they had left for dead, had recovered consciousness, and was endeavoring to get away to seek assistance in the neighborhood. They fired at her with their revolvers, and succeeded in wounding her, but she nevertheless struggled on and got out of their reach. The wretched woman, bleeding and covered with wounds and clothed only in the night dress in which she was sleeping when the attack commenced, sought the protection of a monk who lived close by. The monk got up on hearing her cries, but when he opened his door and discovered that it was "only a Jewess" that sought his protection he refused assistance or refuge, and the people of the neighboring village the next morning found the wretched woman lying all but naked, senseless and dying in the roadway.

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