



HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEW YORK BANK WRECKER
TRIES TO END HIS LIFE

Robin Under Arrest for Misappropriating Funds of the Northern Bank—Swallows Dose of Hyoscin, the Subtle Poison Used by Dr. Crippen—Told of His Act to Detectives While on His Way to Court, and Emetics were Administered.

New York, Dec. 31.—Physicians said today that Joseph G. Robin, the bank director, who swallowed hyoscyamine just before the hour of his arraignment yesterday on an indictment of grand larceny from the Washington Savings Bank has an even chance of recovery. The indicted banker lies like a prisoner in the prison ward of Bellevue Hospital, and constant watch is maintained to see that he does not swallow any more poison.

Robins physical condition is ruined by illness and the tenth of a grain of hyoscyamine took potent effect and physicians had all they could to prevent his death. No date has been set for his arraignment on the larceny but with the assemblage of the January Grand Jury the district attorney will lay the varied transactions that Robin effected as the controlling interest in the National Bank, whose failure was caused by the suspension of the Washington Savings Bank by the Grand Jury men as a basis for further indictments.

New York, Dec. 30.—Head up, shoulders squared, eyes levelled at the battery of cameras trained on him, Joseph G. Robin, the indicted banker, stepped from his sister's home this morning to face arraignment, calm in the knowledge that he had swallowed a deadly dose of hyoscyamine, the subtle alkaloid with which Dr. Crippen killed his wife, Belle Elmore.

He collapsed before he could be taken into court, with the exclamation: "I'm a dead man. I've taken poison tablets." The case was postponed in the greatest excitement, a stomach pump was hurried into play and the sick man was carried first to the prison hospital adjacent, and later to Bellevue where he lies tonight in the prison ward. No charge of attempted suicide is entered against him, and it is thought he will recover, although the action of hyoscyamine is slow, and much will depend on his vitality.

The time at which Robin took the drug is approximately fixed by the testimony of Dr. Austin Flint, retained for Robin by Wm. Travers Jerome, his counsel; Dr. Louis Robinovitch, his sister, and the two detectives from the district attorney's office who rode with him from his sister's house to the criminal courts building.

Dr. Flint told the court that as early as he could judge from the symptoms the poison had been in Robin's system about three-quarters of an hour, when he collapsed. The two detectives were positive that their prisoner had swallowed nothing on the way to court.

Dr. Robinovitch said that her brother had been in the habit of taking hyoscyamine in small doses to counteract the effects of morphine, which he used to deaden the stabbing pains of gall stones. She kept the drug in her house, and she thought her brother had swallowed twelve tablets.

At Bellevue tonight the examining surgeons estimated that Robin had taken about one-tenth of a grain.

COLLAPSED IN COURT HOUSE

Robin seemed in good health this morning—better than at any time since his troubles came upon him—and

he made no effort to screen his face from the cameras as hitherto. The first sign of illness was when he staggered on stepping from his automobile to the criminal courts building. In the elevator he weakened so rapidly that the detectives had to lift him to a couch. There he sank into unconsciousness and was not revived until the stomach pump had been worked vigorously. His prompt use undoubtedly saved him from immediate death.

Outside the corridors of the criminal courts building fairly hummed with excitement, but in the court of general sessions itself Judge Crane was transacting business as usual, when Mr. Jerome stepped rapidly down the aisle. "Your honor," he began hurriedly, "I am here in the Robin case. It appears that the defendant has taken a drug. He cannot be stimulated. An ambulance has been summoned and surgeons are now pumping on his stomach. The circumstances are unavoidable."

Dr. Austin Flint, retained by Jerome, was called. The assistant district attorney asked him what Robin had said. "He said," answered Dr. Flint, "I'm a dead man. I've taken poison tablets." I found his face flushed, the pupils of his eyes dilated, his pulse 169 and feeble. He told me he had swallowed the poison three-quarters of an hour previously."

On information that the prisoner could not possibly be arraigned, the case was postponed until the receipt of further advice as to his condition.

KEEN RIVALRY
FOR NEW YORK
SENATORSHIP

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.—With the arrival of Charles Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, and other prominent democrats, who are expected in Albany today to attend the inauguration of Governor-Elect John A. Dix, interesting developments in the contest for the U. S. senatorship are looked for.

Not since the days of the late David B. Hill, have the Democrats of New York had an opportunity to send a representative to the United States senate and the rivalry among the various candidates is keen.

Some time between now and January 17 the Democrats and Republicans in both houses will hold caucuses to name the candidates.

Voting will follow at noon daily, until a senator is elected.

Whether it will be Wm. F. Sheehan, Howard M. Shepard, Justice Gerard, J. Sergeant Cram, Daniel F. Cohalan or any of the others who have been suggested as candidates by the Democrats, the leaders will be called upon to decide. The Republicans are expected to give the empty honor of their vote to Senator Deane.

Rev. W. B. Wiggins, of Moncton, is the guest of Mr. Benjamin Goodspeed of Penniac.

HONDURAS SOLDIERS



DETACHMENT OF TYPICAL HONDURAN TROOPS.

The situation in Honduras at present is alarming. The revolutionary forces, headed by Bonilla, are nearing Puerto Cortez and a revolt is imminent. The United States Government has sent the gunboat Yorktown and the Cruiser Tacoma to the scene to keep peace if possible, but in all events to protect American interests.

SORROW AT PRINCE WILLIAM
OVER MRS. FRASER'S DEATH

Dec. 30.—The sudden death of Mary Louise Ross, wife of the Rev. H. C. Fraser, M. A., of Grand Falls, Victoria Co., cast a gloom over the Christmas rejoicings at that place. Mrs. Fraser died from heart failure during the progress of a serious operation.

Funeral services were held at Grand Falls, conducted by the other Protestant clergymen, on Monday, 26th, after which the remains were conveyed to the residence of T. L. Fraser, at Prince William, York Co. On Tuesday afternoon, a short service was held by Rev. William Girdwood, Presbyterian minister of the congregation there, assisted by Rev. Dr. Smith, of St. Paul's, Fredericton. After the service the procession proceeded to the place of interment at the Barony, where a large congregation had gathered. Another service was held by Mr. Girdwood, assisted by Rev. M. H. Manuel, of Florenceville, after which the body of Mrs. Fraser was laid to rest by the side of that of her brother Donald.

Mrs. Fraser was a daughter of Rev. William Ross, now of Vancouver, B. C., but formerly pastor of Prince William for thirty-three years. The large gathering at Prince William and the Barony showed the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community with their former pastor and his esteemed wife in their bereavement, as well as their sense of their own loss by the death of their former friend. Many came long distances to show their respect and love, and the presence of his fellow Presbyters, Dr. Smith and Rev. Mr. Manuel, must have helped somewhat to console the bereaved husband.

BREAKFAST FOOD CO.

IN DIFFICULTIES

Detroit, Dec. 31.—The rumors regarding financial difficulties culminated in the filing of a petition for involuntary bankruptcy against the Malta Vita Food Co. of Battle Creek by Ohio stockholders.

The petition was precipitated by a \$100,000 bond issue made by the company recently. A mortgage was given on the plant at Battle Creek, and on a factory situated in Montreal, to secure this issue, and according to bankruptcy law this mortgage would become a preferred claim after being on file for four months.

The Ohio creditors in consequence filed a petition to avoid being 'frozen out.'

DEATH OF WAR VETERAN
WHO MADE A RECORD

New Bedford Mass. Dec. 31.—Gerret Cells, one of the oldest prominent business men of this city died at his home here today. Deceased had a distinguished record in the Civil War and was a member of the famous "Bloody Fifty" battery. He was a native of Germany.

CANADIAN PACIFIC
HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The November statement of earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway gives a very gratifying record of work done and profits earned, by that progressive corporation.

The gains in the net profits over last year's results were not substantial for a company of the Canadian Pacific Railway's magnitude, but if the increase had merely equalled those of last year (which were particularly large), the directors would have been well satisfied.

November gross earnings were \$9,413,238; working expenses, \$5,676,115, and net profits \$3,737,122. From July 1, gross earnings were \$47,082,368; working expenses, \$27,752,194, and net profits, \$19,330,174. In November, 1909, the net profits were \$3,692,239.95, and from July 1 to Nov. 30, 1909, there was a net profit of \$16,954,452.91.

The gain in net profits over the same period last year is, therefore, for November, \$44,784.31, and from July 1 to Nov. 30, \$2,375,721.43.

LARGE SHIPMENT

A carload of spring goods is being shipped by the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company today to Winnipeg, where there is a large demand for the product of the local shoe factory. Manager John A. Reid will leave today on a business trip which will include Boston and Montreal.

PERSONAL

Mr. C. L. Tracy, of Tracy Station, is among the visitors to the city today.

St. John Times-Star—Rev. C. T. Clark, who is home from Newton Theological College, visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Clark, will be the preacher in Fairville Baptist Church at the services on Sunday next.

Mr. Walter Willis will leave tonight for his home in St. John to spend New Year's Day.

RAILWAY EMPLOYES
GET INCREASED WAGES

Mauch Chunk, Pa. Dec. 31.—For several weeks a committee of Lehigh Valley Railroad conductors and general manager McGuire have been busy considering a new schedule of rates, with the result that a meeting was held at Bethlehem yesterday, when the new rate card, effective January first was adopted. The men get an increase varying from 30 to 50 cents a day, according to the territory they cover.

WATERVILLE MAINE
HAS SERIOUS FIRE

Waterville, Maine, Dec. 31.—A smoking fire which gutted a small two-story brick block, occupied by E. L. Leonard, a plumber, on Mains St., today, caused damage estimated at \$25,000. Adequate insurance was carried.

The loss on the building occupied by the plumbing establishment was \$7,508, and on the stock \$5,000. Large brick buildings on either side were filled with smoke and their contents were damaged by this means to the extent of \$12,000. The A. Thorton Furniture Co., occupied a first story block on one side, while the other building contained the stores of the Heavy Clothing Co., offices and halls.

PAID FOR THEIR FUN

Mr. James Gallagher has been acting as a special policeman on the I. C. R. since work was suspended on the G. T. P. Recently he in company with I. C. R. Policemen Jones rounded up two fellows who had been creating a disturbance on trains. James Beek of Doaktown was taken before Magistrate Parker of Doaktown and fined \$25 for this offence, and William Dickson of Nelson was convicted before Magistrate Maltby of Newcastle and fined \$22 or two months jail. The case of several others guilty of unseemly conduct on I. C. R. trains will likely be attended to later.

MRS. JORDAN'S GIFT

Mrs. J. C. Jordan of Boston met Premier Hazen at St. John yesterday and formally presented to him for the province her magnificent summer home River Glade. It will be used as a sanitarium. The Premier formally accepted the gift. Mrs. Jordan was accompanied by her solicitor Hon. C. W. Robinson.

NEW YORK'S
CELEBRATION

Thousands Will Make Merry at Hotels and Restaurants Tonight

Upwards of a Million Dollars Will be Put in Circulation—Champagne and Item.

New York, Dec. 31.—All signs indicate that New York City's celebration tonight will surpass all previous New Years Eve efforts. It will be costlier, noisier and more generally observed than ever before. Several hundred thousand persons will serve on the reception committee which will welcome 1911 at midnight and the hotels, restaurant men figure that Mr. and Mrs. New York will incidentally put more than a million dollars into circulation. The major portion of this sum will go for wet goods mostly champagne, although the fact that New Years is arriving on Saturday night, means that the sale of liquid cheer will cease promptly at 12 o'clock. Mayor Gaynor several days ago refused to countenance any suspension of the usual Saturday night rule, but it will be possible for celebrators to purchase sufficient before midnight to last until any desired hour.

Every chair in every important public dining room in the city will be filled for the evening, many of the seats in the more popular restaurants having been reserved for months. The public will be out in force to see that the celebration is kept within some bounds. Ticklers, confetti and rowdiness, are barred by official edict, but there will be no attempt to put the soft pedal on noise.

CARNEGIES GIFT
FOR LIFE SAVERS

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Announcement was made today that Andrew Carnegie had given \$1,250,000 for a "Carnegie Foundation for Life Savers," in Germany.

The conditions and purposes of the endowment are similar to those of the "Hero Funds" previously established by the American Financier in the United States, England and France. The annual proceeds will be used for the benefit of those who have been injured in the execution of heroic acts, and in the event of a hero's death for the support of surviving dependents. A special provision is made for the education of the children of those who have sacrificed their lives. Sometime ago American Ambassador Hill, at the request of Mr. Carnegie, approached the Emperor on the subject of whether such a gift would be acceptable. His Majesty thoroughly approved of the project and in an autograph letter to the donor expressed his deepest interest in the benefaction.

BOY RUN OVER.

Yesterday afternoon at about five o'clock, Stewart Gilbert, a young lad belonging to St. Mary's, was run over by a sloven at St. Mary's and sustained a severe cut on his face. Dr. Mullin was called in and dressed the wound. The boy is doing very well today.

A COLD WAVE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The coldest night of the season so far was recorded here last night, when the mercury dropped to 42 degrees below zero.

ONE MAN KILLED;
SIX INJURED

Disastrous Explosion of Dynamite in Tunnell Beneath East River

Twenty Men Were at Work at the Time and All Were More or Less Injured..

New York, Dec. 31.—One man killed and six fatally injured while eighteen were less seriously hurt by an explosion of dynamite in a tunnel 100 feet below the surface of the East River early today. The accident occurred just after the midnight force of "Ground hogs" had begun work in the tube which is to carry gas mains from Brooklyn to Manhattan. Scarcely had they entered the tunnel when there was an explosion. Several blasts had been set off during the night, and apparently one had hung fire until the new force went to work. The pit was a mass of wreckage, but the exit was not blocked and fourteen were immediately brought to the surface in the buckets leaving six unconscious and dangerously hurt.

A rescuing party went down for the missing men and all were carried to the open air, but one was so badly injured that he died soon after in a hospital and another is not expected to live. An investigation has been begun to fix the blame for the accident.

A PECULIAR CASE.

On Christmas night, during the progress of service in the Baptist Church at Upper Kingsclear, some miscreant stole the robe, cushion and a rein from the sleigh of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Barton. The cushion had been thrown over a nearby fence, where it was found later in the evening, but the other articles had been carried away. The incident created great indignation, and suspicion soon pointed to an individual who does not bear a very good reputation. A meeting was held and it was decided to invoke the aid of the law. When the suspected party learned of this, he returned the stolen property, and apologized to Rev. Mr. Barton, and was let off with a caution.

THE STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 31.—Wall Street—10.10 a. m.—The stock market opened full and with general fractional declines. Southern Pacific and Great Northern Ore certificates dropped half each and some heaviness was shown by such active issues as U. S. Steel, Atchafalpa and Amalgamated Copper. Western Maryland advanced a half point on extremely moderate offerings.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange.

Amalgamated.....	62 1/2
Atchafalpa.....	101
Smelters.....	73 1/2
Brooklyn.....	75
Canadian Pacific.....	195 1/2
Pennsylvania.....	123 1/2
Reading.....	150 1/2
Soo.....	130
Southern Pacific.....	115 1/2
Union Pacific.....	170 1/2
U. S. Steel Com.....	72 1/2
La Rose.....	4 1/2
Nippissing.....	10 1/2

Willow ware should be washed with salt water.