

STILLMAN GONE ABROAD.

May See William Rockefeller—Report of Latter's Illness Denied.

James Stillman, President of the National City Bank, sailed for Europe yesterday on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. Mr. Stillman usually goes abroad about this time of the year. His present trip, it was said at the bank yesterday, is solely for the purpose of recreation. It is probable that Mr. Stillman will see William Rockefeller abroad, but there is said to be no special significance in Mr. Stillman's trip to the other side.

The absence of William Rockefeller abroad, where he has been for some months, has several times led to reports that he is seriously ill. This report was revived yesterday, but was denied by Mr. Rockefeller's friends.

JUROR A GOOD BORROWER.

Judge Dismisses Him for Getting Money from a Defendant.

One of the jurors drawn for service in General Sessions was dismissed yesterday by direction of Judge Foster, after the court had learned that the man had been borrowing small sums of money, not only from other jurors, but from "Col. Colmey," who was about to be placed on trial on a charge of selling a worthless railroad bond to James A. Smith.

The first information of the man's borrowings came to Judge Foster from the foreman of the jury of which the offender was a member. The foreman said that he had been "touched" for 5 cents himself, and that every other member of the jury had been asked to give up from a nickel to a quarter.

On his arrival in court yesterday morning, the thrifty juror showed traces of a merry night. On learning that he was wanted no longer, he remarked with a grin:

"Oh, they can't get rid of me this way—I'll be back all right."

SYNDICATE INQUIRY TO GO ON.

Justice Davis Declines to Stop Investigation of Theatrical Affairs.

Contending that Judge Wyatt of Special Sessions had no right to conduct a secret inquiry into the affairs of the theatrical syndicate, Meyer W. Livingston, who is in the employ of Klaw & Erlanger, the theatrical managers, applied yesterday to Justice Davis in the Supreme Court for a writ of prohibition to prevent Judge Wyatt from continuing the investigation. Livingston's counsel intimated that the inquiry was started at the instigation of David Belasco.

Justice Davis held that there was no doubt as to Judge Wyatt's right to conduct the hearing in secret or that he had full jurisdiction.

Justice Davis said that if Livingston believed the subpoena issued to him was illegal, he could disobey it, and, if arrested for contempt, had a remedy in a writ of habeas corpus.

CHILD DESERTION A FELONY.

Tailor the First to be Indicted Under the New Law.

The first indictment under the new law making parental abandonment of children a felony has been returned against Julius Fried, a young tailor, who was brought back yesterday from Cleveland, Ohio, by Detective Sergt. Farley. The language of the indictment charging the prisoner with abandoning his wife, Minnie, and their two-year-old child was quoted around the Criminal Courts Building yesterday as a decided judicial innovation. In part the indictment read:

Then and there [October last] the parent and person charged with the care and custody, for nurture and education, of one Lillie Fried did feloniously abandon and desert the said child in destitute circumstances, and did feloniously and willfully omit to furnish the necessary and proper food, clothing, and shelter for the said child.

The new law went into effect last September. Fried was found by Farley working in a Cleveland sweatshop.

FIRE SHOUTER FINED.

Magistrate Also Censures Man Who Almost Started a Theatre Panic.

"It is men like you who cause panics and imperil lives," said Magistrate Barlow, in the Essex Market Court, yesterday, when he imposed a fine of \$10 on Louis Rothman, 26 years, of 24 Middleton Street, Brooklyn, for creating a disturbance in the Windsor Theatre, in the Bowery.

Rothman became excited at the performance Monday night and shouted "Fire!" Immediately several persons began to rush out of the place, but the ushers assured the others there was no fire and got them quiet.

In court the prisoner said he had shouted because he thought his life was endangered when a man in the audience struck him a blow in the eye.

HEAVY POLICY SENTENCE.

Woman Gets Six Months for Having Slips in Her Possession.

Sarah Broker, a colored woman living at 8 Carmine Street, was sent to prison for six months by Judge Foster in General Sessions yesterday after she had pleaded guilty to having policy slips in her possession. This is the heaviest sentence ever meted out in this city for that particular offense. Judge Foster at the same time gave notice that hereafter he will show the same severity in all similar cases.

"You plead that you were only a player," said Judge Foster to the woman. "I know better. You have been acting as a collector for the policy syndicate. You have been arrested twice before for the same offense as the one to which you have pleaded guilty. Your record is known."

GEN. "JOE" WHEELER ILL.

Veteran Officer Has Pneumonia, but the Case Is a Mild One.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Wheeler, United States Army, retired, is ill of pneumonia at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, 178 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn. This official announcement of Gen. Wheeler's illness was made yesterday:

Gen. Wheeler was stricken with pleurisy on Thursday night. Pneumonia developed on Sunday. Dr. A. J. McCorkle is in charge of the case. He had Dr. E. G. Janeway in consultation Monday. The case is a mild one, Gen. Wheeler's temperature being only about 100. He is resting well and hopes for a speedy recovery.

His son, Major Joseph Wheeler, Jr., and two of his daughters are with him.

Gen. Wheeler's daughters are Mrs. Julia Harris of Georgia and Miss Lucy Wheeler, who are at his beside, and Miss Annie and Miss Carrie Wheeler, who are on the way here from Alabama.

SETON DEFENSE BEGINS.

Recorder Goff Denies a Motion to Dismiss Swindle Charge.

After the prosecution had finished its case against C. Augustus Seton, who is on trial in the Court of General Sessions, charged with swindling the promoters of a Texan railroad scheme out of \$8,800, Recorder Goff denied yesterday a motion of counsel for the defense to dismiss the case.

In outlining the defense Lawyer Le Barbier said that the promoters of the road did not possess the franchises claimed by them, and that the money paid by them to Seton was given for his services as a broker. The case will be continued to-day.