

## NOTED SLEUTH SERIOUSLY ILL; MAY BE DYING

Thomas Byrnes Served on New York's Police Force for Thirty Years—Has National Reputation for Bravery.

New York, Feb. 11.—Ex-Superintendent of Police Thomas Byrnes is seriously ill at his home in West Seventy-seventh street and it is feared by the doctors and the members of the Byrnes family that he will not recover from his illness, which is described as acute indigestion. The patient is nearly 70 years old and his constitution, once remarkably robust, is no longer astute enough to resist disease or to throw off its debilitating effects.

Byrnes retired from the police department in 1896 after more than thirty years of efficient service. After his retirement he had a private detective agency for a time, but soon he abandoned that business and retired into private life altogether, living quietly at his handsome home with his wife and his two daughters. During his long career Mr. Byrnes accumulated a handsome fortune which he increased considerably by occasional "flyers" in Wall street.

### FAMED BY CROOKS.

Although 15 years have elapsed since Mr. Byrnes retired from the metropolitan police department, the memory of his wonderfully efficient service is still fresh and stands out in bold contrast to the deplorable inefficiency of the police department at the present time. During Byrnes' regime he was so feared by the crooks, that many of them, who had been notorious, emigrated to other parts of the world; while at the present time the city is overrun with criminals of every kind and the police department seems helpless and absolutely unable to find any clue in scores of the most startling and heinous crimes.

Byrnes was appointed a policeman on December 10, 1868. He served as patrolman five or six years and accumulated a large amount of knowledge which later became of great value to him. In due time he became sergeant, which position he held about 10 years. He made a study of criminals and crimes and even when he was but a sergeant, knew nearly every crook in the city. He first attracted attention by saving the lives of three persons at a fire and a short time after that he was made captain.

### BANK ROBBERY BRINGS FAME.

The Manhattan Bank robbery offered an opportunity for the exercise of his remarkable genius as a detector of crimes and criminals, only a few months after his appointment to a captaincy. He landed the robbers in prison and they were convicted in due time. His reward was an inspectorship. He was put in charge of the detective bureau and built up that branch of the service to a standard of efficiency which it had never before approached and which it never regained after he left the service. He continued the study of criminology and personally investigated and studied every case of crime in the city. He came to know New York as no other man had ever known it, and he had a way of turning up at the most unexpected times and places. The crooks became filled with superstitious fear of the man and it is not surprising that in the course of time Byrnes became the hero of countless romantic and sensational stories and yarns which went from mouth to mouth and made Byrnes appear endowed with almost supernatural powers of penetration and divination.

### OIGRIMES THIRD DEGREE.

Byrnes proved himself a man of exceptional energy, ability and determination. He never shrank from hard work and often would work on important cases for twenty-four hours in a stretch. His persistence was proverbial and he was never known to abandon a case until he had exhausted every resource and had sifted the clues to the very bottom. Although he had surrounded himself with the best detectives obtainable in the country, he never depended upon them altogether, but did most of the work himself.

It was under his regime that the so-called "dead line" was drawn for the protection of the financial district in the part of the city and it was Byrnes who originated and used "Third Degree" in the most effective manner to obtain confessions from suspected evil-doers. His methods were criticized by some persons as too severe and even inhuman, but there was never a complaint of inefficiency or the slightest suspicion that he ever used



FIRST PICTURE OF STEAMER KENTUCKY

The steamship Kentucky recently wrecked off Charleston, S. C., from which through the use of wireless telegraphic apparatus she carried 47 persons were successfully rescued. When her operator flashed the signal for help, two United States war vessels, two tugs and another steamer headed for her at the top of their speed. A short time after the rescue was made, the Kentucky went to the bottom.

his tremendous power and influence for the purpose of grafting. Mr. Byrnes was made superintendent of the entire police force in 1892 and filled that position ably and to his everlasting credit until he retired from the service in 1896.

The record of Mr. Byrnes' work during the thirty years of his connection with the New York police department would make interesting reading matter. Many of the cases which he handled with consummate skill and for which he not only apprehended the perpetrators of the crime but brought about their conviction and punishment, have become famous in the annals of crime.

### THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES

D. C. Blair, Payette, Idaho.—Payette is coming to the front by leaps and bounds. There are probably fewer knockers in our little city than in any other of its size in the state. Work on a new sewer system is soon to be commenced and a new city park is the next good thing coming our way. There are many ideal sites and it is something we should have had long ago.

Grant DeLano, Pinedale, Wyo.—For years my fellow ranchers and I have raised beef almost exclusively. This

winter we have sold our herds and have gone out of the business because, at the present prices of beef cattle on the hoof the business does not pay the same returns on our capital as we can get in other lines. Certainly the cattle raiser cannot be blamed for the present high prices of meat.

Gilbert Gilberston, Rocky Ford, Colo.—The Great Western Sugar company has made public its contracts for growers of sugar beets next season, offering the best terms ever given in this industry in Colorado. Immense quantities of beets were grown in this section last year, but under the terms of the new contract we expect the amount to be doubled, as every available acre of land will be given over to beet culture.

Klamath Falls Odd Fellows may build a brick block next summer.

### UNCLE SAM TURNED OUT CROOKED COINS

John Hartman, a traveling man of Newark, N. J., yesterday reported to the local office of the secret service that he had been given two counterfeit half dollars. Neither of the coins would ring, he said, and he was satisfied they were bogus.

Investigation by the officers proved that both coins were issued by the San Francisco mint in 1899, but in some manner had been cracked in the making. By a peculiar coincidence Mr. Hartman had gotten the two cracked coins on the same date at the same time.

"Frequently," explained Steven Connel, superintendent of the secret service, "we find given cracked coins which people think are counterfeit. One hundred and fifty tons pressure is put on sheet metal while it is being stamped and cut into coins. Sometimes the sheet cracks and all the coins are cracked so that they won't ring. In these days sounding boards are used and all coins are tested before being sent out of the mint. But in 1899 no attempt was made at the mints to determine whether or not the coins would ring perfectly. Nearly all counterfeit coins, with the exception of pure lead coins, will ring when thrown on a hard surface."

### EQUIPMENT FOR BERKELEY LIBRARY.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Sacramento, Feb. 11.—Plans for the installation of book stacks costing \$72,950 for the new Bault library at the state university of Berkeley have been approved by Governor Gillett. The library when completed will rank with the finest university libraries of America.



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### WALLA WALLA, WASH., DISCOVERS A SISTER CITY IN AUSTRALIA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 11.—The people of this city were greatly astonished today to learn that this is not the only "Walla Walla" on the map, that a town in far off Australia carries the same title of "Walla Walla." A letter in that part of the country might go to Walla Walla, New South Wales, if the latter part of the address were left off, and the fact that this city's peculiar and euphonious name has been used elsewhere is a source of sorrow. It only now remains to find whether the Australians have a slogan, "What Walla Walla Wants is You."

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## ENGLISH INSTEAD OF GERMAN FOR DEBATE

New Sawmill Starts. Eugene, Or., Feb. 11.—The new sawmill recently built at Springfield by Fischer & Bailey began operations today, sawing a few logs on hand. The mill has a capacity of 50,000 or 60,000 feet per day.

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