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Michael Fitzgerald

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After recovering he talked considerable about being robbed on the cars, as he was coming from Rochester, and said he hid some gold pieces under the seat of the car, which were found as he represented. He also lost, as he states, some \$40 or \$50 in bills. These also, we believe, are recovered.

We understand that he is quite an extensive grocer on Washington-st., in Albany, and is said to be worth \$12,000 or \$15,000. A telegraphic despatch was sent to his friends on Friday, and in the evening of that day his wife came up and took him home. He manifested every symptom of insanity. A great deal of credit is due to Mr. Downs for his efforts to save his life.

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### Citation due board employe

A Syracuse woman will be among selected employes to be honored by the Workmen's Compensation Board of New York State at a luncheon Nov. 24 in New York City.

Mrs. Mary D. McMahon of 4937 Longacres Dr., hearing reporter for the Board, will be one of six employes to receive "The Chairman's Citation," a plaque presented in recognition of "a lifetime of dedicated service and devotion to duty."

Established in 1968, the award is designed to honor employes whose careers encompass long and dedicated service combined with exceptional and outstanding performance.