

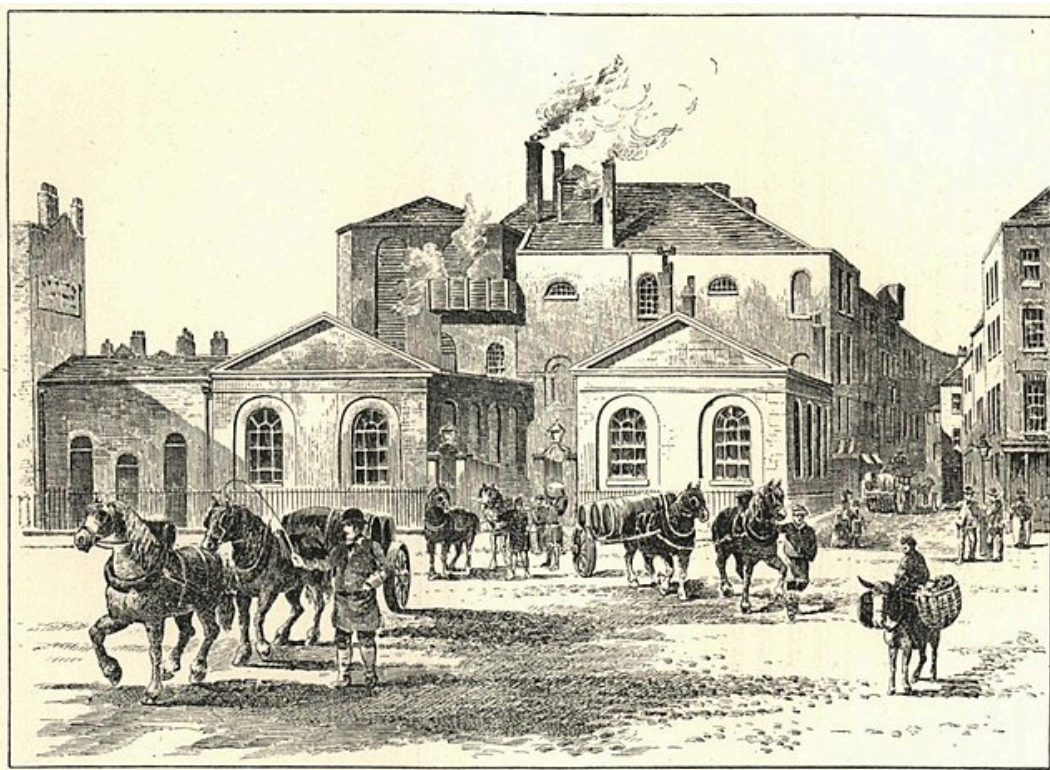
Episode 58: **In and Out of Luck in London: Three Stops, Three Stories**

Stop: Tottenham Court Road Station

Story: Lucky Horseshoe?



Magazine it looks like it looks like like the national choir this is the picture that I just want you to have it make sure it's what you want me to nap



Horse Shoe Brewery ca 1800. Public domain via Wikimedia.



The flood as depicted in a 19th century engraving. From Historic UK's [The London Beer Flood of 1914](#).

See also:

The Standard Dictionary of Folklore. 2 volumes

[The Legend of the Horseshoe](#) from the Kentucky Derby Museum

[The London Beer Flood of 1814](#) from Historic UK

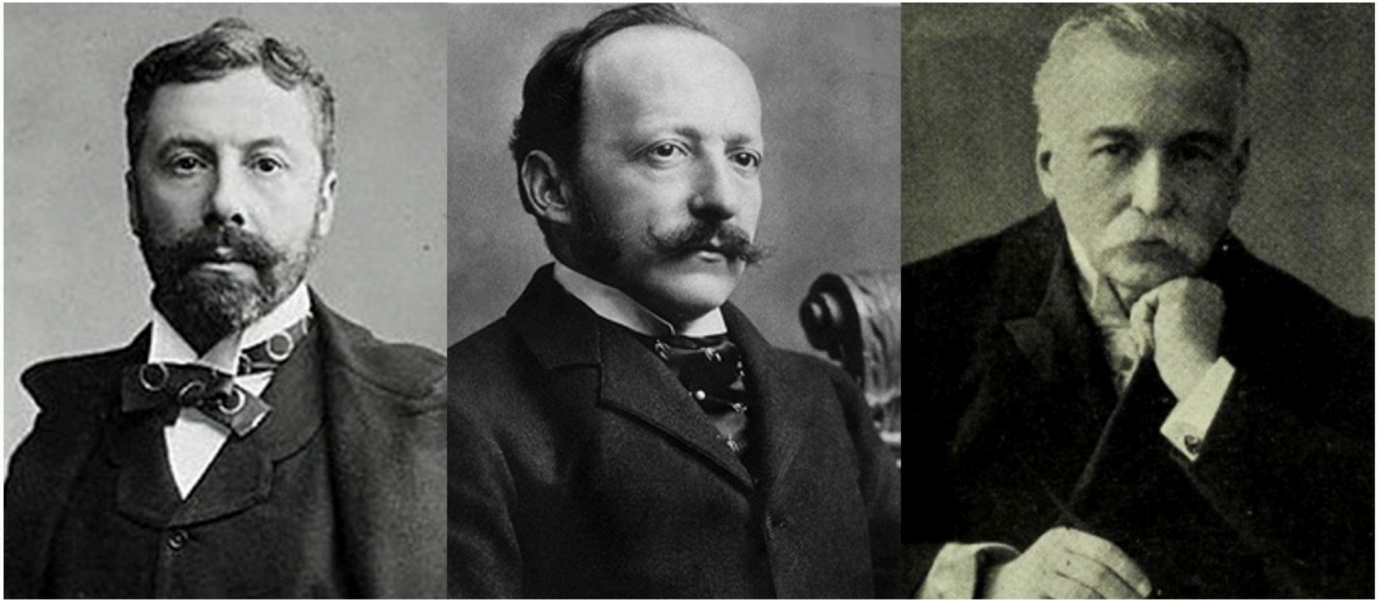
[The London Beer Flood](#) from History News

Wikipedia article [The London Beer Flood](#)

Stop: Charing Cross Station

Story: Unlucky Thirteen?





Savoy owner Richard D'Oyly Carte (left) believed in hiring the best. Here, with hotel manager Cesar Ritz (center) and chef de cuisine Auguste Escoffier (right).



The Savoy opened in 1889. Photo from Historic Hotels Worldwide



Photo W. G. Parker and Co., Hclborn.
THE LATE MR. WOOLF JOEL.

MURDER OF MR. WOOLF JOEL.

A telegram from Johannesburg states that Mr. Woolf Joel, of the firm of Barnato Brothers, was shot in his office there on Monday. The name of the murderer of Mr. Woolf Joel is Ludwig von Wertheim. It is stated that he is a man whose body was supposed to have been found drowned in the Thames. He entered Mr. Joel's office and demanded £2,500. On this being refused he snatched a revolver from the desk and fired. The bullet entered Mr. Joel's forehead and he fell to the ground, death ensuing in a few minutes. The murderer attempted to commit suicide, but failed. He was immediately arrested. The affair has caused a great sensation.

South African magnate Woolf Joel

WOOLF JOEL ASSASSINATED

Barney Barnato's Nephew Is Instantly Killed by a Black-mailer at Johannesburg.

HE WAS ASKED TO PAY £2,500

Mr. Joel and Mr. Strange Were Armed Also, and Strange Fired the First Shot—The Assassin Tried to Kill Himself.

JOHANNESBURG, March 14.—Mr. Woolf Joel, the trustee of the estate of Barney Barnato, the South African millionaire, and his partner and nephew, was shot in his office this morning by a former soldier. The murderer, a man named Feldthein, has been arrested.

Feldthein entered Mr. Joel's office and demanded £2,500. Being refused, he snatched a revolver from a desk and fired.

The bullet entered Mr. Joel's forehead, and he fell to the ground and expired. His murderer attempted to commit suicide but failed.

LONDON, March 14.—The assassination of Mr. Woolf Joel, the nephew, partner, and executor of the late Barney Barnato, following the tragic end of his uncle, caused a sensation to-day in the City.

The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Mail, who gives the murderer's name as Von Velthelm, says:

"He is reported to be the same man whose supposed body was found in the Thames channel with one leg cut off, but who

From The New York Times



Kaspar on the job. From The Savoy.



See also:

[Thirteen](#) Harry Potter Wiki

[Superstitious House Hunters Avoid Unlucky Number 13](#) from Zoopla UK

Black Cat Bias: Prevalence and Predictors by Hailey Jones and Christian Hart. Psychological Reports 2020

[The Official Savoy site](#)

[Kaspar the Savoy Hotel Cat Honoured After Warding Off Bad Luck for 86 Years](#) by Mark Brown in The Guardian. 30 April 2013

Wolf Joel Assassinated New York Times 15 March 1898

Stop: West Hampstead Station

Story: Yeah Yeah Yeah



John, Paul, George, and Pete at the Cavern Club.



Brian Epstein



The Epsteins' store.



Decca's former recording studio, in West Hampstead, site of the Beatles' audition.



Decca's Dick Rowe.



In their Pierre Cardin suits, as arranged by Brian.



from the Washington

Post

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/music/2024/02/04/beatles-america-1964-brian-epstein/>

<https://beatlesinlondon.com/the-beatles-decca-audition/>



<https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/music/news/the-man-who-rejected-the-beatles-6782008.html>



The opening scenes from *A Hard Day's Night* were filmed at Marylebone station.

Listen to the Beatles Decca audition. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2sXxHzM4d8>

And...

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