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MRS. CUNNINGHAM CONFESSES MURDER OF CHILDREN SO THEY COULD JOIN HER IN HEAVEN

Admits Poisoning Only Three of Family But Fourth Is Fighting Lethal Drug and Body of Fifth Also Reveals It—Youngest Daughter Spared Because Not Loved.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CROWN POINT, Ind., April 16.—Mrs. Anna Cunningham, 49-year-old widow, who has confessed poisoning three of the five members of her family who died within six years, was found apparently in a cataleptic condition in her cell today.

When she recovered she was placed, for the first time, alone in a cell. Her preliminary hearing has been indefinitely postponed.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CROWN POINT, Ind., April 16.—Calm and unmoved, Mrs. Anna Cunningham, 49, confessed last night that she gave poison to three of the five members of her family whose mysterious deaths within six years led to an investigation, resulting in a murder charge against her.

The victims—Isabelle, 18; Charles, 19, and Walter, 13, she said she had killed because she loved them best. She believed she was going to die, she said, and wanted to take them with her to join their father who died in 1918.

She denied that she had poisoned her husband, the first to die, or Harry, another son, in whose body coroner's chemists found arsenic. She spared Mamie, the surviving daughter because she disliked her, she said.

Each time she administered the arsenic in bread and butter she took a similar dose herself and after the death of Walter, she added a teaspoonful of iodine, but always recovered. Her desire "to join in heaven" her husband and take with her her best loved children, had prompted her to administer the death potion to Isabelle, the first victim who died December 31, 1920.

The confession of the woman, who had remained unshaken under the questioning in Chicago of prosecutors Robert E. Crowe and John Sharbary, who had obtained admissions of guilt from Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, was obtained by Sheriff Benjamin H. Strong and Miss Maureen McKernan, Chicago newspaper reporter.

During yesterday, after she had recovered from a state of coma into which she had lapsed Sunday, Mrs. Cunningham talked to Miss McKernan and admitted that she might have placed some arsenic in the food of David, by mistake, but was stolid in denial that she had poisoned any members of her family.

She permitted the reporter to apply cold compresses to her head and loosen her clothing, appearing more interested in changing her best black silk dress for an apron than in her subsequent cold blooded recital of the deaths.

Suddenly she asked that her daughter Mamie be sent for and that she be removed from her cell because of the presence there of several woman prisoners. Disre-

garding the girls frantic screams to remain silent, she detailed her story first to Sheriff Strong and later to an official court reporter.

The girl refused to remain and listen to the account of the deaths of her brother and was taken away. She also declined an offer to remain in the jail near her mother during the night and went to a hotel.

Only when she was asked to sign the transcribed confession at 2:40 a. m. today did Mrs. Cunningham betray any emotion. She broke down and sobbed.

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Delise Burton, 12, the complainant, was recalled to the stand this morning for continued cross examination. Anness had a witness, R. E. Nola, called to testify against the veracity of the child's mother.

A large number of witnesses were presented by the government testifying as to Anness' trips about the country with the child, and of the alleged wedding ceremony at Globe, Ariz., when the girl was only 12 years old.

While the child was on the witness stand yesterday, Judge Bean ordered all from the court room, save attorneys, reporters and court officers. Hundreds were turned away from the court room yesterday and scores this morning.

Here Today—Among the out of town visitors here this morning was Carl Lindsey of Melrose, Mr. Lindsey spent several hours in the city transacting business.

Zbyszko, 53 Years Old, 50 Pounds Outweighed, Regains Title From Munn in Less Than 14 Minutes

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—Stafislaus Zbyszko, 53-year-old veteran, again rules the world as champion of wrestlers. He regained the title he lost several years ago by conquering Wayne "Big" Munn last night in two straight falls and in less than 14 minutes of actual wrestling. A cleverly executed forearm earned the first fall for the veteran who scored the second fall with a forearm and hammerlock.

Zbyszko exhibited the same mat prowess against his more youthful opponent that brought him the championship years ago and clearly demonstrated that Munn's great strength was no match for the cunning of the master grappler.

Reaching only to the shoulders of the giant wrestler and weighing about fifty pounds less, Zbyszko wriggled away every time Munn tried to obtain his favorite crotch hold and easily broke away when he attempted a julitau.

who examined Munn said that he was suffering from acute tonsillitis and that he had fainted during the intermission between the first and second falls. The doctors said he had no fever when they examined him before the match.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—Wayne "Big" Munn, who was born of his world's heavyweight wrestling title last night by Stafislaus Zbyszko, was confined to a hotel bed today with tonsillitis and influenza. Gabe Kaufman, his manager, said that all wrestling engagements had been cancelled.

Both Kaufman and Dr. Abraham Baron of Philadelphia, who examined the giant wrestler before his bout last night, said who had a severe case of tonsillitis. Today he had a temperature of 104.

Dr. Baron said he tried to persuade Munn not to enter the ring. "I examined Munn 15 minutes before the bout," said the doctor. "He showed a temperature of 102. I also found him suffering from acute tonsillitis. I told him he should not wrestle, but the man's attitude was one that would mislead anyone. He was confident he could win and desired not to disappoint the crowd. He even fooled himself."

PAINLEVE MAKING PROGRESS IN TASK OF NEW MINISTRY

Extensive Program Outlined for Meeting to Be Held on April 18th.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PARIS, April 16.—Ex-Premier Paul Painleve, attempting the task of forming a cabinet in succession to the Herriot ministry, was able only to report progress and not the definite conclusion of his task when he visited President Doumergue at the Palace of the Elysee this afternoon.

"If a cabinet is formed, it will not be before tonight," he said. "I still have everything to do but one may have everything to do and yet do it quickly."

"I will endeavor," he added, "to form a ministry tonight and have it published in the journal official tomorrow." M. Caillaux, upon leaving the bankers' conference, stated that if Painleve formed a cabinet he would accept the portfolio of finance.

Antone Damesin, a war cripple, was arrested today in front of the ministry of foreign affairs, where M. Painleve has been holding conferences with M. Caillaux and others for the formation of a new cabinet. Damesin told the police that he had gone there to "kill Caillaux, who is an assassin."

(M. Caillaux was but recently granted amnesty for alleged war time commerce with the enemy.)

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WOMEN'S CLUBS TO MEET IN CITY NEXT SATURDAY

Topics for Discussion as Outlined by Committee Cover All Phases Club Activities.

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RABE RUTH WILL BE PLACED UNDER KNIFE

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Candidate for German Presidency

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DORRIS OFF OF GAME BOARD BY ACT OF PIERCE

Governor First Requests His Resignation Then Discharges Him.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SALEM, Ore., April 16.—Political differences and a breach of friendship that has been widening since early in the late legislative session caused Governor Pierce yesterday to oust Ben F. Dorris of Eugene, from the state game commission. The governor appointed M. H. Bauer of Corvallis to fill the vacancy.

The schism between Dorris and the governor was started when Dorris early in the legislative session is said to have showed himself in favor of taking the appointment of the fish and game commissions out of the hands of the governor and placing them in the hands of the state board of control.

The governor yesterday afternoon called Dorris by telephone at Eugene and requested him to send in his resignation by letter. Dorris replied that he wanted some time to consider the matter, whereupon the governor said he wanted to take action immediately and that he would remove Dorris without waiting for his resignation. Dorris became a member of the commission by appointment of Pierce June 18, 1923, and his term would have expired February 25, 1925. Bauer, his successor, is a creamery man at Corvallis and is said to be active in various game organizations of the state.

Before deciding upon the removal of Dorris the governor conferred at some length with his advisers. State Insurance Commissioner Will Moore, Accident Commissioner Dillard Elkins and Milton A. Miller.

Dorris, the ousted commissioner, is prominently connected with the American Legion and served overseas during the war, where he was seriously wounded.

The governor refused to comment on the ouster, but the breach between the two men has been obvious for many months.

One thing that is believed to have caused the split is Dorris' friendly attitude toward Charles Hall of Marshfield, whom Dorris is said to favor for governor, rather than against support that Pierce should the latter again be the nominee of Dorris' own party.

Dorris was also opposed to the tithing bill of the last legislature which includes the game commission among the state activities that are required to pay 10 percent of their proceeds into the state general fund. Dorris also is said to have resented a suggestion in the governor's message that the game commission be removed from politics by being transferred to the state agricultural college.

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TWO WOMEN AND CHILD PERISH IN A BURNING AUTO

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) YANKTON, S. D., April 15.—Two women and a child were burned to death and another woman was injured today when their auto plunged from the highway near Beresford, overturned and burst into flames.

The dead, reports received here said, are Mrs. S. Nevada Hereford of Aberdeen, Wash., Miss Doreen Finnegan, Yankton, and David Finnegan, three years old. Mr. H. D. Finnegan, daughter of Mrs. Hereford, was severely injured.

Mrs. Finnegan, who has been teaching at Thief River Falls, Minn., was driving when the accident occurred. She apparently lost control of the car, a large heavy one, which plunged head on into an embankment, pinned its occupants beneath it, when it overturned.

Two farmers working in the fields nearby heard the crash and hurried to the scene. They succeeded in dragging Mrs. Finnegan from under the car but the flames that enveloped the machine almost at once prevented them from reaching the others. The car was destroyed and three bodies burned to a crisp. Mrs. Hereford, a former Yankton resident, was visiting here over Easter. She was formerly prominent in state circles. Her son-in-law, whose wife, was injured, was former president of the State Bankers association.

SENATOR WHEELER FACES ILLEGAL FEE ACCUSATION

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 16.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, democrat, Montana, went on trial here today with his political life at stake. He was here in United States District Court to answer to an indictment returned a year ago charging him with accepting a fee for prosecution of claims of a client before the department of the interior, after he had been elected to the senate.

The maximum penalty for violation of the law is two years' imprisonment or a fine of \$10,000 or both, and the law provides that a person so convicted is forever barred from holding public office.

Federal Judge Frank S. Dietrich of Idaho, is presiding. The little court room where the trial is being held, was packed the limit. The formalities of reading the indictment and summoning veniremen were disposed of, the task of picking a jury was begun. Predictions at the opening of the trial were that from one to three days would be required to make up the jury.

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EUGENE VOTES \$610,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Water Supply Change From Willamette River to McKenzie Is Plan.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) EUGENE, Ore., April 16.—Eugene voters yesterday approved bonds of \$375,000 for the proposed change of the source of city water supply from the Willamette to the McKenzie river. The vote cast was fairly light, and some of the other issues on the ballot were closely contested.

The survey for the change in water supply for Eugene has already been completed and work is expected to start in the near future, according to Carl McClain, superintendent of public utilities.

Other bond issues approved at the polls yesterday were \$135,000 for two new reservoir pumps and connecting pipe lines; \$50,000 for sewer re-construction; and two issues totaling \$50,000 for street intersection paving.

Bonds which failed included in the \$25,000 for fire apparatus; \$10,000 for remodeling of the city hall; \$25,000 for the purchase of a municipal incinerator and \$9,000 for the paving of a certain street.

The fire apparatus bonds were carried last summer by a big majority, but were voted on the same ballot as municipal auditorium bonds, now being contested all through the courts. In order to hasten the payment for the fire apparatus, purchased when the other bond issue carried, the second vote was asked. The bonds lost by 11 votes.

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