

AYRES MYSTERY SOLVED

EXPLANATION OF THE SHOOTING OF THE CENSUS OFFICE CLERK.

Mrs. Bonine, a Guest at the Hotel, Tells of a Struggle in Which the Man Was Killed.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The mystery attending the killing of James Seymour Ayres, a Census Office clerk in the Kenmore Hotel, early last Wednesday morning, was solved today by a voluntary confession from Mrs. Lulu Bonine, a married woman and a guest at the hotel, that the three shots which ended Ayres' life had been fired in a struggle between herself and Ayres. Mrs. Bonine, whose husband is a drummer for the wholesale drug house of Dewitt & Co. of Chicago, explained her presence in Ayres' room at 3 o'clock in the morning by saying that he had come to her room complaining of a chill and asking for medicine. She had induced her to follow him to his room to talk over some matters of difference there had been between them. She said that she dressed herself in a wrapper and went to his room. He had preceded her, and when she opened the door and walked in he quickly closed it and informed her that he had enticed her to the room for his own purposes and said if she did not submit to his wishes he would kill her. Ayres, she said, was undressed and had a revolver in his hand, and in a struggle for its possession which ensued immediately after she entered, it was discharged three times, the last one proving fatal.

After her statement, which was made to the Chief of Police and a number of other officials, Mrs. Bonine was placed under arrest and taken to the station detention, where she will be held pending the result of the coroner's inquest, which has been in session since Saturday. The tragedy which resulted in Ayres' death became known last Wednesday morning, when his dead body was found in his room at the Kenmore, a small family hotel situated at the corner of Capitol, Ayres was between 20 and 21 years of age, and lived in Fort Austin, Mich., before coming to Washington as a clerk in the census office. He was a man of some standing in Republican state politics in Michigan. An examination of Ayres' body showed that he had been shot three times, one ball entering the left leg, another the left arm, and the third penetrating the heart and causing death. Suicide was the first theory advanced, but on the night of the murder they had seen a woman descending a fire escape leading from in front of the Ayres room at the hotel, and disappearing into the parlor of the house ended this theory.

Gradually the fact was developed that Mrs. Bonine and Ayres, who had been on very friendly terms, had had a falling out. Mrs. Bonine, who had been subjected to several rigid examinations by a detective without result, today told him her story and asked his advice. He counseled her to tell all she knew, and in the presence of District Attorney Gould and the detective she again told the story of the deed in her own words. Mr. Gould would make no promise as to immunity from punishment, however, and arrangements were made for a complete and full report of the deed at the office of Major Sylvester, the superintendent of police. Before going to police headquarters, however, Mrs. Bonine asked that she be allowed to tell the story to her husband, who was at the police station at the time. This she was permitted to do. Her statement was entirely voluntary, and during its making she appeared perfectly calm and collected. Its substance, as related by Major Sylvester, Chief of Police, is as follows:

"Mrs. Bonine acknowledged that she was present when the shooting occurred. She said that some time prior to March there had been a disagreement between herself and Ayres, and that their friendly relations had been broken until the morning before the tragedy, when she became friendly with him again. She said it was some time in the morning, presumably about 3 o'clock, when Ayres knocked on her door. She opened it and he told her and wanted to know if she had anything that would prevent it. She said she thought she had some laxative quinine, and went to her boy's room adjoining hers to get it. In the meantime he was standing in the hall. He was dressed in trousers, coat and undershirt. When she came back she said she could not find the quinine. Ayres threw his arm over her shoulder, and asked her if she would not come over to his room, where they would talk over their differences. To this she assented, saying she would go as soon as she could get ready. She had been in bed when he aroused her by knocking at the door, and went to the door in her night robe. Ayres left her then, and went back to his room. She followed herself, putting on all her clothing except her corset, including a wrapper. She then went to his room, opened the door and then entered. Ayres stood behind the door, and as soon as she entered he slammed it and bolted the lock. He was attired only in his undershirt, and had a revolver in his right hand. She was very much agitated, and attempted to make a break through the window to get out. He went over and threw his left arm around her, saying 'I guess you will listen to me now.' Ayres still had the pistol in his right hand. She grabbed it with her left hand and threw it up and it fell off in the struggle which followed she got hold of the weapon with both hands. She does not know how many shots were fired, and does not remember anything about what took place until Ayres lay over against her, and his blood spattered over her shoulder. She said it was she who called for help and moaned."

Miss Minax, who occupied the next room, had testified to hearing screams, and said she was too frightened to give an alarm. Mrs. Bonine then went through the window and down the fire escape to the second floor, where there is a landing. She passed through the parlor and upstairs to her room on the fourth floor. She then washed her hands and the wrapper which she wore. Mrs. Bonine declared that she had never been intimate with Ayres, but that when she went into the room that night he made a proposition to her which she resented. This was the first time he had ever made such a proposition. Prior to March 4 he had sometimes been affectionate in his remarks, but had never made any sort of improper propositions. She declared that the reason she had not said anything about the crime before was that she wanted to preserve the good name of her two boys.

Mrs. Bonine's statement will be submitted to the coroner's jury tomorrow, and on their verdict will depend the course to be pursued toward Mrs. Bonine. She has engaged an attorney. She is apparently about 22 years of age, and says she was born in Macon, Mo. She then moved to Hamilton, in the same state, and afterwards to Richmond, Kan., where her husband was engaged in the drug business. Subsequently she went to Brunswick, Ga., and then to Florida, where her husband was engaged in orange-growing. She says that it was at her husband's solicitation that she learned to practice with a revolver, and that he first made the suggestion that she should learn this art for self-defense against possible assault. She said she had twice in her life fired a revolver to frighten burglars, and that she had brought a building revolver with her to Washington, but had given it away to negro man.

Cases Against Callahan Discharged. OMAHA, May 20.—The attorneys for James Callahan, the alleged kidnaper, today appeared before Judge Baker in the

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and moved for a judgment in the robbery and larceny case pending against him in connection with the kidnaping of young Edward Cadaby. The presiding judge, in the discharge of the defendant on the ground that he had already been put in jeopardy for the same offense as is alleged in each of these remaining cases. The court sustained the motion for discharge. This action finally disposes of all the cases against Callahan, excepting the case of false imprisonment and the charge of perjury. Callahan's bond was reduced from \$500 to \$200.

IN SECRET SESSION.

Cuban Convention Discusses Reports on Platt Amendment.

HAVANA, May 20.—Today's session of the Constitutional Convention was secret and probably secret sessions will continue during the discussion of two reports on the Platt amendment.

President Watching the Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—The President and members of the Cabinet are watching with interest the reports which the Cuban Commission which visited Washington will present to the Constitutional Convention. Secretary Root has kept the President fully advised of the developments in Havana, and the President is in communication with leading Senators upon the subject. The question of this Government's acceptance of the action of the Constitutional Convention as "substantial" compliance with the terms of the Platt amendment will, of course, not be formally raised until the Constitutional Convention acts on the report submitted to it. But there is good reason to believe that the members of the Cabinet here are satisfied with developments. The majority report is considered a virtual acceptance of the Platt amendment, and the minority report could perhaps be interpreted as a stronger protest designed to meet the demands of local sentiment in Cuba and to "save the face" of its authors. Public questions, as they arise, are being daily discussed by the President with the members of the Cabinet. No formal Cabinet meetings are being held at the present time. The members of the Cabinet are calling the "Temporary Executive Mansion," but matters relating to the various branches of the Government are talked over informally.

JOINT HIGH COMMISSION.

Laurier Says It Will Resume Its Sittings This Summer.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 20.—The Joint High Commission, which is to examine the claims of the United States, is expected to resume its sittings this summer. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier, in his speech in the British Columbia Judges bill today, alluded to the difficulty of bringing prisoners from Dawson City across the strip of territory at Skagway claimed by the United States and occupied by them under the terms of a modus vivendi. Sir Wilfrid remarked that this question was one of the high commission could deal with when it resumed its sittings, as he hoped, in the fall. Although nothing further official can be obtained on the subject, it is likely that the meeting will take place in the fall, probably at Quebec. The Premier intends to visit the Pacific Coast and the Yukon shortly after the session, and has made engagements which will keep him going for the next three months.

REBELLIOUS INDIANS.

An Outbreak on the Shoshone Reservation Is Feared.

LANDER, Wyo., May 20.—Conditions on the Shoshone Indian reservation are beginning to assume alarming aspects. Six hundred Arapahoe braves are said to be defying the authority of Agent Nickerson, who has asked for authority from Washington to use troops to suppress the rebellious Indians. It is believed that a clash is likely to occur at any moment. The trouble, which has been brewing for some months, is said to be the result of discontent among the Indians at a change in the method of issuing rations. The Indians are now preparing to hold a sun dance although positive orders have been issued by Agent Nickerson prohibiting them from doing so. The Indians are assuming such a defiant attitude toward the Government officials that officers in Lander Valley are thoroughly alarmed, fearing an outbreak at any time.

ONE THOUSAND FILIPINOS FREED.

MANILA, May 20.—General MacArthur celebrated the surrender of the insurgents Lascrua and Lacuna by releasing 1000 Filipino prisoners. It is unofficially reported that a body of rebel under, Angeli attacked a detachment of American troops, supposed to be from the Thirty-seventh, near Pasacao, in Southern Carabine Province, killing two soldiers and one native scout and taking one soldier prisoner. The insurgents are still in possession of the mining town of Paracore, North Carabine. The nearest troops are at Indan, 30 miles away.

TWO TRUSTS TO CONSOLIDATE.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Rumors current during the past few days that the Union Lead and the American Lined Oil Companies are about to consolidate are confirmed by the president of the American Lined Oil Company, who said tonight that the principal reason for consolidation is found in the great economies that can be effected in the handling of both lined oil and white lead.

EX-MAYOR PATRICK J. GLEASON.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Patrick J. Gleason, ex-mayor of Long Island City and popularly known as "Batie A." Gleason died at his home in that place tonight of heart disease, aged about 70 years.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Special Rate Bulletin. For the Medical Association meeting at St. Paul May 29 to June 7, \$60 for the round trip; tickets on sale May 30, good 60 days. For the Morden Woodmen meeting, St. Paul, June 11, \$60 for the round trip; tickets on sale June 7, good 60 days. For full particulars regarding above, and rates to the Pan-American Exposition, call at Great Northern city ticket office, named Third street, or address A. B. C. Denniston, City Passenger and Ticket Agent.

TWO OPTUM DEAS RAIDED.

Lo Deen, 126 Second street, was arrested last night by Policemen Kitzmiller and Nash, charged with being the proprietor of an optum den, and John Williams, colored, was arrested at the same place, charged with smoking opium. At 8 o'clock this morning Sergeant Moore and three policemen raided the optum den at the southwest corner of Second and Oak streets, and arrested two white men named Charles Brandt and Charles Hill, of Astoria, charged with smoking opium.

BETTER THAN CARIBBEAN MINERAL WATER.

This is to certify that I have used the Witter Springs Mineral Water in diseases of the skin with marked success. I have also employed it as an adjunct in the treatment of liver and kidney affections, and consider it equal, if not better, than the justly and world-renowned Caribbean mineral water of Germany. In every case it has had an action equal to the Caribbean water. It is almost indispensable in the treatment of numerous diseases, relaxing the skin and soothing the eruptions. It must be used as any other medicine, judiciously and carefully. I heartily recommend it to any of the profession who may require a valuable aid in the treatment of all skin diseases. ORMISTON W. SWAYZE, M. D., Oakland, Cal.

CARNEGIE'S LATEST GIFT.

TEN MILLION DOLLARS TO FOUR SCOTCH UNIVERSITIES.

The Iron Master's Purpose Is to Establish Free Education—Scotchmen Surprised.

LONDON, May 20.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$2,000,000 to establish free education for Scotch universities, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and St. Andrews. He stipulates that the beneficiaries be his "Scottish fellow countrymen" only, no English, Irish, Welsh or foreigner. The fund will apply to medical as well as to commercial education and will be placed in the hands of trustees, who will defray the expenses of Scotch students benefited under the scheme. Mr. Carnegie's gift has been almost the sole topic of conversation in Edinburgh today. Sir William Muir, principal of the University of Edinburgh, when interviewed on the subject, said: "I regard the gift as one of extraordinary munificence, and there is no doubt that it will largely increase the number of students. I believe that another result will be the freeing of secondary education. Possibly the government would make a grant for this purpose."

DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF ACCEPTANCE.

LONDON, May 20.—A meeting was held in London today of those present were Lord Elgin, Thomas Shaw, M. P., A. J. Balfour, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, John Morley, James Bryce, and others. The matter was discussed at length, but no conclusion was arrived at, as to the best method of administering the gift. Mr. Carnegie desires that all Scotch universities on an equal footing, hence the money is not given to the students to pay their fees, but to the universities themselves, and will probably be under government auspices.

According to the education authorities, the Scotch universities which San Francisco presents considerable difficulties, and for this reason Scotch papers for the present are rather looking the gift horse in the mouth. The English press, which is inclined to cavil at the method of Mr. Carnegie's munificence. The leading Scotch paper, the Edinburgh Scotsman, says editorially that the scheme is "concerning from its very magnitude," and proceeds to show that the gift might disorganize the whole educational system, and that the fees of students pay are only a small part of the cost of educating them, the remaining being supplied by endowments, and that if Mr. Carnegie's project were to bring an increase of students, the universities would be compelled to appeal to the public for further funds. Then, if university education is free, the country will soon be asked, which San Francisco to make secondary education free also. In conclusion, it asserts that "acceptance of the offer demands that the Scotch universities, although it is an offer which Scotland cannot afford to decline without the best of good reasons." The London papers reflect these difficulties while expressing admiration and gratitude.

THE INCIDENT IS CLOSED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 21.—Ahmed Tewfik Pasha, Ottoman Minister of Foreign Affairs, has just returned from Bulgaria, where he had been on a mission to Turkey's intention to apologize to the embassies for the recent violations of the foreign mail bags, the British, French and Austrian. Pasha, in an identical note, and the matter is now regarded as adjusted.

AN ENGLISH MAJOR'S CRIME.

LONDON, May 20.—Lieutenant Major Booth, who has just returned from South Africa, last night, shot five of his children, killing four of them. His wife and baby escaped. It is said that the late Lord Cahir, the Baron of Cahir, according to DeBrett's Peerage, has been dormant since 1858. The first Baron Cahir was created in 1853.

GERMAN TARIFF CONFERENCE.

BERLIN, May 20.—The Chancellor, Von Bulow, has summoned the Ministers of Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony, Wurtemberg, Baden and Hesse to a conference on the customs tariff, to be held June 4.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

CRIME COMMITTED THREE YEARS AGO RESULTS IN AN ARREST. LEWISTON, Idaho, May 20.—A sensation was caused here this evening by the arrest of John N. King, charged with the murder of Charles E. Thatcher. The latter, who was a partner of King, was murdered at the late Lord Cahir, the Baron of Cahir, according to DeBrett's Peerage, has been dormant since 1858. The first Baron Cahir was created in 1853.

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Alta . . . \$0 02; Justice . . . \$0 03; Alpha Con . . . \$0 04; Occidental Con . . . \$0 05; Belcher . . . \$0 06; Pioneer . . . \$0 07; Bullion . . . \$0 08; Potomac . . . \$0 09; Caliente . . . \$0 10; Sierra Nevada . . . \$0 11; Chollar . . . \$0 12; Silver Hill . . . \$0 13; Consolidated . . . \$0 14; Con. Cal. & Va. . . \$0 15; Union Con . . . \$0 16; Crown Point . . . \$0 17; Little Chief . . . \$0 18; Hale & Norcross . . . \$0 19.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con . . . \$0 20; Little Chief . . . \$0 18; Alton . . . \$0 19; Ontario . . . \$0 20; Breece . . . \$0 21; Ontario . . . \$0 22; Constock Tunnel . . . \$0 23; Con. Cal. & Va. . . \$0 24; Savage . . . \$0 25; X. & Y. . . \$0 26; Small Hopes . . . \$0 27; Leadville Con . . . \$0 28.

BOSTON, May 20.—Closing quotations:

Adventure . . . \$15 00; Humboldt . . . \$16 00; Bing. Min. Co. . . \$17 00; Occochee . . . \$18 00; Copper . . . \$19 00; Quincy . . . \$20 00; Boston & Newf. . . \$21 00; U. T. Mining . . . \$22