

BIGAMIST ADMITS MURDER OF WIFE

Pleading Girl Slain Because He Could Not Endure Leaving Child.

DEED NOT FOR HER MONEY

Prisoner Says He Committed Crime When He Consented to Love Woman He Had Betrayed—Wanted to Return to See His Baby.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—A year and a half ago a friendly girl was murdered near Islip, Long Island; a week ago her skeleton was found, with nothing to indicate its identity but her jewelry and a bill of sale from a German shop; three days later, through the police of Hamburg, Germany, her identity was established as Anna Luther; tonight her husband, Frederick Gebhardt, confessed over his signature that he was the murderer.

Shot for a Kiss.

"I met Anna again on April 5 in Newark, and we went to an address in Thirty-fourth street, New York, and then to Jamaica, L. I. We stayed in Jamaica the next day.

"April 9 we went to Bay Shore, and I showed her some property. I got into an argument with her about some money matters, and I turned away and wanted to go back. She followed me, screaming, and I shot her in the head. I did not look at her and do not remember whether I shot her more than once.

"Immediately after I went to the Islip depot and took a train for home. It was nearly dark. I threw the revolver out of the car window.

"I did not kill Anna Luther for her money, as the newspapers have stated. My original reason for marrying Anna was that I did not care to live with my first wife any longer, but as she—my first wife—had given me a child, my desire to see my child caused me to want to get rid of Anna Luther and return to my first wife and child.

"She screamed and ran after me and I shot her."

"From the time of his arrest until he broke down under the questions of Detective Gebhardt, although he admitted committing bigamy when he married Anna Luther, denied all knowledge of her death.

"How about this letter?" asked Coroner Savage, and he began to read a note mailed last night to the German Consul and signed "Otto Mueller." The letter trapped him into confessing.

"I am the husband," it went on, "of the woman Anna Mueller. After we arrived in New York from Germany, in April of last year, we stayed in New York ten days. Then we went to Florida for the health of my wife and settled there for three months.

"In Jacksonville, where I formerly lived with my wife, she had received a visitor whom she represented to me to be a Mr. Bradley, of Denver, from Germany, in August of last year. This Mr. Bradley called again. In September, 1908, my wife disappeared after I had reproached her for seeing Bradley when I happened to be away for two days.

"Bradley is about six feet high, with light hair, smooth face, and claims to be a real estate dealer. I, Mueller, will at once go to Denver and see my parents-in-law and will then be at your service."

"The same inexplicable impulse which had prompted Gebhardt to write this fatal letter had led me to give to Gebhardt, who does not exist outside his own imagination, his own personal description. As soon as he saw the letter he grew white and began to shiver, and before the reading was completed exclaimed:

"Oh, what's the use anyway? You have me and I might as well own I killed her."

"Given verbally, the confession was even more shockingly brutal, the police say, than it appears in the formal language of the police officers, whose version Gebhardt signed.

"I had to get rid of her," he said, "but I did not mean to kill her. I thought first I could get her to give me some money for land I did not own. So I took her down to Long Island near some lots I owned to let her see the land.

"Breaks Heart, Then Shoots.

"She would not come to terms, and I told her then that I was already married and had a child that I loved; that I was tired of her and wanted to go back to my wife.

"She began to cry and plead and scream and run about. She told me she loved me and kissed me. As she put up her face to kiss me again, I shot her in the head.

"Gebhardt told the police he never thought it 'worth while' to go back to bury her. Instead, he wrote letters to her friends in Newark and Germany, telling them Anna was in New England and had gone to Florida. Then he quit 'bothering about her.'

"Gebhardt, when he was in Germany, bought two German police dogs, and it was by tracing the dogs that the detectives found his home in Astoria. While a newspaper photographer used a flashlight at the dog's flare revealed the pale face of Gebhardt peering from a doorway. He was run down and arrested.

"Search of the house revealed a quantity of household effects and woman's finery marked 'A. L.' Gebhardt had told his wife that he bought them at a sale of unclaimed trunks in Germany. He had unclaimed under the name of Otto Mueller. The skeleton of the body of Anna Luther, who had been married more than a year ago to Otto Mueller, revealed a murder, the bones showing two bullet wounds. A gold watch found near the body bore the initials 'A. L.' and there was also merchants' memoranda, indicating that purchases had been made in a small town near Hamburg, Germany.

WRECKS DELAY OPENING

Hill to Inaugurate Dry Farming Exposition at Billings Today.

was to have occurred this afternoon, has been postponed until tomorrow and will be concluded before the first session of the congress.

Interest centers in the remarks of J. J. Hill, to whom has been given the credit in a large measure for the development of the Northwest. The failure of Mr. Hill formally to open the exposition was a disappointment to the large crowd of spectators which has gathered to attend the opening of the exposition. The exercises will be carried out tomorrow and the opening of the regular congress will immediately follow.

With \$100,000 worth of exhibits already set up, the exposition will open tomorrow. The exposition occupies a huge war-house of the western Pacific and every inch of the room is taken up.

There are apples from Washington, potatoes from Colorado, wheat from Montana and corn from Wyoming, six grown with a meagre allowance of rainfall and all fine specimens of their kind. Nearly every Western state has a representation, while Canada is allotted an extensive space at the entrance of the building and the products of that country are attracting much attention.

BLAKESLEY CASE HANGS

DOCKET TOO CROWDED FOR EARLY TRIAL.

Prosecutor Invites Those Accusing Quick to Appear Before Grand Jury, but All Keep Aloof.

ST. HELENS, Or., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—District Attorney Tongue, at the opening of court this morning, attempted to have Blakesley's new trial set for an early date, but owing to the crowded condition of the calendar was unsuccessful. Unless he can save time from some of the other terms in his district, the case will not be retried until the May term.

Several of the jurors have been interviewed in regard to their decision and some frankly say they were dissatisfied with the fact that the state did not permit the defense to question Mr. Cook more at length. They evidently believed Mr. Stevenson when he said at the trial that the state was concealing something and protecting Cook.

Mr. Tongue then stated that the grand jury will be in session today to hear testimony and Mr. Stevenson said, "I will be there." Mr. Tongue called him up today and requested his presence, but Stevenson admitted he had no disclosure to make. The air is full of the sensational charges against county officers, but, though every effort has been made to secure testimony, none of the accusers have brought their charges before the grand jury, which is still in session.

LAWYER REGARDS IT AS JOKE

Attorney Stevenson Says He Was Barred From Probing in Trial.

Attorney John H. Stevenson, who, with Attorney Hart, defended Blakesley, is inclined to regard District Attorney Tongue's challenge to appear before the grand jury as a joke. Mr. Stevenson, when informed of the St. Helens dispatch last night said: "The jury was justified in refusing to return a verdict of guilty because the defense was not allowed to ask County Treasurer Quick to what he understood by the letter that based the indictment. Such a letter would mean nothing to any man and would convey no truth unless he understood or was acquainted with the things hidden or hinted at by the letter.

"The fact is apparent that the prosecution, through some mistake, desired to shield Treasurer Quick from cross-examination as to why he considered the letter a threat as it accused him as a witness without reducing the letter to evidence. Thereby the defense was shut out from cross-examining him as to the meaning of its contents.

"As to my appearing before the grand jury, I could possibly do so, but County Treasurer Quick has been before the grand jury, so has Prescott, his partner, also Mr. Miller, likewise District Attorney Tongue because 'Post' and 'Blakesley' himself, was held before that body. If the grand jury can't get at the bottom of this thing with all these witnesses and I, a counsel, possibly do no good, I myself, was held before that body. If the grand jury can't get at the bottom of this thing with all these witnesses and I, a counsel, possibly do no good, I myself, was held before that body.

"The challenge of the prosecution for us to produce our 'dope' is really a joke in light of the fact that we were prevented by the prosecution from cross-examining Treasurer Quick at the trial."

COTTON MILLS HARD HIT

Forced to Reduce Output Because of Advance in Raw Material.

GREENSVILLE, Oct. 25.—It was announced today that the cotton mills in Greenville, Anderson and Greenwood counties, finding it impossible at the present price of raw cotton to sell their products at a profit, had decided to curtail production by closing down one day in each week.

One million spindles and 25,000 looms are represented in the mills included in the agreement.

NEW ENGLAND MILLS TO CUT

Manufacturers Will Curtail Working Time in Factories.

BOSTON, Oct. 25.—The officials of the Arkwright Club reported today that cotton manufacturers in New England had agreed to a curtailment equivalent to 24 hours between November 1 and August next.

DEFENDANTS SEEK TRIAL

Special Session of Federal Court Likely for Idaho Land Cases.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—When the land-fraud cases of North Idaho were called when Federal Court opened at Moscow this morning, attorneys for Kester-Kettenbach-Dwyer-Robinet and others demanded immediate trial because of the delay of the five-year indictments hanging over their heads.

United States Assistant Attorney-General Gordon announced today, because of the Barber-Moon cases coming up at Boise, Judge Dietrich took the matter under advisement and it is expected will call a special session to hear the Lewiston timber fraud and Lewiston National Bank \$130,000 defalcation cases.

Northwestern People in New York.

RALLY FOR CAUSE

Women Gather to Welcome Mrs. Pankhurst.

ALL EARN THEIR LIVING

Many Trades and Professions Represented at Suffrage Meeting.

Many College Girls Seen in Audience.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Rarely, if ever, has Carnegie Hall seen such a gathering of women as assembled there tonight under the direction of the Equal Franchise League.

On the stage were 29 teachers, 57 physicians, 6 dentists, 49 social workers, 23 trained nurses, 120 trade unionists, eight actresses, including Miss Carlotta Neilson and Mrs. Beatrice Forbes Robertson, 10 musicians, Miss Anna Peck, the mountain-climber, 4 civil engineers, 46 business women, 16 authors, including Charlotte Perkins Gilman and Countess de Grammont, 3 sculptors, 1 architect, 4 journalists, including Mrs. Elbert Hubbard, 15 civil service women, 23 lawyers and representatives of 13 trades in which women compete with men.

Among the box-holders were Mrs. O. H. Belmont, Mrs. J. G. Phelps Stokes, Mrs. William M. Lewis, Mrs. E. H. Gary and Mrs. Henry Phillips.

The girl collegian in cap and gown was much in evidence, while on the stage a forest of banners proclaimed the women's organizations represented. Among them were Women's Trade Union League, National American Woman Suffrage Association, Medical Women, Municipal Ownership League, Collegiate Equal Suffrage League, Woman's Progressive Suffrage Union and William Lloyd Garrison League.

The ushers wore orange-colored shoulder sashes, bearing the familiar legend, "Votes for Women."

Mrs. Pankhurst was introduced by Anna Howard Shaw, National president of the Equal Suffrage Association, after telegraphic greetings to her by Miss Inez Milholland, the latest recruit to the cause, who was recently refused admission to the Harvard Law School. Mrs. Pankhurst said in part:

"I am not here to tell you why we want the vote, but how we are going to get it. You have heard much of our methods, you have condemned them, but whether they are right or wrong, objectionable or not, they certainly have accomplished our object of bringing the question before the British public as a practical political problem. It may be violent, but when did men get the right to vote? Where would this Republic be if your fathers had not thrown the tea into Boston harbor?"

POLLMAN RECALL FALLS

Church People of Baker City Recall Their Petition.

BAKER CITY, Or., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—After one day's circulation of the recall petition on Mayor Pollman, during which time the most strenuous excitement prevailed in Baker City, several business men, who are church members and regular attendants at the Rev. Daniel Shannon's revival, held a meeting and decided to withdraw the recall petition, which was done this evening.

The recall petition, which was signed by several charges which could not be substantiated, according to churchmen who met today. Intense indignation of appearance of the petition and throughout the day it has been the subject of heated arguments on the street and in all public places.

The revival meeting yesterday, at which time the recall petition was presented to the public, was probably the largest religious gathering ever held in Baker City.

REFUSAL COSTS MAN'S EYE

Postal-Card Vendor Gouges Man Who Will Not Buy.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Insulted because E. L. Thomas, aged 26, a North Bank freight brakeman, refused to buy a postal-card on which was the picture of himself, wife and small wagon called "go-far," A. Wood pulled a sharp knife from his pocket and cut out Thomas' eye. Wood made a dash for the ferry landing but was captured by Officer Gassaway, and placed in jail.

When Wood slashed Thomas, the eyeball fell from the socket. It was replaced by surgeons at the hospital, and the wound sewed up. Doctor says Thomas may retain his eyesight, but he will be disabled for life.

Woods, who has been here for several days, is alleged to have made the trip from Los Angeles to Seattle at the Seattle Exposition. He was here selling postal-cards bearing his picture.

INSANE, GETS IN BELFRY

Bonfield, Alaska Millionaire, Disturbs Worshipers at Mass.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Samuel A. Bonfield, the millionaire



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Alaska man, who became insane Saturday morning and was released from the county jail in the afternoon, to the care of his brother and business partner, John E. Bonfield, was carried out of the safety of the Church of Our Lady of Good Help, at Fifth avenue and Jefferson street, yesterday morning, after he had almost broken up the celebration of high mass by ringing the church bell.

The tolling of the bell began shortly after services were opened by Rev. John E. O'Brien, rector of the church. The toll would ring, remain silent for a few minutes and then resume its clanging. Each tap Rev. O'Brien expected to be the last, until a particularly long effort on the part of the bell ringer caused the rector, toward the end of the service, to leave the pulpit and make a personal investigation.

It was Bonfield. He promised to descend and accompany the priest down to the floor below, but failed to keep his promise and partaken Mike McNamee and J. T. Gill were sent from police headquarters two blocks away to place him under arrest.

WALSH ROADS ARE SOLD

SYNDICATE HEADED BY MORGAN SECURES PROPERTY.

Bankrupt Banker Closes Deal by Which All Roads Go to New York Banker.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The Chicago Record-Herald tomorrow will say: John R. Walsh has disposed of his railroad interests, according to an announcement made at a late hour last night. The purchase, it is said, is a syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York.

The gigantic financial problem was discussed at a conference held at the Chicago Club, Mr. Walsh being represented by E. C. Ritcher, his confidential legal adviser. The utmost secrecy was observed relative to the names of those present.

From an authoritative source it was learned that J. P. Morgan was among those in attendance. A man who had been at the meeting said:

"Mr. Walsh has sold his railroad interests. What remains for those in conference to do is to throw out a lot of details.

The railroad properties belonging to Mr. Walsh in the supposed deal include the Illinois Southern Railway, Chicago Southern, Southern Indiana and the Bedford Belt railways.

Shortly after the collapse of the John R. Walsh financial institutions in Chicago a few years ago Mr. Walsh gave a note for \$7,121,887 to the clearing-house banks of Chicago. In return for which the clearing house liquidated his institutions. The security included the bonds of the railroads.

BUY BOGUS BUTTERMILK

Metchnikoff Says Americans Can't Get Enough of Real Article.

PARIS, France, Oct. 25.—(Special.)—"Various preparations of 'medical buttermilk' in the United States with my name attached do not have the slightest connection with my formula," declared Metchnikoff process.

Indignantly repeating that milk soured naturally and milk soured through his scientific process were two different things, he continued:

"My name, I learn, has been freely used in the United States by men who have imitated my products without paying any attention to the requirements of Metchnikoff process.

"There are only one or two places in all Europe where this product can be secured. It is exported thence in the form of a kind of cheese or curd to Paris, where quantities are prepared in the form of milk and other small quantities are exported in various directions, but almost none to the United States. Yet it is in such demand there that, according to report, certain business houses manufacture practically nothing else."

CUSTOMS SCANDAL WIDENS

Deputy Surveyor Vail Drawn Into Graft Case—Charge Denied.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Letters were produced in court today at the trial of Philip Musica and his father, Antonio, charged with defrauding the government of customs duties by false weights of cheese which the firm imports from Italy, to



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prove that James F. Vail, Deputy Surveyor of the port, countenanced the swindle and, shared in its profits. Philip Musica testified he was introduced to Vail by one Highland, a Government weigher, "as a client of ours."

Tonight Mr. Vail said: "The statements made today about me are infamous lies. I never met that man Highland. I was one of those who caused the arrest of two weighers and had a third dismissed."

WRIGHT DOES NEW FEAT

GLIDES TO EARTH AFTER MOTOR OF AIRSHIP STOPS.

Gives Pupils Lessons in Flying, Then Shows How to Alight Without Power.

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Oct. 25.—Walter Wright today demonstrated his ability to glide to earth in his aeroplane after shutting off his motor. The performance was for the education of his pupils, Lieutenants Lahm, Foulis and Humphreys.

The high wind which had prevailed throughout the day had spent its force at 4 o'clock and shortly afterward the machine was taken out to the starting track. After a false start the aeroplane got away with Mr. Wright operating it and Lieutenant Foulis in the passenger seat. The machine was aloft for 13 minutes, 30 seconds. This flight was made to test the motor, which was run at three-fourths speed.

In the next flight Lieutenant Humphreys went with Mr. Wright and operated the aeroplane for most of the 16 minutes and 25 seconds that the machine swung around the field. Lieutenant Lahm then relieved Lieutenant Humphreys and a flight of 18 minutes and 25 seconds was made.

It was after the flight that Mr. Wright started off unaccompanied. He shut off the motor when he had reached a height of 150 feet and glided to earth in approximately 13 seconds without mishap.

CONSUL GOES UP IN BALLOON

American Makes 160-Mile Flight in Prussia.

WRONKE, Prussia, Oct. 25.—T. St. John Gaffney, American Consul at Dresden, landed here last night after a successful flight in the balloon "Heyden." The length of the flight was approximately 160 miles.

Harkness Tackles Flight.

PASADENA, Cal., Oct. 25.—Harry Harkness, son of L. V. Harkness, Standard Oil magnate, is to spend the winter here

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and it is announced will bring with him two flying machines of the Latham type. Young Harkness has made three flights with Latham.

MOTHER SEES BABES DIE

Two Tots Bitten by Snake, Another Falls in Well.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 25.—Distraught to the point of almost losing her reason by the death of her three small children in one day, Mrs. Lent Henderson, of Sundance, is under the continual care of physicians.

Yesterday, while Mrs. Henderson was in the yard with the baby, she heard the two older children scream, and rushing into the house found that both had been bitten by a huge rattlesnake. While caring for them she heard a faint cry from the baby. Answering this she saw the little tot fall into a well and drown before it could be rescued.

Hastening back into the house Mrs. Anderson found the two older children in dying throes from the effects of the reptile's poison.

HAMILTON'S TRIAL IS SET

Embezzlement Charge to Be Heard on November 23.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Trial of ex-Adjutant-General Hamilton was today set for November 23 and 24. The embezzlement charge will be taken up first, and the forgery case will follow when the other is disposed of.

Hamilton, in charge of the Sheriff, spent most of today at the Capitol building, in the office of the Auditor and Attorney-General, with experts checking up the vouchers of his former office in preparing his defense.

Walsh's Counsel Denies Meeting.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—Counsel for John R. Walsh declared today that no meeting was held here looking to the transfer of the Walsh railroad properties to Eugene Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, as was reported last night.

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