

SICK WOMAN IS HELD MURDERESS

Mysterious Deaths of Nine Under Her Roof Bring Sensational Sequel.

POISON FOUND IN BODY

Investigation of Chicago Woman's Career Reveals Morbid Fascination. Bodies Had for Her. Two to Be Exhumed.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—Mrs. Louise Vermilya was formally charged today with the murder of Arthur Bissone, a policeman, by poisoning him with arsenic, following the report of toxicologists who had examined the viscera of the dead lodger at the widow's home.

Coroner Hoffman announced that he would have exhumed the bodies of at least two of the other nine persons who have died in her home during the last 18 years.

Professor Walter L. Haines, Dr. Ralph W. Webster and Dr. E. R. Lecount reported to the coroner today that they found more than enough arsenic in the liver and other organs of Bissone to have caused his death.

Mrs. Vermilya has been ill with pneumonia and her condition was such that Captain Harding, the police officer in charge of the investigation, agreed to wait service of the warrant until tomorrow, but added several men to the guard watching the suspected widow.

Coroner Becomes Active.

Coroner Hoffman became active and procured permits from relatives of former acquaintances of the widow, whose deaths now have come under suspicion, to exhumed the bodies for toxicological examination. There is a state law forbidding the use of arsenic in embalming and the coroner announced that if the poison was found in the bodies the undertakers would be asked for certificates showing whether the law was disobeyed, and if it was not, an effort would be made to connect the widow with the administration of the poison.

Mrs. Vermilya's denial of any connection with the deaths has not been disproved, the police and coroner admitted tonight, but the effort to determine how far coincidence entered into the remarkable death history of the Vermilya home will be kept up.

Conductor's Boasts Recalled.

Just what bodies would be exhumed Coroner Hoffman declined to say. It was intimated, however, that one of them would be that of Richard T. Smith, a railroad conductor, who was reported to have lived as the husband of the widow, though not married to her, was suddenly taken ill and died under strange circumstances.

It developed he had taken out a life insurance policy a short time before, in which she was to be the beneficiary. Mrs. Vermilya collapsed when informed that the experts had found arsenic in the viscera of Bissone, but she showed no concern after recovering and declining to make any statement.

When first examined after Bissone's death, Mrs. Vermilya declared the policeman was engaged to marry her. This was disproved by the discovery later of his will, leaving all his property, amounting to about \$1500, to his fiancée, Miss Laura Rivard, of Marshall, Minn.

Widow Taken Ill.

Mrs. Vermilya finally was taken ill, suffering from convulsions, and appeared to be in almost the same condition that had marked both Smith and Bissone before they died.

Another surprise was caused last night when she asked permission to call her lawyer and make her will. A doctor was called and announced that she was suffering from pneumonia.

Reports received by the police from Mrs. Vermilya, who was taken to the hospital, indicated that bodies had been exhumed and that she had informally attached herself to a new establishment.

Undertaker Is Friend.

This was further established by the discovery of friends for the undertaker, C. C. Boyson, whose name was brought into the present investigation through his having acted in the funerals of Smith and Bissone.

Further questioning of several interested persons by Coroner Hoffman tonight disclosed new facts in connection with the death list. A motive for the poisoning was suggested by Archie Bissone, a brother of the policeman.

In the policeman's rooms were found letters from his fiancée, Miss Rivard, but all were dated prior to their engagement. Absence of any record since then, coupled with the fact that Mrs. Vermilya had refused to Bissone's room and her statement that she and the policeman were to be married, was suggestive of an increasing jealousy as a motive for the poisoning.

GIRL WINS APPOINTMENT

Rural Mailcarrier Over Route of 26 1-2 Miles 17-Year-Old Maid.

Hildegard Butts, 17 years old, has been appointed carrier of Rural Route No. 2, out of Portland, which extends from the city Postoffice to the Cornhill road and through part of Washington County and returning by the Barnes road, a distance of 26 1/2 miles.

Her appointment is the result of a civil service examination and she was the only candidate as the salary is \$33.50 per month and it is necessary for her to keep three horses to fulfill her duties. At the same time a carrier in the city, using a cart, receives \$125 per month.

COMMERCE LESSON SOUGHT

Los Angeles Harbor Commission Secretary to Visit Portland.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—To inspect the method of keeping accounts, doing business and making collections, Secretary Fleming, of the Harbor Commission, left Los Angeles this morning for a three weeks' trip to Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and probably Vancouver and Victoria.

He intends spending several weeks on the trip and several days in each of the Northern cities. The steady growth of the commerce of Portland and Seattle and the need of knowing exactly what is back of it are given as the reason for Mr. Fleming's trip.

ALLEGED WIFE-POISONER AND SCENE OF SUPPOSED MURDER



ALLISON B. MCFARLAND, OF NEWARK, N. J., AND THE MCFARLAND HOME.

NEW TRUST NIPPED

National City Bank Interests Dispose of Stocks.

QUESTION IS UP TO TAFT

Effort to Square Organization With Views of Attorney-General Reported Under Way—Bank Is Much Chagrined.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Attorney-General Wickersham's report of his investigation of the National City Bank case virtually charges the National City Company with being an embryo "money trust," controlled by the National City Bank, for holding stocks in other financial institutions in contravention of the National Bank law.

Secretary McVing does not agree with the Attorney-General and President Taft will take up the case when he returns to Washington. In the meantime, the department of justice has been continuing its investigation of the case.

The Attorney-General said publicly that he viewed with some concern the combination of banking capital in New York.

Unofficial advice to the Department have indicated that changes in the internal affairs of the National City Company were being made to square it with the position of Mr. Wickersham. It is said that prominent officers of the bank recently made visits to Boston, New York and Washington and other cities in an effort to effect the sale of holdings in other concerns as soon as possible and that they have in this way disposed of nearly all the stocks, whose market value has been estimated at about \$6,000,000.

The National City Bank officers were said to be much chagrined at the position taken by Mr. Wickersham. It soon developed, however, that the Attorney-General based his objection on the fact that the securities to be taken over by the holding company were chiefly bank shares which it was illegal for a National bank to hold. Although the holding company was a distinct corporation, it was held that, as its shares could be transferred only by the transfer of a certificate of the bank's stock, it would be possible for the bank to dominate other banks in all sections of the United States.

SALE REPORTED IN NEW YORK

Bank Officials, However, Decline to Discuss Report.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—In well-informed quarters it was said today that interests connected with the National City Bank are preparing to dispose of their holdings of shares in other financial institutions throughout the country. These holdings are believed to aggregate from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 and probably include several foreign banks as well as several domestic institutions. The value of these shares runs into millions.

It is understood this step is being taken to overcome any further opposition on the part of the Government in connection with the reorganization of the National City Company, a holding of securities corporation recently formed, with a capital of \$10,000,000, which was derived from a cash dividend declared by National City Bank.

Officials of the National City Bank declined to discuss the report, except to deny that the bank as an institution has any interest, either direct or indirect, in any other bank.

CANDIDATES GLUT FIELD

Aspirants to Third District Attorneyship Champ Bita.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Already feelers are being put out for the prospective candidates for the office

of District Attorney of Third Judicial District by several of the deputies of John H. McNary, the present District Attorney. District Attorney McNary has held the office for eight years and for the eight years previous acted as Deputy District Attorney.

He has unqualifiedly announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election. Among the candidates who will be in the field are Gale S. Hill, of Albany; Walter C. Winslow, of Salem; Walter E. Keyes, of Salem, and R. L. Connor, of McMinnville. All of these but Keyes are deputies to District Attorney McNary and Keyes acted in that capacity for some time, retiring to take the position of City Attorney of Salem.

Each one of the candidates has a certain acquaintance over the district which includes Marion, Linn, Yamhill, Polk and Tillamook counties. This district being identical with the Third Judicial District. From interest which is already being shown and from the fact that each of the candidates has a large number of friends, the fight promises to be one of the strongest ever waged for the position in this district.

BABE'S SLAYERS NAIVE

ITALIAN AND HIS WIFE DO NOT UNDERSTAND LAW.

High Cost of Living Given as Reason for Making Away With New-Born Infant.

SANTA BARBARA, Nov. 3.—John Rech, an Italian handy man, and his wife, who were arrested today, charged with the murder of their new-born babe, are now in the County Jail. Ignorance of the law and the high cost of living are the only excuses of Rech in extenuation of his crime.

It is apparent that the couple do not appreciate the seriousness of their crime. They believed they had the right to rid themselves of their infant encumbrance. Rech, through an interpreter, asked the jail authorities how long he would have to remain in prison, and if he could not be released by the payment of a small fine.

The Rechs, husband and wife, came here four years ago from Italy. Rech had always been sober and hard-working, but he told the interpreter he found it "harder and harder to make both ends meet." Finally the wife threatened to leave him and he was driven out on a ranch to increase the family income.

The coroner's jury today held that Mrs. Rech was guilty of the murder of her baby, in that she had consented to do away with the baby because it would interfere with her ranch work.

CANAL FOOD VINDICATED

Physicians' Board Says High Tropical Standard Is Set.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—A careful investigation made by a board of physicians on the Isthmus of Panama has demonstrated that the food furnished to the hotels, messes and employees in the Canal Zone is of such quality, quantity and variety as to meet and even exceed the highest standards set by experts in tropical diet.

The board was appointed to determine whether the present ration is suitable for workmen. One physician maintained that the food furnished contained too great a proportion of sugar and starch and not enough of green vegetables and fruit, resulting in many cases of stomach and liver diseases.

GERMAN SPY CONVICTED

Lieutenant of Hussars to Serve Sentence in British Prison.

EXETER, England, Nov. 2.—Lieutenant Philip M. Schultz, of the Thirtieth Hussars, stationed at Frankfurt-on-Main, was convicted at the Devonshire Assizes today on the charge of spying, and sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment.

It was alleged by the prosecution that Lieutenant Schultz was commissioned by the German authorities to obtain information as to how far the British government was supporting France in the dispute over Morocco.

WOMEN THICK IN MCFARLAND CASE

Prosecutor Finds One, Then Begins Looking for Two More "Affinities."

MURDER MOTIVE IS SEEN

Authorities Deny That Letter From Girl Saying "Be Careful, You Know What Happened to Dr. Crippen," Is Found.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Although one "woman in the case" has been found in connection with the death of Mrs. Allison McFarland, the Essex County, New Jersey, authorities are looking for two more in their efforts to show a motive for the killing of his wife by Allison McFarland, the Newark typewriter salesman now in jail charged with murder by poison.

Relations during the lifetime of Mrs. McFarland between her husband and his stenographer, Miss Florence Bromley, of Philadelphia, have been established, but Prosecutor Mott, as a result of his investigations, is of the opinion that Miss Bromley was not McFarland's only affinity.

Investigations showed that McFarland made trips to New York, remaining in the metropolis over night, three or four times a month before Mrs. McFarland died, and that on all such visits to Philadelphia he did not concern himself exclusively with attention to Miss Bromley.

Prosecutor Is Curious.

His business did not take him to either city, the prosecutor maintains, and Mr. Mott is curious to know how he maintained his home at 246 Park street, Newark, and made these frequent out-of-town excursions, at his own expense, on the salary of \$35 a week he received from the Crocker-Wheeler Company, of Amper, N. J.

Investigators have found the two additional women in the case he has refused to divulge. He has, however, insisted that McFarland did not focus all his attentions upon Miss Bromley. Whether he will introduce the other women in the trial is not known. He merely upon the affection that existed between the prisoner and Miss Bromley as a murder motive. McFarland's wife was from a prominent family.

He asserted that his wife committed suicide, intimating that jealousy drove her to it, and that he had been in relations with Miss Bromley.

Miss Bromley to Testify.

Miss Bromley, it is understood, will willingly testify at the trial, believing that her story will clear McFarland of the charge of murder. The young woman was at first opposed to telling of her relations with McFarland, but upon realizing how futile her objections were she consented to be on hand when Mr. Mott wanted her.

The letters she wrote to McFarland have been kept from the newspapers. The report coming from McFarland's attorneys that the prosecution intended to "spring" a letter in which the line "Be careful, you know what happened to Dr. Crippen," appeared, has been denounced as absurd by Mr. Mott. McFarland's lawyers denied that such a letter existed.

"I had such a letter I wouldn't have lost a minute in arresting the writer as an accessory," said Prosecutor Mott.

McFarland has not been permitted to talk with newspaper men. Indications point to an early trial of the prisoner.

WOMAN MERRY, TAKES AID

Wife of Seattle Man Commits Suicide After Party in Her Honor.

LONG BEACH, Nov. 3.—Mrs. Gertrude Conkle, wife of C. C. Conkle, a resident of Seattle, and well known in railroad and financial circles of Colorado, died at the home of her brother in this city Tuesday morning. She drank the cyanide of potassium. News of her death was suppressed by the authorities until tonight.

Mrs. Conkle arrived in Long Beach about three months ago. At the house it was said tonight that she had been watched for many years by her relatives, who feared that she would attempt self-destruction. An hour before her death she was in a wreck when a merry party given in her honor at her home.

CLOTHES TORN FROM MAN

Whirling Shaft in Castle Rock Mill Severely Injures Employee.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—While working near a conveyor that carries wood and sawdust from one of the saws in a shingle mill here today, Ralph Fraidenburgh was caught and swung around a revolving shaft. His clothes were torn from his body and when rescued only his shoes remained in place.

Examination by physicians indicates that skin grafting will be necessary in the treatment of Fraidenburgh, but his recovery is considered assured.

Fraidenburgh was married a year ago.

LYMAN'S CASE POSTPONED

Promoter Demands Immediate Hearing on Chief Accusation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—Attorneys for Dr. J. Grant Lyman today were insistent in their demands for an immediate hearing on the charge of using the mails to defraud, while the Federal prosecutor urged that proceedings for Lyman's removal to Los Angeles be deferred until after the trial on the charge of escaping from jail.

Commissioner Krall postponed the hearing until Monday, and promised to give a decision then. The decision asked the Commissioner to dismiss the removal proceedings, which would clip \$7500 from Lyman's \$17,500 bail, which he is unable to furnish.

SUPREME COURT CRITICAL

(Continued from First Page.)

The word "form" in the constitution, just support to Mr. Williams' interpretation of the word "guaranty," Oregon did not invent the initiative,

said Williams. Rhode Island first tried it 350 years ago. Rhode Island today, according to Williams, is an oligarchy.

Holmes Agrees With Definition.

Jackson H. Balston, of this city, contended that the opponents of the method were wrong in arguing that the word "republican" was used in the Constitution as a synonym for representative. He argued it was used in connection with "nationalism." Justice Holmes suggested that this interpretation would be in conformity with the rules of logic.

Jackson, in closing, said that the constitutional guarantee of a republican form of government in each state was a guarantee to the state, and inasmuch as Oregon does not come forward and complain that it has no republican form of government, a citizen of state cannot raise the issue.

Senator Chamberlain has a week in which to file a brief in reply to Crawford's contention that these cases raise a purely political question.

The cases in which arguments were made by the state of Oregon, the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company and the validity of the bond issue for the construction of the Broadway bridge in Portland.

WAR VESSELS DISPERSE

SMALLER CRAFT BEGIN MOVEMENT FROM LOS ANGELES.

Famous Old Oregon to Accompany Flagship When Final Adieu Are Said Today.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 2.—Los Angeles will wave an adieu to the Pacific fleet at 2 o'clock tomorrow. The flagship California will be the last ship to round the breakwater, pointed south.

The dispersal in reality began today. The smaller craft, torpedo boats and destroyers, left for San Diego at 8:30 A. M. Shortly afterward the protected cruisers Cincinnati, Raleigh and Buffalo steamed for Mare Island, where the first two will be prepared for a trip to the China station and at 11 o'clock the big armored cruiser Maryland steamed for San Diego.

The tender Iroquois and the submarines Grampus and Pike left at noon for the south.

The cruisers Colorado and West Virginia will start for San Diego tomorrow, followed by the Glacier and the Prometheus. Then, with a final farewell, Admiral Thomas will board the flagship and at 2 P. M. the South Dakota, the famous old battleship Oregon and the flagship California will "beat the band" and be gone. Their destination, too, will be San Diego.

PIPPIN GOES TO PRISON

PRESIDENT APPROVES SENTENCE OF NAVAL OFFICER.

Term of Seven Years With Hard Labor Ordered—Other Severe Penalties Are Imposed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—President Taft has approved the court-martial sentences of these officers of the receiving ship Independence on the Pacific Coast:

Paymaster Arthur M. Pippin, imprisonment at hard labor, seven years; dismissal from the Navy for embezzlement, fraud, scandalous conduct and culpable negligence.

Paymaster's Clerk James V. Fuller, retired, dismissal, two years' hard labor; Chief Yeoman Henry Helppel, reduced to landsman; three years' confinement, dishonorable discharge; Paymaster's Clerk Rowland M. Thompson, public reprimand, loss of \$418 pay. All were involved in the same affair.

Paymaster Pippin will serve his seven-year term in San Quentin penitentiary, California, the term dating from April 2 last, when he was incarcerated pending trial. The sentencing of commissioned officers of the Navy to imprisonment is rare.

\$10,000 VERDICT IS GIVEN

Helpless Cripple Wins Case on Appeal From North Bank.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of Nick Eoff versus the S. P. & S. Railroad Company returned a verdict awarding Eoff \$10,000 damages for personal injuries received in a wreck when the train on the Goldendale branch upset in the Kilkittat gorge above Lytle in 1909.

Eoff received injuries to his spine which will make him a helpless cripple for life.

The case was tried in the Superior Court last June, when the jury awarded Eoff the same amount. Judge McKenny afterward reduced the verdict to \$5000, with the option of a retrial. Eoff's attorneys refused to accept it, reduced verdict and demanded a new trial of the case. The case has attracted much attention in Kilkittat and the courtroom was packed yesterday to hear the arguments of the attorneys.

The jury in the present case was out 12 hours. The jury in the first trial arrived at a verdict in less than an hour.

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Calisthenics Are Shown at Child Welfare Exhibit.

LITTLE HOUSEKEEPERS ACT

Y. M. C. A. Boys' Gymnasium Class, Public School Pupils and Students of Portland Academy Entertain Crowds.

Large crowds filled the Armory yesterday afternoon to watch the drill by the Boys' Gymnasium class of the Young Men's Christian Association, conducted by P. W. Lee, and the physical drills by public school and Portland Academy pupils under the direction of Professor Krohn.

While the exercises were in progress the entire floor space not occupied by the booths was used. A group of children from the People's Institute called the Little Housekeepers, gave an exhibition of folk dancing.

The exercises under direction of Professor Krohn were a dumbbell drill by small children and an Indian-club drill by older pupils. The afternoon programme was opened with a vocal solo by Mrs. Fred L. Olson. The Girls' Chorus of the Washington High School under Mrs. Rose Courson Reed's direction gave a musical selection. Miss Anna Pennick contributed a piano solo.

The morning programme was under the auspices of the Oregon Congress of Mothers in the convention hall. Reports from the various circles were read, followed by discussions. Mrs. W. S. Brande and Mrs. Winthrop Hammond addressed the congress on parent-teacher work.

Another large crowd was present last night in the drill hall to listen to addresses dealing with children and play. A. M. Grilley, superintendent of the Portland playgrounds, was the first speaker, introduced by Mrs. W. J. Hawkins, the presiding officer. He reviewed the history of the playground movement in this city and paid tribute to the women who worked for the establishment of municipal playgrounds.

Professor Arthur Evan Wood, of Reed College, spoke on "The Street Boy and How He Can Be Reached."

"The Welfare of the Girl in Her Teens" was presented by Dr. Bertha Stuart of the State University. Professor Herdman, of the Washington High School, pointed out the importance of play in the life of the child. Musical numbers were contributed by Miss Eloise Hall and Mrs. Kathryn Readman.

The programme for today's sessions is:

10 A. M.—Minutes; business; reports of committees on resolutions. Mrs. M. Hirsch, "Four Vital Points to Be Observed in the Life of the Child," Mrs. R. Steele.

10:30—From the viewpoint of the teacher, Professor Higgins, Miss Beattie Merrill, "The Child's Play." Aid to the Injured, Dr. E. D. Patton; music by Webster's juvenile orchestra. Portland Junior League, "The Child's Play." Aid to the Injured, Dr. E. D. Patton; music by Webster's juvenile orchestra.

11:30—Music, violin solo, Vanda Preston, pupil Mary McKenna; vocal solo, H. C. Brandon, principal of the Trade School; "The Relation Between Home and the School," Professor E. D. Curtis; "Child's Growth in Kindergarten."

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No More Funds Are Needed.

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Equipment



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Mrs. F. R. Norton: "Mould Yourself Before You Try to Mould Your Children." Mrs. Alice Webster: soprano solo, Miss Zeta Holter.

YACOLT CLUB PROTESTS

Plan to Run Mixed Trains to City Meets Opposition.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The Commercial Club of Yacolt, on the Northern Pacific, has appealed to the Commercial Club of Vancouver for assistance in dissuading the railroad company from taking off the present passenger schedule and replacing it with the mixed train schedule. The rumor has reached Yacolt that the company intends to do this.

Vancouver profits by the daily passenger service to Yacolt, and at the meeting of the governors of the Commercial Club last night, assurance was given that everything will be done that can be even to taking up the proposition with the State Railway Commission.

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That's the time to strike them, when they first come. Strike them hard. Master them completely. No delay, no trifling, no foolishness. Hit your cold hard right from the start. This is the way: a hot footbath, some hot drink, and Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.