

LOVE, JEALOUSY AND HATE FEATURE CASE

Brown Murder Mystery Continues Mystery.

CITIZENS ARE INCENSED

Appointment of Special Prosecutor Urged—Unsavoury Details Are Disclosed by Woman.

(Copyright by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.) MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The J. Stanley Brown murder case was in a greater muddle than ever yesterday, the eighth day since the slaying. A body of irate citizens began the circulation of a petition to the judges of the circuit court of the district asking the appointment of a special prosecutor after Prosecutor Lynn Johnston announced that there was not enough evidence to convict the defendant of the man's murder, or enough to warrant the filing of charges against others.

Mrs. Beatrice Vester was arraigned before Justice Sawm last night and entered a plea of not guilty to the murder charge. Hearing was set for Saturday. Summonses were issued to bring Mrs. Gladys Sumner, roommate of the victim's woman, whose story caused her arrest, back to Mount Clemens, together with Ben Boromson, the man who was principal witness.

Mrs. Vester Accuses Others. Chief of Police Straight openly announced that had he the power he would insist on warrants for both Mrs. Ruth Provost Brown, the 19-year-old widow of the murdered victim, and Lloyd Provost, her cousin and chum of Brown, who declared to his friends on the night of the murder that he was going to meet Provost. The police head said he favored the appointment of a special prosecutor.

Mrs. Vester's first statement on her arrival in Mount Clemens was to accuse Mrs. Brown and Provost. She could substantiate her charges only by circumstantial evidence, but she managed to convince most of her auditors that she was innocent. As an alibi she admitted spending the night of the murder with Private Sorrenson in Battle Creek. He verified her story.

"I believe Lloyd Provost killed Stan Brown," the woman said. "I believe Mrs. Brown and he were working together. I am going to rip the lid off this case and tell everything I know, because I am accused of a crime I am not guilty of committing."

The suspected slayer lunched into a recital of the loves, jealousies and hates that she declared existed in the peculiar combination.

"Thanksgiving," she said. "Mrs. Brown attacked me with a butcher knife because she was jealous of Lloyd's love for me."

"Provost was always wild about Mrs. Brown. Whenever we were away together on a party he was continually calling her up and he always called her 'Doe' and 'Sweetheart.' He told Brown that he kept a close watch on her for him, but it was because he himself, was afraid she would go out with another man."

"He told me Mrs. Brown had given her husband poison, but it failed to kill him. He said: 'It's a shame a boob like Brown has all his money while a man like me has none.' He said Mrs. Brown put a lock on her bedroom door to keep her husband out and Brown quarreled with him because he, Provost, was allowed in the room."

"Brown Called 'Meal Ticket.' He came to see me one day and seemed very much pleased. He said Brown had made a will leaving half of his money to Ruth. He told how Mrs. Brown and her mother would hold him while his father-law beat him into unconsciousness in their home. I asked him why he did not interfere to stop it. He answered: 'Hell with him; why should I?' I then asked him why he had stuck around Brown, and he said: 'He's my meal ticket.'"

Rev. R. D. Dodge, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, petitioned the probate court's executor of another reputable citizen made guardian of the two Brown children, Phyllis, 5, and Virginia, 3.

A codicil to Brown's will was also opened in the probate court, and as predicted, it divided the income from Brown's estate between his wife and their first child. The second was cut off with \$100.

200 CHICAGO REDS TAKEN (Continued From First Page.) of the appeal of 22 I. W. W. convicted of violation of the espionage law. Anne Grovarek, 24, was the only woman arrested. She and 19 others were taken from I. W. W. headquarters. James Crowley, secretary of the I. W. W., also was arrested.

AMERICAN WIDOW OF GERMAN BARON RETURNS.



BARONESS VON STERNBURG.

Baroness Lillian May Sternburg, widow of Baron von Sternburg, former German ambassador to the United States, reported to have been made poor by the war, has returned to the United States. She says she will "never leave the United States again" and that she endured indescribable humiliations since the war began. She was Miss Lillian May Langham, a famous beauty of Louisville, Ky. Her American property is being held by the alien property guardian.

LUCILLE LANGERMAN DIES POPULAR PORTLAND GIRL'S NEW YORK STUDIES ENDED. Demise Following Brief Illness Ends Career as Athlete and Promising Artist.

Word was received in this city yesterday of the death of Miss Lucille Langerman, at New York city, after a brief illness.

Miss Langerman, a graduate of the class of 1919, Lincoln high school, was one of the most popular students of that institution and was widely known throughout scholastic athletic circles as a tennis player and athlete.

Three months ago, Miss Langerman left Portland for New York, accompanied by her parents and sister, there to continue her studies in arts and crafts at Whittier college, Columbia university. During the brief period before her illness she manifested such remarkable talent that she was advanced to the senior class.

Miss Langerman was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Langerman, 511 Clifton street, the sister of Helen and Newton Langerman, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Samuel Lowengart of this city. She was 18 years of age and was born in Portland, where the family owned a complete standstill.

FEW NEW RAILS ARE LAID Figures for 1920 Show Railway Development Near Standstill. CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Statistics compiled by the Railway Age show that the year 1920 begins with the development of the railroads of the United States nearer a complete standstill than at any time since the first rail was laid in America.

In the year 1919, says the Railway Age, "the total mileage of new lines built in the United States was 584, the lowest figure ever recorded by this paper. Furthermore, it does not represent a net increase in mileage. During the year 659 miles of North American railway were abandoned for operation. Prior to the year 1915 the mileage of the country was steadily increasing, although the rate at which it was increasing had been diminishing for some years and especially since 1910."

POWER PLANTS TO MOVE Equipment at Clarkston, Wash., to Be Installed at Centralla. CENTRALLA, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Mayor T. C. Rogers and Glenn Norman, superintendent of the city light department, yesterday returned from Clarkston, Wash., where they inspected a power plant owned by the Washington-Idaho Light & Power company, and which it proposes to install here for the Sheridan County Light & Power company. Mr. Norman reports the equipment to be in first-class condition.

MILLMEN HEAR PECK Legion Post Commander Talks on Americanism at Camas. CAMAS, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—"The war is over, but the fight for true American democracy has just begun," so stated Major Cassius R. Peck, commander of the American Legion Post of Portland in his address to the legion members here.

RAILROAD FINANCE CONTROL ADVOCATED

American Bankers' Association Outlines Plan.

IMPAIRED CREDIT FEARED

Consolidation of Properties and Federal Incorporation Unconditionally Indorsed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The American Bankers' association, through its special railroad committee, last night went on record as favoring government control of stock and bond issues of railroads, early return to private ownership and a six months' guarantee of income after federal control ends. Consolidation of railroad properties and federal incorporation were indorsed conditionally.

The committee prefaced recommendations with a statement saying that impaired credit of the roads threatened to "break down the entire fabric of transportation and endanger the business of the land." The proposal added "the present high cost of living would be driven higher."

Suggestions Are Made. The committee would welcome its opinion "as to what is necessary to rehabilitate credit of the railroads" and made the following suggestions: "Return the roads to private ownership as soon as practicable."

Permit, but do not compel, consolidation of railroad properties under the approval of the interstate commerce commission or such other board as congress may establish. "Permit federal incorporation."

The interstate commerce commission or some similar body to have exclusive regulation and control of the issues of stocks and bonds by railroads and water common carriers, and of the purposes to which the sale of such securities may be applied.

Guarantee Is Advocated. "A government guarantee for six months after the end of the federal control of net operating income equal to the standard return for the same period under private ownership."

Extension for from 10 to 20 years of the companies' indebtedness to the government under such extensions, such as extensions to run serially.

A statutory rule for the regulation of all interstate rates, maximum, minimum and joint, "provided that the railway carriers, as a whole, shall be allowed to earn an aggregate minimum annual railway operating income equal to 6 per cent of the value of their entire properties, a physical valuation of railway properties being made for this purpose."

SPECIAL ELECTION LIKELY (Continued From First Page.) For these reasons, members of the legislature are expressing themselves in favor of referring the amendment to the May special election.

Action of People Required. To increase the fraction of a mill to a full mill for the educational institutions will require action by the people, and as a special election may be held, the law-makers are likely to order this change submitted on the ballot.

'FARMER' SMITH CHEERED RAILROAD AGRICULTURIST GETS HOLIDAY GREETINGS. Well-Known Field Expert Hears From Captain With Whom He Served in Civil War.

C. L. Smith, agriculturist of the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation company, familiarly known through the Pacific northwest as "Farmer" Smith, was the recipient of holiday greetings, which he highly prizes, from the captain of the volunteer company in which he served in the civil war.

BARTENDER SHOTS; 1 DIES Man, Charged With Murder, Declares He Shot in Self-Defense. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 1.—Alexander Johnston, a carpenter, formerly residing in San Francisco at 3470 Twenty-third street, was shot and killed this morning during a quarrel in the bar room of the Hotel Ryde at Ryde, Sacramento county.

RAINIER ISSUES CARRIED Voters Approve Three Amendments to City Charter. RAINIER, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A great deal of interest was taken by people of this city in the special bond election which was held Wednesday, all three charter amendments being carried by big majorities.

day and the limitation has found opponents in other directions. These are four measures which are almost certain to be on the ballot. They may be others.

Republican Conference Calls. Several Oregon republican men and women will attend the two days' conference of republicans from the Pacific coast states which will be held in San Francisco, Monday and Tuesday, January 12-13.

Mr. Hays will be accompanied to the San Francisco meeting by Mrs. John G. Smith of Kentucky, and Miss Hays of New York, national chairman and secretary, respectively, of the women's republican committee.

This conference will be unique as a political gathering, in that it will be the only one of its kind in this state, which is primarily intended for the women of the six far western states—Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada and Arizona.

Among the Oregon people who will attend the conference are: Ralph E. Williams, republican national committeeman; Thomas H. Tongue Jr., state chairman; John L. Day, Multnomah county chairman; David M. Dunne, Multnomah state committeeman; Mrs. George W. McMath, Oregon member women's division, republican party; Mrs. Lee Davenport, chairman women's advisory committee of the republican state central committee; Dow Walker, manager General Wood's campaign; Joseph E. Dunne, manager Governor Lowden's campaign; and W. W. Foster Jr. of McMinnville. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Dunne will accompany their husbands.

HOSPITAL OPENS TODAY

SMALLPOX PATIENTS WILL GO TO KELLY BUTTE. More Rigid Quarantine Rules Also to Go Into Effect, According to Health Officer.

Temporary quarters for smallpox patients at Kelly Butte will open this morning, according to Dr. George Parrish, city health officer. Simultaneously with the opening of the temporary isolation hospital, more rigid quarantine rules than have heretofore prevailed will be put into effect, in an effort to rid Portland of the disease.

According to Dr. Parrish, all persons exposed to the disease will be vaccinated and required to remain in quarantine until the vaccine takes effect. Persons exposed who refuse vaccination will be required to remain in quarantine for 21 days following the last exposure.

Heretofore persons exposed to the disease have been allowed freedom following fumigation of clothes and personal effects.

Dr. Parrish will confer this morning with William H. Bennett, federal census supervisor, to work out plans for census returns on persons under quarantine. Under federal regulations the health officer of each municipality are charged with the duty of taking census reports from persons isolated with contagious disease. An extra employe in the health bureau probably will be required to handle this work.

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Pre-Inventory Price Reductions Now Prevail throughout the Entire Store.

This Will Be Our 999th

Bargain Friday Sale

Prices Have Been Extraordinarily Reduced

Our Bargain Friday Sale this week will be greater than ever before. All through the store prices have been reduced, and a perfectly astonishing array of quality merchandise may be purchased by the thrifty, discriminating women of this community for exceptionally low prices. Two great sales. Our Annual Pre-Inventory Event and Our 999th Bargain Friday bring to you these and hundreds of other worth-while savings.

A Wonderfully Fine Lot of

Manufacturers' Sample Curtain Ends

In Nottingham, Filet and Madras Laces—Your Choice Friday Only at 59c Each Standard Widths in 1 to 1 3/4-Yard Lengths

Housekeepers with small windows, glass doors, transoms, basement windows, etc., to cover will find this sale to be a most opportune time to secure dainty lace curtains at little cost.

From a prominent manufacturer we secured an extensive assortment of Sample Curtain Ends. They come in Nottingham, Filet and Madras Lace in white, cream and ecru. Standard widths in 1 to 1 3/4-yard lengths. No two are alike, and, as you have unrestricted choice from the entire lot at one price, we suggest that you do not delay your coming. 59c

None Sold to Dealers—No Phone or Mail Orders Filled

EXTRA!

A Sale of Outing Flannel at 25c Yard

At this low price we place on sale a fine new lot of 27-inch Outing Flannel of splendid weight and perfect weave. You have choice from plain light blue, pink, medium blue, gray and white. Bargain Friday. 25c

EXTRA!

A Sale of Stamped Gowns at \$1.48

Made up Night Gowns of fine quality nainsook, good styles in generous fullness. They come stamped in many different and pleasing designs. All sizes on sale in our Art \$1.48 Goods Section. Bargain Friday at.

A Truly Phenomenal Sale—Odds and Ends and Broken Lines

Corsets, Muslinwear, Outing Flannel Garments, Aprons, Brassieres, Children's Creepers, Etc., all on sale Friday at only 98c Each

Without regard to cost, worth or former selling figures, we are closing out all broken lines—odd garments and surplus lines in our Muslinwear Section.

Friday you have choice from:

- Women's and children's Outing Flannel Gowns. Children's white and colored Wash Dresses in lawn and gingham. Women's fine muslin Drawers, embroidery trimmed. R. & G. Corsets in sizes 25 to 30 only. Worth double this price. Babies' Creepers and outing flannel Gowns. Babies' best grade soft soled Shoes. Women's fine Cluny lace Brassieres and Bandeaux.

These are just a few of the many interesting items in this sale, and only a limited quantity of each.

No Exchanges—None Sent C. O. D.—None Delivered

While They Last—98c Each

Fur Trimmings!

Our Entire Stock Included—None Reserved

It will pay you well to look to both present and future needs and purchase at this saving sale, for our regular prices, conceded by all fair-minded women to be below those quoted for the same qualities in other stores, have been lowered 25% for this occasion.

Included are all wanted widths in

- Black, White and Brown, Kiltone, Black and Natural Opposum, Mole de Lux, Sealine, etc. All Our Fur Collars Are Also to Be Closed Out at This Sale at 1/4 OFF Regular Prices.

Remnants—Chiffons, Georgette Crepes, Nets

Act Promptly and Profit Extraordinarily

Both Home Sewers and Dress-makers will quickly respond to the announcement of this wonderful saving opportunity to purchase dainty material for making and trimming both women's and young ladies' garments. Included are all remnants and short lengths in

- Chiffons, Georgette Crepes, Nets and Other Dainty Fabrics. Plain Colors; Neat Novelties and Rich Color Combinations. All Desirable in Style and Quality and All on Sale on BARGAIN FRIDAY at 1/4 REGULAR REMNANT PRICES.

All Metal Laces at 1/4 Off

Handsome Metal Laces for party or dancing frocks, for trimming and many other purposes, such as 34-inch flouncings and allovers in gold or silver on fine silk nets in white, black and colors. Also wide and narrow bands and edges in burnt-out effects and gold and silver on silk nets. All first quality goods, well worth our 25% regular prices. On sale at uniform reduction.

Dress Trimmings to Close at 10c Each

Odds and ends in Silk Medallions, Buckles, Tassels, Drops, Loops, Frogs, Motifs, etc. Every one a sensational value at BARGAIN FRIDAY'S PRICE, 10c.

Our Store Now Opens at 9 A. M.



Store Closes at 5:30 P. M. Saturday at 6 P. M.

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FOR A TOPPY TASTY BREAKFAST that puts you on your toes, mentally and physically; Heat two Shredded Wheat Biscuits in the oven (to restore their crispness); pour hot milk over them; salt or sweeten to suit the taste. If you don't like milk pour hot water over the Biscuits, drain off the water, place a small bit of butter on each. The tasty goodness of the baked whole wheat is a joy to the palate and supplies all the nutriment needed for a half day's work.