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PRICE FIVE CENTS

YOUNG HILLSBORO MAN IS POISONED

V. E. Boge Dies in Los Angeles Hotel.

LUNCH FOR TWO ORDERED

Young Woman, Supposed to Be Wife, Sought.

POISON IS FOUND IN CUP

End Comes so Suddenly That No One Is Able to Obtain Any Statement.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—A man believed to be Vaden Elwyn Boge of Hillsboro, Or., about 22 years of age, died in a room in the Alexandria hotel this afternoon from the effects of poison. Whether the poison was self-administered or the man was the victim of a fiendish murder plot, police were unable to determine tonight.

The mystery will be solved when a woman who was registered at the hotel as Mrs. Boge is found, police believed.

The man died following a luncheon served in the hotel room. It was a luncheon for two and a second party was believed to have been present when Boge drank the poison which caused his death. Drugs found in a coffee cup were analyzed by City Chemist Carmen and found to contain deadly and almost instantaneous poison.

Circumstances Are Mysterious.
The circumstances leading to the death of the man were as mysterious as the crime itself.

About 9 o'clock this morning he came to the hotel desk and asked for a room for two. He signed the hotel register as V. E. Boge and wife, Portland, Or.

Seeing the man was unaccompanied, Homer Lawton, the clerk on duty at the time, inquired about Mrs. Boge.

"She'll be along later with the baggage," the man replied.

Couple Assigned to Room.
The man assigned the couple to a room on the fourth floor. After being taken to the room nothing was heard from Boge until about 1 o'clock, when he called the house service and asked that a luncheon for two be served in the room.

None of the hotel officials or employees had seen any woman enter the room previous to this time, they declared. J. Lohry, 213 North Grand avenue, a waiter, took the luncheon to the room and was admitted by Boge. He declared that he saw no other person there.

The luncheon consisted of two steaks, sandwiches, a rice salad, two cups of coffee, some cranberry sauce and two pieces of pie. Shortly after 2 o'clock, while James Hirst, a house man, was cleaning a hallway near the room occupied by Boge, he was startled by cries emanating from the room. Suddenly the door was thrown open and Boge rushed into the hall, crying, "I believe I have been poisoned."

Boge Collapses in Man's Arms.
He fell into the arms of the house man and the latter carried him to the room and called for help. Dr. J. Marvin Williams was summoned and Roy Emory, assistant manager of the hotel, also rushed to the room. Efforts to revive Boge were unavailing and he died shortly after Dr. Williams and Mr. Emory arrived. On a table in the room were found the remains of the luncheon. The sandwiches, the two pieces of pie and part of the rice salad had been eaten.

One coffee cup was about half full, while the other, which contained the poisoned drink, had only dregs left in it. City Chemist Carmen, who analyzed the contents of the coffee cups, declared that the drug had evidently been placed in the cup when about half full, so no one could unsuspectingly have taken a full cup of coffee with the poison in it.

This phase of the mystery caused detectives to believe that a second party had been present and had placed the drug in the cup from which Boge had been drinking, possibly when his attention was distracted momentarily.

Hotel Officials Call Police.
Police were called by the hotel officials as soon as they were notified of the affair and Detective Dryden was assigned to the case. He found no baggage in the room. But from letters and papers taken from the man's clothing the victim was identified as Vaden Elwyn Boge of Hillsboro.

An investigation was immediately launched to determine whether Boge could have had any possible motive for taking his own life. Messages were dispatched to Portland and Hillsboro.

Harry G. Boge of Portland declared that the man probably was Vaden Boge of Hillsboro, a son of his brother, Fred Boge. He declared young Boge had left Oregon about ten days ago for Oakland and that he might have been married, as some such talk had been heard.

An American Legion button was found on the coat worn by Boge. (Continued on Page 6, Column 2)

DEATH RATE IS LOW IN COOL NORTHWEST

SUNNY SOUTHERN CLIMES PROVE MORE DEADLY.

Montana Is Healthiest of All; Mortality Rate in Oregon Is Placed at 10.4.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—In the great outdoors country which stretches along the Canadian boundary from the Mississippi river to the Pacific ocean may be found the healthiest spot in the United States, according to figures announced by the census bureau today. Folk who hasten away from that section in the late autumn to spend their winters in the sunny climes of California, Florida or the Bahamas may be flitting with death just to the extent that the death rates of those placid regions exceed the mortality of the cooler northwest. The lowest death rate in the United States in 1921 was in that country where the coyotes, jackrabbits, gophers and the non-partisan league are co-operating in a death struggle for economic supremacy. Montana was the healthiest of all the states in the year mentioned, showing a death rate of 8.2 persons to each 1000 population. Oregon's death rate was 10.4. Washington's 9.5, California's 12.2, Florida's 13, Nebraska's 9.2, Minnesota's 9.4 and Wisconsin's 10.5. The highest death rate was in Vermont, 14.2.

Of the cities, Portland's death rate was 10.9, Seattle's 9, Spokane's 12.6, San Francisco's 13.5 and Los Angeles' 14.

In explanation of the more healthful conditions in the northwest it is reasoned that the sharp winter winds in that part of the country are a blessing in disguise, compelling dangerous disease germs to keep moving on. As a consequence, the typhoid microbe and the tuberculous germ are sitting their prettiness in those southern climes which are the Mecca of the affluent class searching for unbroken sunshine and possession of the means to pay for it.

SLAYER IS SENTENCED

Mrs. Phillips Gets Ten Years to Life at San Quentin.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 27.—Clara Phillips, who was recently convicted of having slain Mrs. Alberta Meadows with a hammer here last summer, today was sentenced to serve a term of from ten years to life in the state penitentiary at San Quentin. The commitment to prison was delayed, however, when her counsel gave notice of appeal in open court and sought and received a ten-day stay of execution.

Attorneys said that the giving of notice of appeal did not necessarily mean that an appeal would be perfected. They said Mrs. Phillips would be in jail here until the ten-day stay granted today had expired and then would be transferred to San Quentin.

NOTED REPUBLICAN DEAD

Archie M. Stevenson Passes Away at Denver Home.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 27.—Archie M. Stevenson, prominent as a national leader in the republican party a few years ago, died here today after a short illness. He was 69 years old. Stevenson for many years represented Colorado in national republican conventions.

In 1912 Stevenson insisted that the Colorado delegation to the republican national convention in Chicago remain in the regular republican convention and later was credited, according to associates in Colorado, by President Taft with being largely responsible for Taft's nomination at that time.

POISON PLOT CONFESSED

Woman Admits Mailing Candy Which Killed Mother of Eight.

CHILTON, Wis., Nov. 27.—Miss Anna Lentz, who lives on a farm near here, late today confessed that she had mailed the poisoned candy which caused the death of Mrs. Frank Schneider, a mother of eight children, last Tuesday.

The confession was made and signed before Federal Postal Inspector Niles of Fond du Lac. She said that she had purchased the poison for the purpose of sending poisoned candy to Mrs. Henry Schneider, a sister-in-law of the dead woman, but addressed the package by mistake to Mrs. Frank Schneider.

WOMEN REBUFF CHARITY APPEAL

Chest Workers Snubbed at Many Homes.

APATHY HINDERS CAMPAIGN

Mother Heart of Portland Not Yet Aroused.

OTHERS GIVE LIBERALLY

Employees of Downtown Establishments Increase Subscriptions; Colonels Gather Today.

Portland women were indicted yesterday as being slackers in the Community Chest drive. Campaign headquarters came to the unwilling conclusion they are largely indifferent to the appeal for charitable funds. At a luncheon of 400 women at the Multnomah hotel yesterday a speaker accused the women of Portland of not doing their part.

Reluctance and indifference of women of the city to help in the annual chest drive, one of the major civic endeavors of Portland, has been remarked at headquarters for some time. They are missing in the ranks of workers, and the most refusals and rebuffs so far in the canvass have come from women.

What was in the minds of some of those doing the worrying of the chest drive was expressed in a resolution adopted by the women.

E. C. Sammons, general chairman, declared the situation regrettable. Mrs. Victor Brandt, chairman of the residence division, which is offensively attacked by women, said she had had continuous grief to build organizations to handle the territory and she has, moreover, received too many reports from her workers of snubs and refusals on the part of women workers.

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BOATS COLLIDE, 34 DEAD

Ferry and Launch Crash Near Buenos Aires.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Nov. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Thirty-four lives were lost in a collision Sunday evening between a launch and a ferryboat in the Pansa river near Zarate, northwest of Buenos Aires.

The collision occurred in the darkness at 8 o'clock. The launch, filled with picnicers, many of them children, struck the ferry boat while going at full speed.

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TIPPLING MIDDIES GET SEVERE REBUKE

CONDUCT AT BALL CENSURED BY SECRETARY DENBY.

Most of Men Believed to Have Conducted Selves With Propriety Befitting Uniform.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Midshipmen from the naval academy who celebrated overindulgently after the annual army-navy football game Saturday were held up to public scorn today by Secretary Denby in one of the most stinging rebukes ever administered by a secretary of the navy.

Many members of the corps, Mr. Denby declared in a public statement, not only disgraced themselves and the uniform, but by their conduct at a ball which followed the game in Philadelphia brought such shame upon the academy itself as it had never known before.

The secretary said he did not know how many of the midshipmen "drank heavily" and was convinced that the great majority conducted themselves with propriety. But he added enough of them had failed in their duty "to bring shame upon all."

He announced that an investigation would be begun at once and that steps would be taken to insure that "such an occurrence will never be repeated."

RADIO TO EXTEND SOUTH

Big Plant to Be Established at Miami, Fla.

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 27.—Immediate construction of a huge radio transmitting and receiving station in Miami for handling South American, Central American and West Indian business, to be relayed direct to New York, will be undertaken by the Tropical Radio Telegraph company of Boston, a subsidiary of the United Fruit company, it was announced here today by George S. Davis, general manager of the Tropical Radio company.

MRS. UNTERMYER TO WED

Divorced Wife of New York Lawyer to Be Bride of Actor.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 27.—Adelbert Elliot Dexter, motion picture actor, and Mrs. Nina C. Untermyer, former wife of Alvin Untermyer, former mayor of New York, secured a marriage license here today.

Mrs. Untermyer gave her place of residence as Riverside, Cal., where she was recently granted a final decree of divorce. The marriage ceremony will be performed this week, it was announced.

CONSERVATIVE VOTE FAVORS IRISH BILL

COMMONS PASSES MEASURE TO THIRD READING.

Party That Fought Any Form of Home Rule Now Fosters Act Creating Constitution.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The house of commons tonight, without division, passed the second reading of the Irish constitution bill after a debate in a single sitting without striking incidents.

That it has fallen to the lot of a conservative government to pilot through parliament final legislative sanction to measures granting Ireland such complete autonomy is one of the ironies of political fate.

The conservative party for two generations stoutly has resisted the granting of self-government to Ireland in even the mildest form, and no political question during that long period had proved anything like the bitter, animosities and conflicts in parliament, on platform and in the press, which accompanied the fight around Irish home rule.

Now the fight apparently is ended and parliament with a large conservative majority quietly accepts the principle of the new Irish constitution without even challenging division.

MASON LOCKOUT ORDERED

Action in New York May Render 125,000 Men Idle.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The Mason Builders' association today issued a lockout order to its 125 members, ordering them to pay off all bricklayers employed by them at 5 P. M. tomorrow, as a protest against the bricklayers' refusal to work with independent laborers.

The lockout, officials agreed, would affect about 60,000 workers in the building trades in the metropolitan district immediately, and would render idle another 65,000 within a month.

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE FRESH AIR.

STATES DIVIDED ON RAIL MERGER

California, Nevada Ask for Consolidation.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LAUDED

Service Now Intimate, Declares Fleischhacker.

WYOMING FOR DIVORCE

Idaho Also Joins in Request to Commission to Let Separation Order Stand.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Railroad commissioners representing two western states—California and Nevada—asked the interstate commerce commission today to continue merger of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroads, which the supreme court has ordered dissolved, while commissions of two other states—Wyoming and Idaho—urged approval of the separation.

A group of California business men, also appearing in the hearing which the federal commission is conducting on the Southern Pacific's application for retention of the Central system, came forward to argue for the merger as essential to commercial and civic interest along the Pacific coast.

Representative Mondell, house representative from Oregon, made the principal argument for Wyoming in supporting the separation decree. He rested his case chiefly on the ground that national interest required maintenance of competent transcontinental railway service.

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HARVEY SAYS WORLD IS TIRED OF KILLING

ENVOY CITES GREAT EVENTS TO PROVE CONTENTION.

Tremendous Happenings in Near East and Italy Without War Attract Little Attention.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Colonel George Harvey, the American ambassador, speaking at the Forum club tonight, alluded to what he called "the commonplaceness of great events."

He pointed out that during the last six weeks there had been a general election in England, tremendous events in the near east with the deposition of the head of one of the greatest religious sects of the world, the fascist revolution in Italy and other important occurrences, and he added, "upon my word, we have paid not much attention to any of them."

LEGION CHIEF IS COMING

National Commander Owsley Will Visit Oregon on Tour.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—Colonel Alvin W. Owsley, national commander of the American Legion, believes that the best way for the legion to serve the country is for it to obtain legislation that would take care of all disabled ex-service men and to prevent unemployment. He announced that he would start on December 28 on a nation-wide tour of inspection for the legion. Texas, California, Oregon and Washington will be among the first states visited.

FRESNO TO FIGHT I. W. W.

Movement to Reorganize Citizens League Started.

FRESNO, Cal., Nov. 27.—A citizens' vigilance committee here hopes to ward off expected I. W. W. activities, following reports of plans for repeating last year's activities in the San Joaquin valley by congregating in Fresno.

GERMAN LOAN PROPOSED

Credit of \$50,000,000 Urged by ex-Representative Bartholdt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Former Representative Bartholdt of Missouri, called on President Harding today to urge that congress make available a credit of \$50,000,000 for Germany, to be used in the purchase by that country of goods in the United States.

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 39 degrees; minimum, 28 degrees. TODAY'S—Rain; variable winds.

CHICAGO CHEERS TIGER OF FRANCE

Demonstrative Welcome Given Clemenceau.

GENERAL PERSHING ON HAND

Great Interest Is Shown in New Senate Attack.

CHALLENGE REPLY MADE

Statement That No Black Soldiers Are Left on Rhine Is Declared Official.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—George Clemenceau today came back to the struggling little mid-western town he had visited as a young man more than half a century ago and found that it, like himself, had grown to great stature and international fame.

He promptly dubbed America's second greatest city his twin.

"I was born in the year that this place was changed from a fort to a city," he said, "so we are twins, yet."

TIGER MET BY PERSHING

Arriving at 3:25 o'clock, the old war premier was met by a committee headed by General Pershing and Brigadier-General Charles G. Dawes, ex-director of the budget at Washington. They led him through a lane of bluecoats to an open car, and drove to city hall where Mayor William Hale Thompson welcomed him on behalf of Chicago.

Clemenceau Is Welcomed

Escorted by Mayor Thompson's office, the mayor introduced him to the cabinet members as "our honored guest."

Major Visited Few Minutes

The mayor remained in Mayor Thompson's office only a few minutes, returning to their cars to drive to the Potter Palmer home, where Clemenceau is to stay during his two and a half day visit.

Statement Held Official

When he was told that Senator Hitchcock had challenged his Boston statement that all black troops had been withdrawn from the Rhine, he replied curtly that the information he had given in Boston was "official."

