SILENT TREATMENT WINS CONFESSION

Acrobat, to Whom Turnkeys Will Speak No Word, Says He Killed Woman.

MAN IN TEARS AT END

Police Captain Accentuates New "Third Degree" With Nagging Process—Story of Wife in Main Corroborated.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—Broken by hours of silent treatment, the humane but effective third degree devised by Captain Max Nootbaar, of the Chicago police, Charles N. Kramer confessed this afternoon that he killed Sophia Singer, the Baltimore actress and heiress, found murdered here Monday night.

Kramer, known generally by his stage name of Conway, in the final confession added a new feature to the statement given yesterday by his wife. He said he struck Miss Singer down in self-defense when she attacked him with a razor, after he had rebuked her for making a suggestion to Mrs. Kramer to go out and meet some men. Kramer exonerated his wife from all blame in connection with the crime.

"Silent Treatment" Tells.

Kramer, the former clown, high diver and circus acrobat, held out 24 hours longer than his wife.

He paced his cell all night, begging for a word from the turnkeys, who would not vouchsafe him a syllable. He heard his wife's agonized outcries when she made her confession yesterday, but could get no information as to their cause or what she was saying.

Today Captain Nootbaar began a systematic nagging of the man that aggravated his silence.

Several times an hour he would pass the cell and would pause a second to say:

"Well, do you want to confess?"

Man in Tears Confesses.

Kramer each time refused, but at last broke into tears and begged to be allowed to tell his story.

Kramer's story differed from his wife's only in the detail that he claimed self-defense in justification. He said he never meant to kill Miss Singer and that he bound and gagged her to prevent her making an outcry. He said he took $35 from Miss Singer's purse and two suits of clothes belonging to W. R. Worthen, Miss Singer's friend, because he was penniless and needed clothes to go out in.

He and his wife fled through the alley, he said, hoping to get away before Miss Singer revived and believing that she would not want to come into publicity by prosecuting them.

WARSHIP ACCIDENT FATAL

Two of Fireroom Crew of Vermont Killed, Four Injured.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 2.—Michael V. Horan and Richard M. Wagner, members of the fireroom crew of the battleship Vermont, are dead and H. W. Cramer, J. W. Newberry, M. W. Green and O. K. Hoteling are badly scalded as a result of the blowing out of the head of the battleship's No. 6 boiler while she lay in Hampton Roads during the night.

Cramer is so badly burned it is feared he may die. The battleship was only slightly damaged. A board of inquiry will determine the responsibility for the accident. It is believed it was due to the water in the boiler being permitted to run too low.

Early today the injured men were transferred from the Vermont to the hospital ship Solace. Horan and Wagner died aboard the vessel. The injured men will be transferred to the naval hospital at Portsmouth as soon as their condition will permit.

ANOTHER VICTIM IS DEAD

Salem Explosion Proves Worst Accident in City's History.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Death claimed its third victim from the boiler explosion in the Salem Bank & Trust building of last Tuesday, when I. B. Muchmore died tonight as the result of injuries in the catastrophe. W. G. East, cashier of the bank, and Harry Ahlers, son of the president of the bank, were the first victims, Mr. East dying early Wednesday and Ahlers later in the day.

Hopes were held out for the recovery of Mr. Muchmore. Although he received scalds and burns of a dangerous nature, it was believed he would survive. With the third death this is considered the worst accident in the history of the city.

BANKS' RESOURCES GAIN

Total for 29,000 Institutions in Country $24,956,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Lawrence O. Murray, Controller of the Currency, today issued a statement indicating that the resources of the banks in the United States, National, state and private, are the highest in history.

According to reports of their conditions on June 14, the Controller announced 25,000 of the 29,000 banks in the country show aggregate resources of $24,956,000,000, an increase of $1,224,000,000 over the resources of 24,000 banks in 1911.

The total individual deposits amounted to $17,012,000,000, an increase of $1,105,700,000.

MRS. SAGE HARVARD DONOR

Request Made to Name Freshman Dormitory Standish Hall.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—It was learned today that Mrs. Russell Sage was one of the largest contributors to the $1,800,000 fund which is being raised at Harvard University for the new freshmen dormitories.

The only announcement made is that the dormitory which she gave will be called Standish Hall, and that the building given by general donations will be called Gore Hall.

FIRM FICTITIOUS IS CHARGE

Government Agent Testifies at Trial of Bremerton Yard Clerk.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 2.—William Bryon, special agent of the Department of Justice, testified today in the trial of Edwin F. Meyer, former principal clerk in the office of the General Storekeeper of the Puget Sound Navy-yard, and who is charged with defrauding the Government. Bryon told of a transaction in Ferro-Manganese, a firm which the Government alleges is fictitious, put in a bid and obtained a contract to furnish 4000 pounds to the Navy-yard and later 4500 pounds more.

Bryon testified as to conversations he had with J. H. Kettlewell, of the Navy pay office, wherein the Ferro-Manganese deal was brought out. Kettlewell is named in the indictment with Meyer. Bryon asserted that the firm, Lyman Evans & Co., which was supposed to have bid on the Ferro-Manganese, was fictitious, according to Kettlewell and that Kettlewell had told him the profits on the transaction were to be divided between Meyer and Kettlewell.

According to the Government, the Ferro-Manganese was purchased at approximately 5 cents a pound in the East and sold for almost 12 cents a pound to the Navy-yard. Bryon testified that Kettlewell had explained that the rest of the shipment of 8500 pounds, after the first requisition of 4000 pounds was taken care of, was to be used on a second requisition which was to be issued by Meyer.

Court adjourned out of respect to the memory of Vice-President Sherman, with Bryon still on the stand. The trial is likely to continue all of next week.

"SUIT CLUB" HAS GRIEF

INCENSED WOMEN TAKE LAW INTO OWN HANDS.

One Takes Collector's Watch as Indemnity; Another "Tries On" Garment and Walks Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—William McNally, collector for the Charles W. Hickey "suit club," which became notorious when several women had Hickey arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses a few weeks ago, was persuaded by Hickey, who is out on bail, that the club was still doing business at the old stand. Holding to this belief McNally today went to the home of Mrs. Dora Berry and asked her for another $2 payment to add to the $10 which she had already paid in for a tailored suit.

She left McNally standing in the hall, and when she returned she carried a revolver in her hand. The weapon was unloaded, but McNally was unaware of this fact.

"Now I want those $10 I've paid into that concern returned," ordered Mrs. Berry. "You won't leave this house until I get the rest of that money."

In vain pleaded and explained McNally. Mrs. Berry was obdurate. She finally compromised by accepting his watch.

When McNally arrived at the bond and warrant office to get a warrant for Mrs. Berry's arrest he met Charles W. Hickey, his employer. Hickey also was having trouble. He was applying for a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Anne Bowart, charging her with larceny. He said that she visited the Great Eastern Woolen Mills, asked to "try on" her suit and had then walked out, telling him to "put it in his pipe and smoke it."

Both requests for warrants were denied.

CUBAN LIBERALS LOSE

RETURNS INDICATE SWEEPING CONSERVATIVE VICTORY.

Several Election Clashes Are Reported and One Man Is Shot and Killed in Havana.

HAVANA, Cuba, Nov. 2.—The sweeping victory of General Marie Menocal and Enrique Jose Varona, the Conservative candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, and for the rest of the Conservative ticket for the executive offices of the Cuban Republic, appears to be fully confirmed by the returns received in the provinces today. El Triunfo, the administration organ, continued, however, to assert that Alfredo Zayas, the Liberal candidate, has been elected.

There is practically no doubt that the Conservatives carried all the provinces with the possible exception of Matanzas. The Liberals appear to have carried only a few municipalities.

At the small town of Jiguani, in Oriente Province, a partisan clash resulted in the destruction of the registration lists, rendering the election impossible.

In Havana one man was shot and killed in an election dispute, but no other conflict occurred here. General confidence is felt here that there will be no disorder.

REBELS STILL ACTIVE

AMERICAN REFUGEES REPORT UNSETTLED CONDITIONS.

Work Is Begun in Repairing Railway Bridges Under Protection of Federal Soldiers.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 2.—Refugees arriving here today say conditions remain unsettled below the border at this point. Antonio Rojas has about 500 rebels camping in the American settlement of Pacheco. The refugees, who came from the various Mormon colonies and other American settlements in the Casas Grandes district, were compelled to move overland to Hachita, N. M.

Work was begun today in re-constructing the Mexico-Northwestern Railway, on which road rebels have burned 60 bridges between Juarez and Casas Grandes. American railway officials agreed to attempt to rebuild the road again on the promise of General Trucy Aubert that full protection would be given.

The first work train to depart was guarded by 150 federal soldiers. All railway traffic below this port has been paralyzed for nearly a month.

GALE HOLDS BIG STEAMER

Victoria, With 464 Passengers, Hove to in Bering Gateway.

SEATTLE, Nov. 2.—The big steamship Victoria, from Nome, the last merchant vessel navigating the Bering Sea, sent word by wireless Friday night that she had been hove to for 18 hours, unable to make headway in a gale of 90 miles an hour.

She was then 139 miles north of Unimak Pass, which is the gate to Bering Sea from the North Pacific. She has 464 passengers and a large shipment of furs and gold.

The revenue cutter Bear will be the last steamer to leave Bering Sea, which will be closed until next May.

SAILOR CLINGS TO SEA-LASHED WRECK

All but One of Crew Fall Into Ocean While Those on Shore Are Helpless.

WARSHIP RUSHES TO AID

New York Schooner, John Maxwell, Driven on Treacherous Shoals of Hatteras While Bound South to Savannah.

NEW INLET LIFESAVING STATION, N. C., Nov. 2.—A lone survivor of the crew of the New York schooner John Maxwell, driven on the treacherous Hatteras shoals during the night while bound from Norfolk to Savannah and broken in two by a raging sea, clung tenaciously to the rigging of the wreck when darkness fell tonight.

Lifesavers from this and two other stations watched anxiously, but helplessly for an opportunity to rescue him. A United States battleship from the Southern drill grounds and a revenue cutter are steaming full speed tonight to reach the spot in an attempt save him.

Six lives already have been lost in the wreck, five of the men having disappeared in the waves before dawn today.

Sixth Man Loses Hold.

The sixth sailor hung on to the rigging until late today, when, benumbed by the cold and exhausted by the lashing of the waves, he was forced to release his hold and was swept to death in the sea. The lone survivor who through glasses appeared to be an aged man, was making a brave fight for life, but it is feared he is doomed.

An all-day battle was waged by the lifesavers, but the tremendous 40-mile gale made it impossible for them to launch their boats.

Repeatedly during the day the lifesavers shot a line over the Maxwell, but the two men in the rigging were apparently too numbed by cold to attach it to the rigging. Failure to get the line fastened so the breeches buoy might be sent out prevented a rescue in this way.

Word was sent to Norfolk, where the Navy-Yard's wireless flashed the plight of the vessel and men to the Atlantic fleet on the Southern drill grounds. News came back here that one of the ships would steam as near the shoals as possible and attempt to rescue the men from the seaward. The coastwise telegraph also brought word that the revenue cutter service would send a vessel.

Vessel Will Be Total Wreck.

While the lifesavers watched the sea pounding the vessel to pieces, one of the two men was seen to disappear as a big wave swept over the rigging. He had been wrenched from the spar which he had clutched all day, dashed into the sea and drowned.

It was not until after noon that the identity of the vessel became known. A piece of wreckage bearing the name was washed ashore.

Under the force of the terrific waves the craft broke in two and is fast going to pieces. She will be a total wreck with her cargo of coal.

SPOKANE WOMAN HONORED

Mrs. W. A. Betts Head of Methodist Deaconesses in Northwest.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. A. Betts, wife of Dr. Betts, pastor of the First Methodist Church, was apprised this morning of her appointment as secretary of a deaconess' bureau for the Pacific Northwest.

The bureau and the office of secretary were created by the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church which has just closed its annual meeting at Des Moines, Ia. The appointment makes Mrs. Betts a member of the National Board and gives her a voice in the annual meetings. Next year's meeting will be held at Washington, D. C.

The bureau includes the Columbia River, Idaho, Puget Sound and Oregon conferences, and Mrs. Betts as secretary will have general supervision of the work in the territory covered by the bureau.

BIG POULTRY SHOW IS AIM

Asotin County Chicken Men Would Make It Northwestern Affair.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—To convert the Asotin County Poultry Show into a Northwest show of poultry to be held independent of the Northwest Livestock Show, but contemporaneous with it, is the plan of the chicken men of this section of the Inland Empire, who are urging the changing of the situation from Clarkston to Lewiston.

A meeting was held in Lewiston yesterday, attended by a number of businessmen, who guaranteed a large sum to the Clarkston promoters to finance the show here.

Entries from all the leading chicken centers of the Northwest will be solicited.

STRIKE'S END IS DELAYED

Arrest of Two Miners Causes No Action to Be Taken.

BINGHAM, Utah, Nov. 2.—On account of the arrest here today of Yanco Terzig and E. G. Locke, executive board members of the Western Federation of Miners, the meeting of the striking miners tonight did not result in any definite action to call off the strike of the copper miners that has been in force here for six weeks.

Terzig and Locke are said to have attempted to incite a riot here today when a Deputy Sheriff arrested four Cretans, who are alleged to have taken part in the disturbances last week.

Both Terzig and Locke were released tonight. Another meeting of the miners will be held next week.

CARDINAL FARLEY IN WEST

Ecclesiastic Bears Message From Pope to San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—Cardinal John Murphy Farley, with a party of ecclesiastics with whom he will tour California, arrived in San Francisco on his visit to the West. Although Cardinal Farley is the bearer of a special message from the Pope, to the people of San Francisco, he said his visit was without official significance and that he had no definite plans as to his itinerary in the West.

Cardinal Farley and the other members of his party left New York October 1 in a private car.

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WOMAN SLAYS TWO

Foster Mother and Widow Die of Rough on Rats.

MURDERS ARE CONFESSED

Conscience Stricken, Mrs. Pansy E. Lesh, Whose Husband Deserted Her, Admits Having Killed Victims in Missouri.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 2.—Despondent and conscience stricken, Mrs. Pansy Ellen Lesh, 24 years old, who said she had just been deserted by her husband, went to central police station today and surrendered, after making the statement that she had murdered two women in Missouri—one at Green Ridge and another at Sedalia.

The victims, she said, were Mrs. Quaintance and Mrs. Coe. Both were killed by the administration of rough on rats.

Mrs. Lesh told the police that she was taken from the Orphan Home Society in St. Louis when she was 13 years old by Mrs. Quaintance, and went to live with the Quaintance family at Green Ridge. She refused to tell her maiden name. In June, 1904, she said, Mrs. Quaintance became ill and, Mrs. Lesh declared, she put a capsule containing rough on rats in some medicine and gave it to Mrs. Quaintance, who died the next morning.

The next Spring she left for Sedalia, and went to the home of Mrs. Coe, a widow on Sixth street. In August of that year she said she put some rough on rats in a glass of beer and gave it to Mrs. Coe, who died the next morning.

Leaving the household, the woman said, she drifted around, finally going to Paducah, Ky., where, on September 5, 1907, she was married to Lesh and went to East St. Louis, Ill., to live.

In October of this year she and her husband came to Los Angeles, but according to her story to the police, she was deserted by Lesh shortly after their arrival.

The police are holding Mrs. Lesh for an investigation of her story.

DEATHS APPEAR SUSPICIOUS

Sedalia Authorities Inclined to Believe Mrs. Lesh's Story.

SEDALIA, Mo., Nov. 2.—When the confession of Pansy Ellen Lesh at Los Angeles, in which she asserts she caused the deaths by poison of Mrs. E. M. Quaintance at Greenridge, and Mrs. Eliza Coe of Sedalia, was reported to the authorities here, they recalled that both women died under circumstances that, while not investigated at the time, were suspicious. No one, however, was suspected seriously enough to be accused.

Credence is given to the woman's story by reason of the accuracy of dates. Mrs. Lesh's maiden name, if her story is true, was Pansy Hastings, who lived at the home of Colonel and Mrs. E. M. Quaintance at Greenridge in 1903 and 1904. She was sent to Greenridge from a St. Louis orphanage.

She had lived at the Quaintance home but a few months when she and Mrs. Quaintance quarreled over an alleged intimacy that Mrs. Quaintance discovered between the girl and her husband.

The girl is said to have knocked Mrs. Quaintance down, injuring her badly. Physicians pronounced the injury rupture and treated the case as such. Peritonitis developed and she died in June, 1904.

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