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**POLICE ARE MYSTIFIED**

**Have no Means of Telling What Caused Death of Dr. E. E. Prescott.**

**FRIENDS HAMPER OFFICERS**

**Death of Father Twenty Years Ago Also an Unsolved Crime Found Shot Through the Head.**

Chicago, March 31.—The reticence of friends concerning the cause of the death of Dr. Elmer E. Prescott, who has died in his office, hampered the efforts of the police to learn whether death was the result of accident, suicide or other cause. Dr. I. H. Daggett, who attended Dr. Prescott said an overdose of atropine accidentally taken had caused death. Dr. Prescott had conducted a hospital and sanitarium. He was 40 years old and unmarried.

Clford Frazier, an interne, told the police his employer had taken the contents of a large bottle of atropine. The physician had not been ill during the day and had no need of stimulants, according to Frazier.

The two sisters of Dr. Prescott, declare he had been in good health for many months and was planning a trip to the west, on which he intended starting today. This is contradicted by Frazier, who said the physician had been despondent during several months.

The murder of Dr. E. A. Prescott, the father of the dead man, 20 years ago, is still an unsolved crime. He was found dead, shot through the head, in his office.

**RIDS HIMSELF OF NEMESIS.**

**Eugene Man Haunted For Years By Ghostly Face of Persian.**  
A. G. Holden, of Eugene, Oregon, manager of the New York hop firm of A. G. Luce, is at the Belvedere en route home from Seattle, where he gave testimony that is likely to clear his mind of a Nemesis in the form of an alleged murderer that has haunted him for three years.

Now that the ordeal is over, Mr. Holden, a pioneer of Eugene, and a citizen whose veracity has never been questioned, heaved a sigh of relief as he told of this, the most remarkable experience in his life.

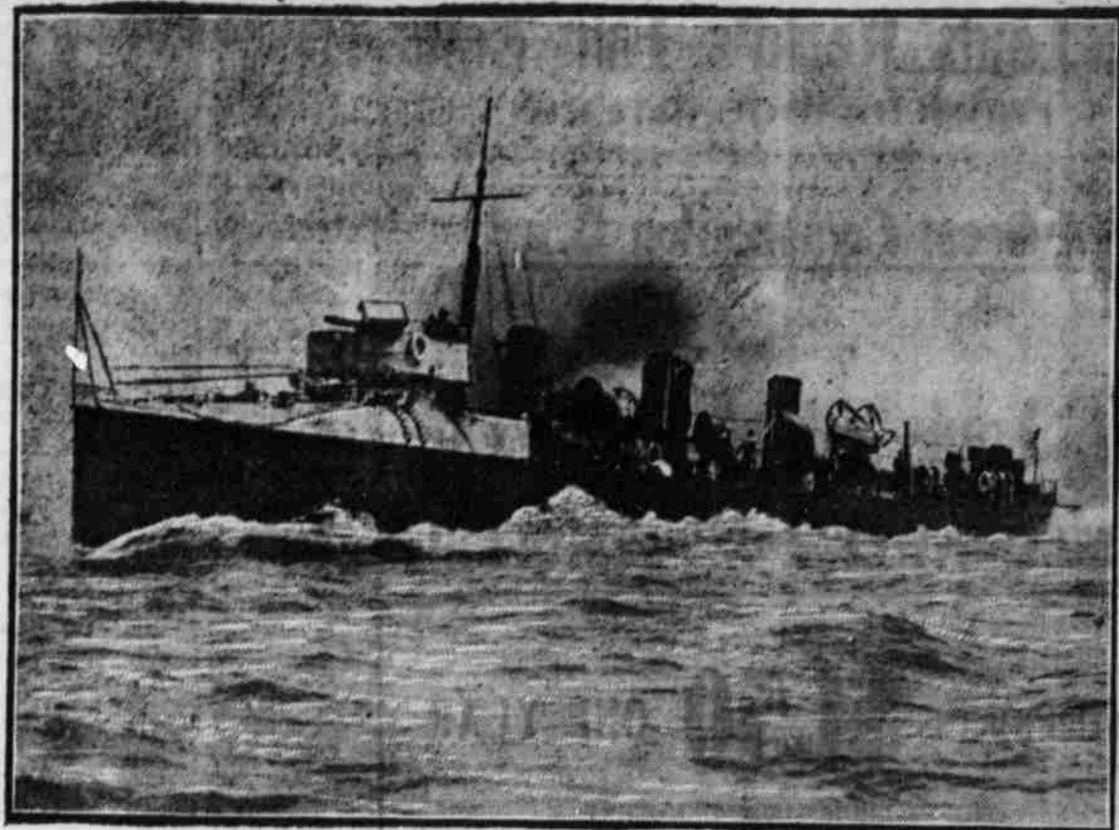
"Three years ago," said he, "I was in Seattle on a brief business trip. One stormy night while completing my errand, my last business took me down into the foreign part of town; into the neighborhood where a number of Afghan and Sikh peddlers had established themselves.

"In the darkness I ran almost bodily into a cluster of these dark men from the far east who had assembled on the sidewalk and who were excitedly discussing a murder. Some of them were jabbering in broken English, and I could just gather enough of the conversation to understand that Amer Ali, the boss of their party, had been foully murdered. I also gathered that some one of the party had committed the crime—that the body of the unfortunate Ali had been found in Lake Washington and the officers were in hot pursuit of the suspected parties.

"All the men were intensely excited. I felt the horror of the situation, and especially the demeanor of one of the party who faced me. His dark and ghastly visage left a lasting impression on my mind as I caught his profile under the rays of a street light.

"I have good nerves alright, but I could not escape being horror-stricken. I returned to my hotel, and later went to the police station and gave the officers the little information I had gathered from the Afghans. Next day the papers were filled with the story of the murder, one of the most brutal ever committed on the north Pacific coast. The hunt for the murderer was taken up with zest by both the county and city officials, but their efforts met with no success.

"It was a few days later that my Nemesis of the murder mystery first formed up. I was in Portland. The affair had almost gone from my mind, when I came, face to face, with the man whose countenance had so forcibly impressed itself on my mind that night at Seattle. As if by magic, the man again vanished into the night. There was no tangible reason for saying that the stranger had committed the crime, and I let the matter drop without further troubling the officials. "The next few weeks were busy ones for me and again I forgot the affair. It was in Baker City, where I had gone on mining business that



**JAP TORPEDO BOAT.**

The accompanying picture gives an excellent idea of the appearance in action of one of the Japanese torpedo boats, which has rendered such efficient service during the war now in progress. Japan has 73 torpedo boats, in addition to 20 torpedo-boat destroyers.

**COREANS ARE EATING CROW**

**Disturbances Occur in Different Parts of the Country Making Travel Bad.**

**MESSENGRERS ARE ROBBED**

**Massacre of Christians Talked of That May Take Place at First Defeat of the Japanese Troops.**

New York, March 31.—In connection with reports from Eorea of trouble among the natives, a dispatch to the World from Seoul under date of March 24, forwarded from Chefoo, says the disturbance began with the suppression of the Pedyers Guild. Numerous small rebellions at once started and now even the main road between Seoul and Ping Yang is perilous. Messengers are being robbed of the extreme north of Corea remain in the mountains and are suffering acute distress. The Tonghaks displayed great activity in Ping Yang province before the Japanese advance. They declare their followers will soon have the palms of their hands marked, and that all Coreans, whose palms are unmarked, together with all foreigners and Christians will be killed in May. A Japanese defeat surely would be followed, the dispatch asserts, by a rising Troops have moved against the rebels in Hamyang province.

The native markets are bare of food and crows are being offered for sale in some places.

**Fruit Crop Backward.**

North Yamhill, Ore., March 31.—The work among the farmers is very backward in this vicinity this spring. They are busily engaged in preparing for plowing as soon as the weather clears up. Some farmers have begun work in their hop-fields, and the outlook for fruit never was better, as the blooming time will be very late, and beyond all danger of frosts. The snow in the mountains has been melting rapidly for the last three days and the pass between North Yamhill and Tillamook will soon be open to admit travel. The mail route has been blocked by snow, since the 4th day of March.

**Forger Nearly Dead.**

Walla Walla, Wash., March 31.—Henry Rice, who attempted to pass a worthless check Saturday night on some business men here and who is in jail here awaiting trial, is in a very serious physical condition. Rice has been a heavy drinker, but it also appears that his system has been weakened through privation until he is a wreck. It is supposed that his attempt to exchange a forged check for coin was the last resort of a desperate man who has found fate against him. He is so weak that he can hardly talk, and his life is despaired of.

**Iron Bed Workers Strike.**

Chicago, March 31.—Two hundred iron bed makers are on strike at the plant of the Iron Bedstead company, West Thirty-eighth and Rockwell streets because the firm charged sev-

eral employes with being incompetent and refused to pay them the union scale. A number of brass and iron moulders are also on a sympathetic strike. The union has rearranged the wage scale to fit the cases of the alleged incompetent and the firm refusing to consider the scale, the strike was ordered.

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**Trial of Gunboat.**

New York, March 31.—An official trial has been given the gunboat Vera Cruz built here for the Mexican government. Standardized on the mile course off Sands Point in Long Island sound, the vessel attained a maximum speed of 16.514 knots. On board the Vera Cruz were several representatives of the Mexican government, among them Captain Manuel Azuta of the navy.

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