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CRAZED WITH JEALOUSY

Murders Woman Who Recuses Advances.

WIFE OF PORTLAND MAN

Beautiful Woman and Mother-in-Law Shot in Their Own Home.

BABY BATHED IN THEIR BLOOD

Luigi Savignano Slays Unoffending and Helpless Persons and Then Commits Suicide—Had Long Annoyed Woman.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Frenzied with jealousy because his infatuation for another man's wife was unrequited, Luigi Savignano, an Italian, this morning stabbed to death Mrs. Julia Bignami, the object of his affection, and mortally wounded her mother-in-law, Mrs. Esther Vimora, leaving the younger woman's baby wallowing in its mother's blood, he made his way to Brook's drug store, at Third and Davis streets, and in the rear of the lot fired a fatal bullet through his right ear into his brain.

Mrs. Bagnami, who was assailed by the murderer while she sat in her kitchen washing and dressing her baby, had her throat cut almost from ear to ear. Rushing out into the yard at 420 Water street, she fell dead.

Her mother-in-law, who was bending over a tub washing, was stabbed several times in the back and fell upon the floor, where the assailant left her to her fate. She is at St. Vincent's hospital, dying, with little or no chance for recovery.

Savignano, after killing the young woman, mortally wounding the elder, threw the bloody dirk beside the little baby, stole unnoticed from the house and shot himself while as yet the police were searching vainly for some trace of him. He died at Good Samaritan Hospital at 1 o'clock.

The tragedy occurred about 9:30 o'clock this morning, and almost within view of two or three other families occupying the same house. No one knew that anything was wrong until a pedestrian saw the murdered woman lying on the ground in the yard and summoned the police.

The killing grew out of attentions which Savignano has been seeking to force upon Mrs. Bignami for months past, the refusal of her and her family to have anything to do with him, or to permit him to come near the house, and his own insane jealousy. From what can be learned from those who are intimately acquainted with all the parties concerned, Mrs. Bignami, wife of Arturo Bignami, formerly an umbrella store proprietor of this city and a prominent Italian citizen, met Savignano about 22 months ago in this city, while the latter was here working as a porter at the Pullman car shops. Mrs. Bignami was considered one of the most beautiful Italian women in Portland and Savignano became desperately infatuated with her. It is said. She repulsed his attentions but he was persistent in his attempts to force his attentions upon her.

His conduct became so obnoxious, it is said, that shortly after the close of the Lewis and Clark fair, Mr. and Mrs. Bignami left here and went to Los Angeles, where they lived until about three weeks ago. Savignano, it is claimed, followed the couple to Los Angeles and there again attempt-

ed to force his attentions upon the beautiful woman.

Again, Bignami's wife were forced to leave the city to escape him. They arrived here three weeks ago and went to live at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luigi Vimora, the mother and step-father of Mr. Bignami.

Savignano followed them, arriving in Portland almost at the same time. He managed to become a member of the lodge that Bignami belongs to, and told local Italians with whom he was acquainted that he proposed to start an Italian newspaper here. He attempted to call upon Mrs. Bignami, it is claimed, and he was ordered by her husband to keep away from the house.

PAY HIGH DUTY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—It was decided yesterday by the board of United States general appraisers that brads composed of cotton and India rubber are dutiable at the rate of 60 per cent ad valorem, under the provision in the tariff for embroideries and trimmings. Edwin Horax, the importer of the merchandise, claimed the merchandise should be admitted as manufactures of India rubber, with duty at 20 per cent.

General Appraiser Howell discusses at length the question of the classification of the brads and reaches the conclusion that the goods were properly assessed at the higher rate. The importer's claim, therefore, is overruled.

PRETTY GIRL STEALS

Quietly Rifles Rooms in New York Public School.

VALUE OF HAUL WAS SMALL

Walks in and Helps Herself to Loose Articles About and Then Coolly Walks Out Again With Her Booty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A pretty girl burglar has set the detectives connected with police headquarters, Queens Borough, and the plain clothes men of the Jamaica precinct, by the ears. She entered a school and helped herself with perfect sang froid, then walked coolly from the building with her booty and no one can give any other description of the girl than that she is pretty and has red cheeks.

Miss Clayton, a teacher of the Kaplan avenue school, Jamaica, the newest and one of the best school buildings in the city, dismissed her class Tuesday at noon and went home to her dinner. Some of the pupils went home. Others got their lunch baskets from the cloak rooms and formed little groups in and out of doors while they ate.

Presently there appeared at a side entrance a fresh-faced young girl of perhaps 17 years. She had a pair of skates over her arm. No one gave her any particular heed, noting only that she was a stranger and pretty.

Approaching a little kindergarten girl, the stranger chuckled her under the chin, smiled and asked where she could find Miss Clayton's room. The child gave the necessary directions and the girl passed along the hall towards the room. When she reached the room it was empty. Miss Clayton's gold watch, one which she values highly, lay upon the top of her desk in tempting conspicuity. It was transferred from the desk to the pocket of the girl burglar, it is believed.

From room to room the girl burglar passed, pausing only in such rooms as were empty, and getting something from each. Besides the gold watch, she took money, chiefly getting small sums in the various rooms. Some of the money was what had been contributed by the children for Christmas gifts for poor children. In all the girl is believed to have taken about \$10.

SOLDIER IS ASSAILANT

Black Trooper Attempts to Hold Up Laundry.

CHINAMAN BADLY HURT

Attempt Resistance and Is Shot Down By Negro Who is Still Free.

EXCITEMENT AT WHITE HEAT

Repeated Outrages by Members of Black Infantry Arouse the Indignation of the People to the Highest Pitch.

EL RENO, Dec. 28.—While resisting an attempted hold-up in his laundry at 8:30 tonight, Lee Sung, a Chinaman, was shot and dangerously wounded by an unknown negro, who wore the uniform of the United States army. The assailant escaped. Soldiers from Fort Reno, the sheriff's force, the police force and many possess of citizens are searching for him. The numerous outrages perpetrated by negroes, supposed to be discharged soldiers of the 25th Infantry, have aroused public sentiment to white heat and this crime but adds fuel to the flames. Summary vengeance will probably be wreaked by citizens should the man be apprehended, unless the strongest protection is given by troops from Fort Reno.

Major Fenrose, commanding officer of Fort Reno, when asked what action he had taken, and whether a roll call of the troops at Fort Reno had been called, refused to discuss the case.

"I'm getting sick of this business," he said. "Every time a crime is committed it is laid to the negro soldiers. I won't tell anything about what has been done further than to say that we are doing all in our power to aid the apprehension of the guilty party."

NO APPLES THERE.

Statement Made That Only Lemons Grew in Garden of Eden.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Tribune from New Haven, Conn., says:

The American Modern Language Association, now in annual convention at Yale has decided that it was not an apple that Eve handed Adam. The Association has set aside Saturday morning to discover whether it was not a lemon that caused the trouble in the garden of Eden. Professor Oliver M. Johnson of the Leland Stanford University, Cal., who has made a special study of tropical fruit, has been appointed to lead the discussion. He insists that there were no apples in the garden of Eden.

MANY WILL ENTER.

American Baloon Race Promises to Surpass Recent Parisian Contest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—But one month remains in which entries may be made for the next international balloon race for the Bennet Cup, the trophy won this year in Europe by Lieutenant Lahm, U. S. A., of the Aero Club of America. The club is considering where the starting point of the race should be. Two prime factors enter into this consideration—quality and quantity of gas and dis-

tance from large bodies of water. Denver has been suggested to the club, but it will probably fix on St. Louis. The Missouri metropolis is the best situated as regards distance from tide-water and if gas of a proper specific gravity can be had there and it is in sufficient quantity, it may be made the starting place for the race for the Bennet Cup and also for the Lahm Cup. But St. Louis is 700 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, 900 miles from the Atlantic Ocean and 2,300 miles from the Pacific.

The competition for the Bennet trophy will probably be held in October, when there is the greatest likelihood of strong steady winds from the West. By February 1 the list of entries will be complete. The Aero club's officials believe the number of starters will exceed that in the race at Paris last summer.

GRANTS INCREASE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—It was announced yesterday from the offices of S. W. Smith, General Superintendent of the New York Central Railway that the company had advanced the wages of thirty thousand of its men and that statistics of its general increase would soon be issued.

In some cases it was said the increase would date from December 1 and in other branches from January 1. This increase, it is understood, includes a recent advance of five cents an hour given the yardmen.

FIND KIDNAPED BOY

When Picked Up By Police Was Weeping Bitterly.

THREATS ARE NOT FULFILLED

"Black Hand" Society Demanded Boy Be Ransomed or They Would Kill Him Christmas Evening.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—George Drucato, the four-and-a-half-year-old Italian boy who was kidnaped from in front of his home at 33 Stanton street, Manhattan, has been found. He was picked up last night by Patrolman Redmond, of the Liberty avenue station, at Rockaway and St. Mark's avenues. Since his disappearance his father, Alfonso Drucato, has received letters, almost daily, from a "Black Hand" gang, demanding \$1,000. If the sum was not paid, the letters said, the dead body of the boy would be found on the door steps of the Stanton street tenement on Christmas morning. Mrs. Drucato was so overcome with joy at the boy's return that she collapsed as she clasped him in her arms.

It was about 9 o'clock last night that Policeman Redmond, patrolling on Rockaway avenue, noticed a small boy sitting at the corner of St. Mark's avenue, weeping pitifully. His shoes showed evidence of much travel, but he was otherwise warmly clothed. Around his head and shoulders was wrapped a heavy shawl. That his captors had been kind to him was evident when he refused food at the station, saying he was not hungry. His underclothes, too, had been recently washed.

"What's up, sonny," said the policeman in a kindly voice.

The only response was another outburst of tears, and as the big "cop" stooped the boy poked his arms from beneath the shawl and clung them around his rescuer's neck, went to sleep. Without being awakened the boy was taken to the Liberty avenue station.

It was not until he was safely tucked in a warm bed in the Children's Society rooms in Schermerhorn street that Mrs. Howe, the matron, discovered that her newest charge was none other than the missing Italian boy the police of the entire city had been searching for for the past nine days.

CHILD-SLAVES TO WEALTH

Half-Million, Under Fourteen at Work.

MENACE TO REPUBLIC

Senator Beveridge Points Out Danger of Degeneracy in the Race.

MANY ARE KILLED EACH YEAR

Greed of Gold is Turning Young Americans from the Schools to the Factories, the Mills and the Mines.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 28.—Senator Albert Beveridge, addressing the Nebraska State Teachers' Association here tonight, said: "Nothing shows how much greed frogets humanity as child slavery. There is something wrong with a prosperity which is so immense that it finally comes to feed upon the lives of little children. There are at a low estimate half a million children under 14 at work in cotton mills, glass factories, sweat shops, mines and like industries. Those whom toll does not kill are being ruined for citizenship. We are turning out at a low estimate two hundred thousand adult 'London hooligans,' every year, and these become in turn parents of hundreds of thousands of other degenerates. And so this civic pestilence riots and spreads.

"It must be stopped, if not for the sake of the children, then for our own sake; if not for the sake of common humanity, then for the sake of the republic's safety, for this republic is based on citizenship.

"If everybody, including the most ardent advocates of state rights, could agree on a national quarantine law to keep out yellow fever, which does not kill twenty people in twenty years, how much more should we agree on a national child labor law to stop a practice that actually kills thousands of children and irreclaimably ruins tens of thousands every year."

CHAMPIONSHIP SKATING RACES.

Contest Will be Held During Month of February.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The dates for the championship skating races, were given out officially yesterday by F. M. Clarke, secretary of the National Skating Association of the United States. The first big meet of the season will be held at Saranac lake on January 29, 30 and 31. Both amateur and professional races will be held there.

On the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association's track the Canadian championships will be decided February 2. United States championships will be held at Verona Lake, N. J., on Lincoln's birthday, February 12. The indoor world's championships will be held at Duquesne Garden, Pittsburgh, February 23 and 25.

PLANTS FOR DESERTS.

Useful Growths from Northern Asia Brought for American Wastes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Washington says:

Professor Nielas Hansen of the University of South Dakota, has just returned from a trip of exploration of the arid belt of Northern Asia, where

he was sent by Secretary Wilson, to find plants that will grow in similar soil and climate in the United States. His journey was very successful and he has brought back several valuable additions to the useful plants that can grow in the semi-arid belt between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains.

HILL TO RETIRE.

President of Great Northern Will Leave Duties to His Son.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A special to the Record-Herald from Minneapolis says: James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, it was announced today, will retire from active business July 1 next. The announcement came from Mr. Hill himself. His successor will be his eldest son, Louis J. Hill, first vice president of the Great Northern. Mr. Hill said: "I have planned to retire as soon as I can safely do so. By July 1, I shall be able to leave the work of a lifetime on a safe and sound basis that will endure."

SINGER SERIOUSLY SICK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Madame Kirby-Lunn, the grand opera contralto is sick at the Hotel Woodstock with ptomaine poisoning. The singer while very sick, is not dangerously ill. She sang Christmas night, and directly afterward became ill.

CHURCH BILL DEBATE

Catholics in French Senate State They are All Ill Treated.

ASK BUT RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Now Must Break Law or Disobey the Mandates of the Pope—Government Will Present Defense.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A debate in the Senate on the supplementary church and state separation bill was opened by Count De Las Cases, Republican Liberal, who asserted the Catholics only demanded the right to permanently and regularly practice their religion and an attempt to force the Catholics to disobey the injunctions of the Church would mean tasking them to become apostates. Maxime Le Comte, Radical Republican, made reply and insisted the sole purpose of the government was to insure liberty of conscience and to place all religions on an equality. The republic could not become a vassal of the Holy See. Premier Clemenceau interrupted the proceedings to announce that evidence would soon be produced to justify the government's action before the world.

PARIS, Later.—The Senate voted on the principal bill in the new church measure 187 ayes to 87 noes. It is expected that details for the completion of the various sections will be completed tomorrow. Minister of Education Briand called for repeated applause by assurances of the government's determination not to enter upon superfluous negotiations with Rome and not to accede to the Vatican's evident desire for persecution. The government had offered the church full benefits of the common law, hitherto demanded by the Pope, but it would not accord special privileges to the hierarchy. Briand's speech was ordered placarded throughout France.

MEXICAN FREIGHT INSPECTORS.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 28.—The Railway Association of Mexico, comprising officials from all the lines of the republic has decided to appoint freight inspectors on January 1. The railways complain that they have been defrauded out of large sums by misclassification of international freight by shippers.