

CORONER'S INQUEST

Death of Blanche Day is Being Closely Scrutinized.

YOUNG MAN IS CONSPICUOUS

Principal Testimony Adduced Yesterday Given in Full—Other Witnesses Corroborate It—Examination Continued for Cause.

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock Coroner W. C. A. Pohl summoned, and swore to service, as jurors, in the matter of the inquest held on the body of Blanche Day (or Rogers), the girl suicide, the following well known citizens of Astoria: Messrs. William Ross, John G. Melholm, K. Osburn, W. J. Barry, A. G. Spexarth and P. Lawlor, and at once proceeded to examine a group of witnesses in that relation.

The first witness examined was Dr. C. B. Estes, whose testimony was to the effect that he was summoned to attend the girl and found her suffering from atrophy, resulting from too free use of belladonna and that evidence of the use of morphine were abundant. He told of the professional steps he took to save her life, and that she rather, partially, at least, before he left her. His testimony was duplicated largely by that of Dr. B. J. Pilkington, who was called into the case when the stricken girl was taken to the hospital later in the night, or rather, early on Tuesday morning, the same cause and effects, being recited by both gentlemen.

The principal witness of the session was Julius Wilbur, the business manager of the Waldorf concert hall, where the girl was employed and where she was first taken ill. He said in part:

"I work for C. F. Wise, as manager of the Waldorf concert hall. I reside in rooms over the old Hess restaurant on Twelfth street. I saw the girl, Blanche Day, before her death. Saw her first on Saturday last about 1:15 p. m., at the Waldorf. Her sister introduced her to me and asked if she could go to work. When I asked her age, the girl herself said, 'I am past the age limit, or I wouldn't be here.' I replied, 'Well, you are not much past it,' and she said, 'If I was a man I could vote, alright.' She asked for a room and I gave her No. 18. Did not see her again until evening when the work began. She worked all night and seemed jolly and cheerful. Asked me where she could find a good place to eat and I told her to go with the other girls; they knew where to go. Did not see her again until 8 p. m. or 8:15 on Sunday evening. She started to go up stairs. I thought it was a queer she should leave the hall, but did not pay much attention to it. Was at the bar. She came up to where I was and started to fall. She said she was sick and asked me to show her the stairs or the door. Asked her what the matter was and she said, 'It is my heart.' She was trembling all over, had hold of her by that time and helped her upstairs to her room. She said she had such spells quite often. She asked me to unfasten her skirts and as there was no one there, I did help her. She then asked for her sister who was in the frame. I suggested calling for a doctor, but she forbade it, saying she would be over it in half an hour. Her sister came to her. I went below. Went up again, about three-quarters of an hour later, found her just about the same, no better, no worse, and I thought she was getting better, so I left. In 15 minutes they rang the room bell, and her sister said she must have a doctor. The girl was then as black as Mr. Spexarth's hat. Telephoned for Dr. Estes. I took hold of her and shook her. Asked her what she had taken and she answered 'Nothing.' I said to her, 'If you don't want to die, tell me what you took.' I thought she had poisoned herself. Then I asked her again, 'How many pills did you take?' She answered, 'Two.' I went down and got a seven ounce glass of water and put two tablespoonfuls of salt in it and made her drink it. I did it to make her throw up. The doctor got there then and the salt and water seemed to have made her easier. At the doctor's request I went to the Eagle drug store for a hypodermic needle. He used it. She did not murmur nor moan. We rubbed her for an hour and a half. I understood the injection given her by the doctor was for the heart; she had turned very dark, but seemed to improve some. We applied hot water bags, beat her all over, worked her

arms, turned her over on her stomach, tried to make her throw up. Then the doctor left an hour after. A young man, a friend of her sister, don't know his name, came in while the doctor was there and he cried, 'If money can save her, let's save her!' He went to the hospital with her. I think the young fellow knew her before, but don't know where. Don't know who the man was. He gave me \$2 to pay for the back. I have heard he was working at the Star theater. He came up to the room. He brought a piece of music with him and said he was getting his lead piece fixed. Her sister protested against the treatment of the case, and I called up Dr. Fulton. He could not come and advised that we call in Dr. Pilkington. We called Dr. Pilkington and he came down. He ordered her to the hospital at once and helped to carry her down and put her in the back. We drove fast to St. Mary's hospital. The doctor told us that he could not save her then and at 4 o'clock he telephoned that she was dead. The girl gave her name as Blanche Rogers when I was introduced to her. I found no other tablets. Her sister had her pocketbook and knew that there had been tablets in it, but could not find any in it when she looked. She was with her sister when I first saw her. Never saw the young man till just before the doctor came up. He came into the room with one of the other girls. He seemed to know her, and tried to rouse her. Called her by name. Never left her till she died. The girl never came to, and never spoke. She did not recognize him any more than any other girls. She swallowed the water and salt. Her sister gave it to her. The young man referred to came in late in the night."

Other witnesses were examined from among the inmates of the dance-hall, among them being Charles F. Wise, the proprietor, the girl's sister and Cleo La Mont, and one other girl. All their testimony was practically along the same lines as that given by Wilbur and added nothing material to it, save such facts as the sister (whose testimony was taken behind closed doors) gave as to family relations and the letters lately passing between them and their parents. From her testimony it developed, however, that the young man who displayed such familiar interest in the case, was named Roy Fox and is alleged to have been employed about the Star Theater, but this has been denied by the Eckhardt people now holding the boards there.

This Roy Fox has disappeared, and this circumstance is looked upon as suspicious. The work of the jury will be held in abeyance until he can be produced, or until it becomes necessary to abandon the search for him, upon which hypothesis adjournment was taken last evening at 5:30 o'clock.

The case is a very sad one, and enough has leaked out as to the antecedents of these two sisters to show that they were practically driven to the excellent of adopting the course of life they did. Nothing has yet arisen to show any undue action on the part of the Waldorf people, aside from the ordinary and common reputation of the place and its business.

DEFER NOMINATION.

Coney Island Jockey Club Holds Up Nealon Pending Investigation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The Coney Island Jockey club has not announced the nomination of Nealon for the Suburban Handicap, despite the fact that the entry of the horse was made by C. E. Durnel. The entry is being held up until such time as the stewards of the Jockey Club can pass on the standing of Durnel, who was ruled off the turf by the Pacific Coast Jockey Club last winter, after a controversy growing out of a selling race war with J. J. McCafferty.

Durnel was reinstated last fall and has been racing in California this winter. The trouble with Nealon's entry probably is purely a technical one, as the Pacific Coast Jockey Club failed to send an official notification to the Jockey Club here in the matter.

CARRIE NATION

certainly smashed a hole in the bar-rooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Horebound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for coughs, Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary diseases. T. C. H., Horton, Kansas, writes: "I have never found a medicine that would cure a cough so quickly as Ballard's Horebound Syrup. I have used it for years." Hart's drug store.

DISTURBED THE CONGREGATION.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

AMERICA'S CAPITAL

Cheerful Report from Hawaiian Islands Made.

A CONGRESSMAN'S AMBITION

Scheme to Centralize All the Public Buildings at Washington—Some Fishery Items—Others Matters of Interest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—Commissioner General Sargent has just returned from Honolulu, and gives it as his opinion that the new tide of immigration in the Hawaiian Islands will do more than all else to hold the islands to the United States. Grave fears have been expressed that the preponderance of Japanese there might cause trouble in case war should ever come between the United States and Japan, but the recent arrival of a thousand or more first class Portuguese immigrants, the Commissioner regards as the opening by which the labor ranks in the island will be recruited by a desirable class of citizens who will always be loyal to the government. The Commissioner is enthusiastic over the prospects of the islands, and predicts a great future for them. Climate, soil and almost everything else is in their favor, and all the material resources are being rapidly developed. Mr. Sargent has been a close student of the immigration problem, and does not hesitate to say that those immigrants admitted at Charleston, a couple of months ago, and those just admitted at Honolulu, taken as a whole, are the best that have entered the United States during his term of office.

He says the labor problem in the South, as well as in the Hawaii's, has been a very grave one. Both sections were developing much faster than good labor could be secured. In both sections, the race question was a factor, and in one was the added predominance of a foreign and antagonistic element. Both factors he thinks now in the way of being eliminated, or at least relegated to an unimportant position. Under the new impetus given by the arrivals at Charleston, he thinks the South will, within the next half decade make greater strides than in any ten years since the close of the war.

Representative Watson, Whip of the House, is being importuned by the people of his State to enter the race for the Republican nomination for Governor two years hence, but the Congressman is a little shy of the proposition. To be Governor of Indiana is a very great honor, but it is said Watson has his eye on the seat now occupied by "Uncle Joe," and would much prefer the latter honor though he well knows that the Governor of Indiana draws a salary of \$8,000 and an allowance of \$1,500 per year for house rent, but \$5,000 with a prospect of \$12,000, looks mighty good to the eloquent Representative from the Sixth Hoosier district. Something has been said about a "bird in the hand" being worth a whole covey out in the stubble field. No doubt a Republican nomination in 1908, would be equivalent to an election in Indiana, and the office is for four years, and Watson would not necessarily have to retire from the House until his calling and election to the governorship was made sure, but Jim is popular in the House, and his district will elect him again and again, as often as he desires, and his popularity in the House may make a Czar of him yet. In the Speaker's chair he would not be as picturesque a figure as Uncle Joe, but he would wield the gavel with as much grace. Indiana has furnished three presiding officers of the House—John W. Davis, of the Twenty-ninth Congress, Schuyler Colfax, of the thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth and fortieth, and Michael C. Kerr, of the forty-fourth, and why not a fourth for the Sixtieth?

MILLIONS IN WANT.

Terrible Famine in Northern China is Rapidly Becoming Worse.

VICTORIA, Jan. 9.—The steamer Shimano Maru, which arrived today from the Orient, brought further advice of the appalling famine in central China. The famine area covers about 40,000 square miles, embracing between 20 and 30 large walled cities, and the population affected is set at ten millions, of which Viceroy Tuan Fang estimates four millions are in actual want.

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the transaction of the business of the public. The project meets with the hearty approval of the President, and the regret is expressed by many that the movement toward centralizing the public buildings was not begun long ago.

Commissioner of Fisheries, George N. Bowers, recommends the establishment of a National Aquarium. Exceptionally large catches of white fish were made during 1906 in Lakes Erie and Ontario which he attributes to the planting of artificially hatched fry. The fishicultural work was conducted in thirty-one States and Territories, and the output of the Bureau consisted of 1,931,834,000 fish and eggs. Among the fishes and eggs distributed were the following: catfish, shad, whitefish, lake herring, Chinook, silver and hump back salmon; steelhead, rainbow, blackspotted, scotch sea, Loch Leven, lake, brook and golden trout; grayling, pike, crappie and strawberry bass, cod, flatfish and lobster.

With the approval of the fisheries authorities of Ontario, the Bureau has continued to collect eggs in the Canadian waters of Lakes Erie and Superior. Early in June last a special plant of two hundred thousand young brook trout was made on the Canadian side. The other fishes previously planted in the international lakes have been beneficial to American and Canadian fishermen alike. In compliance with requests, that through diplomatic channels, 625,000 salmon and trout eggs were given to the government of Argentina, the Bureau also acted as agent for that government in the purchase of large quantities of other eggs of other fishes. Eggs were also shipped to New Zealand, where the government is taking active measures to acclimate American valuable fishes.

Several attempts were made to transport live sponges by express, packed in boxes, and it was found that with proper care they could be carried successfully on journeys not exceeding three days in duration, with proper precautions, and by the use of ice, the Bureau believes it is possible to carry live sponges from Florida to California, and further experiments on this line will be conducted.

THE ORIGINAL.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar, many imitations are offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

CAUSE MORTAL SIN.

Spanish Associations Law Against the Principles of Catholic Church.

MADRID, Jan. 9.—An announcement endorsed by the Spanish Episcopate against the proposed associations law has been sent King Alfonso by Cardinal Sancha y Hervas, archbishop of Toledo and primate of Spain. The Cardinal describes the law as notoriously bad, and contrary to the laws of the church. If the law is as he declares it will lead to a cruel conflict of conscience among the faithful and the clergy because they could not comply with it without being guilty of mortal sin.

CURED OF LUNG TROUBLE.

It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man of Kershaw, S. C. "I had run down in weight to 135 pounds and coughing was constant both by day and by night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and continued this for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone, and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers' drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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