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The Candy is Believed to Have Contained Strychnine—Ella Miller Who is 14 Years Old Worked for Schwarzkild & Sulzberger Co.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 12.—Ruth Miller, the four-year-old daughter of Charles Miller, of Kansas City, Kas., today died from the effects of eating candy from a box of cheap bonbons sent through the mail to Ella Miller, an older sister. The following inscription was on the box: "Sweets to Ella Miller, from Girls of the S. and S."

The candy is believed to have contained strychnine. Ruth died in agony 10 minutes after eating some of the bonbons. Four other children of the family were affected by the candy but only temporarily.

Ella Miller, who is 14 years old, worked for Schwarzkild & Sulzberger Packing Co., until a month ago. She does not believe she has any enemies at the packing house. She never had a sweetheart and the motive for sending her poisoned candy is a mystery.

TEACHERS GET A RAISE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The Chicago Board of Education voted last night unanimously to increase the salary of every teacher in the Chicago elementary schools. From \$25 to \$100 was added to the annual pay of each teacher, the new salaries to date back six weeks, from January 1, 1908.

The action of the board will affect approximately 5500 of the 6000 teachers in the city schools. A complete new salary schedule was adopted for the elementary schools, by which the lowest salary group was raised from \$550 to \$650 and the maximum salary—fo eighth grade teachers—raised from \$1025 to \$1050.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The engagement of Miss Nora Stanton Blatch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blatch and grand-daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, to Dr. Lee De Forest, vice-president of the American De Forest Wireless Telegraph was announced last night. Although the exact date of the wedding has not been fixed it was announced that the ceremony would take place before spring. Miss Blatch was granted the degree of civil engineer by Cornell in 1905 when she was graduated among the first five members in a class of 75. Recently she has been engaged in field work with the New York city water department. Dr. De Forest was graduated from Yale in 1894, receiving the degree of Dr. of Philosophy three years later.

JUDSON COE—DEGENERATE.

Agrees to Exchange His 16-Year Old Daughter for a Railroad Job.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—A despatch to the Record-Herald from Los Angeles says:

On the witness stand yesterday Judson H. Coe, 50 years old, admitted writing letters in which he agreed to exchange his 16-year-old daughter Ethel for a position with a railroad. According to the letters the agreement was made in 1902 with G. W. Smith, who was employed by the Illinois Central at Waterloo, Iowa. Coe had been summoned into court by Judge Bordwell to explain the letters which were introduced by Mrs. Theodora Coe in her suit for divorce. She was granted an interlocutory decree. Coe had been previously divorced from three wives, and a fourth is dead.

RAYNER ON CURRENCY BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Senator Rayner spoke at length in the Senate today on the currency bill, condemning the present system of banking in the United States and incidentally that the President by his methods of fighting the encroachments of predatory wealth had done much to intensify the panic through which the country has recently passed. Senate adjourned after devoting two hours to the penal code bill.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The pent up feeling of the members of the House on the issues of the day and other topics were given a chance to be aired in the House today. The opportunity came when the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill was taken up and a general debate for an indefinite period begun. As was the case last week, the President's and the tariff question were the principal questions debated.

DYNAMITED A BANK

Bandits Wreck a Nine Thousand Dollar Building.

SECURE THOUSANDS IN CASH

A Terrific Explosion Caused by the Dynamiting of the Vault Awakened Whole Town—Many Persons Arrived in Time to See Robbers Flee

RICH HILL, Mo., Feb. 12.—Securing \$23,000 in cash after dynamiting and totally wrecking the nine thousand dollar building of the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank in this city, five bandits heavily armed, terrorized the citizens here at an early hour this morning after exchanging shots with the sheriff's posse, escaped to the rough country south of here. No one was injured by either the shots of the explosion. A terrific explosion caused by the dynamiting of the vault of the bank awakened the town a half hour after midnight and the population hurried to the two-story brick bank building in the center of the city. Many persons arrived in time to see the robbers riding away. Some of the citizens opened fire on the fleeing bandits and the robbers returned the fire.

Charles James said the available cash in the bank was secured by the robbers. The large brick bank secured by the robbers. The bank building was completely wrecked and many neighboring buildings were partially wrecked by the explosion. The sheriff of the county organized a posse, but as the robbers secured a good start there is little prospect of their being overtaken before daylight. The rough country to the south of the city will afford a good refuge for the fugitives tonight.

GRAND OPERA FOR HOSPITAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—A special performance of "Aida," at the Metropolitan opera house last night realized \$12,000 for the French hospital of this city. One of the largest audiences of the season was present, the cast including Mme. Rappold, Mme. Homer and Messrs. Caruso and Plancon.

BUYERS IN NEW YORK

Merchants Short in Their Stocks.

EVERY HOTEL CROWDED

Some of the Big Western Houses Have Sold Out Almost Everything.

COMING EARLIER THAN USUAL

More Than Three Thousand Buyers and Business Men From All Over the Country Are Now in New York With Orders.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—More than 3000 buyers and business men from all over the country are now in New York with orders for goods of every variety for the spring and summer trade. The great influx of buyers was expected by the jobbing houses here and is said by merchants to be an evidence of the return of confidence throughout the country. The general financial depression last fall and the consequent small amount of buying at that time has left merchants throughout the country short in their stocks and for that reason the buyers are coming to New York earlier than usual.

Every hotel in New York that caters to the commercial trade is crowded and New York merchants are in a joyous mood at the prospect of an enormous spring trade.

Mr. S. C. Mead, secretary of the Merchants' Association, said last night:

"Monday was what we call our first registration for the spring trade and it proved to be next to the largest registration day we have experienced in 10 years. That is to say there was only one other day like it in 10 years so you can imagine what joy it brought to business men about town. Today as a second registration day is the largest second registration we ever had. By that I mean in numbers—numbers of out of town buyers and out of town merchants. Today they kept pouring in and telling us of the bright outlook for the spring trade. They had to come, as their stock had run low.

"Some of the big western houses have sold out almost all of the goods they had and this means a great era of prosperity. It means that at least 8000 out of town merchants and their representatives will buy goods here for the spring trade. Now the most experienced merchants in town will average from each buyer about \$10,000.

This practically means that with the ordinary trade, \$80,000,000 will be spent in the New York by the buyers for one spring trade.

"The most peculiar thing about this is shown by the arrivals yesterday and today is that new business concerns have cropped up in the west and have sent representatives here to buy. They represent the biggest firms in the west and from Chicago to Oklahoma they declare that business is good."

THE CAT ESCAPED.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—A despatch to the Record-Herald from Lexington, Ky., says:

In an effort to dispose of a cat in humane fashion yesterday Miss Grace Carr, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Carr and her cousin, Miss Herbert, came near death than did pussy. It was a thieving cat and the family imposed the death penalty. The cat was caught

and chloroform administered but the animal struggled to get free. The drug was spilled and Miss Carr, Mrs. Carr and Miss Herbert were overcome. A physician, after several hours' work managed to save the women, meantime the cat escaped.

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY BANQUET.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 12.—With four United States Senators, as many Congressmen and several hundred of the most prominent business men of the Pittsburg district in attendance, the annual birthday banquet of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce was held at the Hotel Schenley here today. The chief speaker was Senator Knox.

ARMING THE MILITIA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Acting Secretary of War Oliver today made the important announcement that the Department was now ready to arm the organized militia of the country, 100,000, strong, with new army rifle. The Governors of several States may have the rifles on requisition and turning in the Krag-Jorgensen guns.

"GOSHEN" SYSTEM EXPLAINED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Morton Frewen, of England, a member of Parliament spoke before the house committee on banking and currency today explaining the old Goshen system which provides from a reserve of silver bullion as security for trade dollar certificates not redeemable in gold, but in silver. Frewen declared that the Goshen plan could be applied in this country without disrupting the present currency system.

RIDGLEY TO COFFIN

Takes Exception to an Article Published Sunday.

MAKES REPLIES TO CRITICISM

Ridgeley Says the Law Regarding Over-Certification is Rigidly Enforced, Regardless of Letters of Coffin, "or Any Scandal Monger"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Comptroller of the Currency Ridgeley today replied to the criticism of former deputy Comptroller Coffin, who stated in an article published Sunday, that the national banks were daily violating the laws which prohibit loaning more than 10 per cent of their capital and unimpaired surplus, to any one person and which prohibits over-certification. Ridgeley says that Coffin's charges are really made without any knowledge of the facts and are intentionally false. Whatever may have been policy during Coffin's regime, Ridgeley states that since he came into office there had been every effort to enforce the law. Ridgeley says that the law regarding over certification is rigidly enforced regardless of the letters of Coffin "Or any other scandal monger." Ridgeley declares that the proposition that officers of the leading banks in New York city are so foolishly as to daily violate the law and render themselves liable to imprisonment as criminals is too absurd for serious belief.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—As the memorial of the centennial of the Roman Catholic diocese of New York which will be observed at St. Patrick's Cathedral on April 26 plans have been formed to begin on that date a movement for paying off the indebtedness on the cathedral, according to statements made after yesterday's meeting of 200 priests of the diocese at which arrangement were made to that end the clergy, it was said, pledged themselves to aid the archbishop in cancelling the cathedral's debt within two years.

WRONG MAN HELD UP

Stupid Joke Costs Him His Life.

HE ORDERED "HANDS UP"

Policeman Not Recognizing His Friends Pulled His Gun and Shot Westle Dead

PUBLIC SENTIMENT WITH COP

Last Evening While Hepner Was on His Way to Work Wetle Recognized Him and Thought it Would be a Good Joke to Scare Him.

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—John G. Wetle, an employee of the city engineer's office, came to his death tonight while endeavoring to perpetrate a stupid joke on Policeman F. D. Hepner. Hepner is a recent recruit of the police department and, was a friend of Wetle. Both lived at Fulton, a suburb of Portland.

This evening, while Hepner was on his way to work, he was recognized by Wetle, who thought it would be smart to hold up the new recruit. Wetle hid behind a clump of bushes and as Hepner came along he stepped in front of him pointing his pipe at the policeman and ordered "Hands up."

Hepner did not recognize his friend nor did he take time to find out that it was a pipe instead of a revolver which was threatening him. He pulled his gun and shot Wetle dead. Hepner surrendered himself. Public sentiment justifies Hepner in his actions as the city for several weeks has been overrun with hold-up men and other bad characters.

HEALTHIEST CITY IN U. S.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—With the exception of Milwaukee Chicago was said by Dr. Drake, statistician of the health department to be the healthiest city in America.

Chicago's death rate was for 1907 was given at 15.25 per thousand population based on the federal estimated population of 2,107,620.

"I have taken the deaths as reported by each city and figured against the population as given by the department of commerce and labor," said Dr. Drake, "and Milwaukee is the only city that excels Chicago's record."

W. C. T. U. BUTT IN.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The women of Chicago yesterday for the first time became identified in a public manner with the controversy over the Sunday saloon. The Women's Christian Temperance Union decided to send a committee to the election commissioners to protest against placing upon the ballot at the April election the proposition of the United Societies for local self-government, designed to obtain a referendum on the Sunday saloon question. The action was decided at a meeting of the executive board of the Union.

INDOOR ATHLETIC CARNIVAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—For its annual indoor carnival in Madison Garden, March 10, the New York Athletic Club has arranged an elaborate program of events including five relay races, 10 handicap races, three scratch events and three special invitation races. The best middle and long distance runners in America are expected to take part in the 600 and

1000-yard runs while the special relay race will bring together the crack teams of the New York Athletic Club and Boston Athletic Association.

PORTUGAL QUIET.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Times this morning publishes a long Lisbon dispatch relative to recent events in Portugal. It says that the situation is improving daily and that the government adheres to its policy of conciliating public opinion, but that it would be a mistake to consider all danger over.

DECISION IN A LEASE CASE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—That a lease of an apartment in a hotel bars the lessee from recovering damages from the hotel for articles stolen was decided yesterday by the appellate division of the supreme court. Damages cannot be claimed even if the thefts are those of an employe; the decision further holds in the case of Chas. J. Steinau, who sued the hotel Majestic for the value of a scarf pin that he knew no one but an employe could have taken. The court held that the plaintiff having leased was not a guest, but a tenant of the landlord.

KICKED BY A HORSE

LEADS, N. D., Feb. 12.—From the kick of a horse received a week ago, George W. Glover, son of Mrs. Mary G. Baker, the Christian Science leader, is suffering from paralysis of one leg that threatens to become permanent. The kick re-opened an old wound received in the civil war.

STIMULATE SHIPPING

Railroads and Lumbermen Agree to a Compromise.

HAUL LUMBER AT OLD RATE

Under This Agreement the Railroads Hope to Stimulate Lumber Shipments—Entire Matter Will be Presented to Judge Hanford Soon.

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—At a conference held here this afternoon between attorneys of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific and the Northwest lumbermen and business interests a tentative compromise of the old rate question was reached by the railroads offering to haul lumber at the old rates leaving it optional with the carriers whether or not shippers be required to put up bonds to guarantee the payment of the new rate in case the railroads secure a favorable decision from the interstate commerce commission. Under this agreement the railroads hope to stimulate lumber shipments and the lumber and shingle manufacturers gain a point in not being absolutely obliged to put up bonds to guarantee the payment of the new rate. The entire matter will be presented to Federal Judge Hanford as soon as the necessary details can be agreed upon.

MINISTER WU SAILS TODAY.

TOKIO, Feb. 12.—Wu Ting Fang, minister from China to Washington, will sail for America tomorrow on the Pacific Mail liner Siberia accompanied by 32 students. He spent two days at Yokohama. During his stay here he called at the American embassy and had a long talk with Minister Thomas O'Brien. He was entertained at a luncheon given today by H. B. Miller, the American consul-general at which Minister O'Brien and other officials were present.

DRINKS BELLADONNA.

SILVERTON, Or., Feb. 12.—Roena Harper, aged 10 years, died at Scotts Mills this morning from having taken belladonna by mistake for cough medicine.