



## GATHERING EVIDENCE SLOW BUT SURE AGAINST ARKELL

### For the Murder of Mrs. Donahue of Oakland

### FINDING MANY CLEWS

### A Pair of Blood Stained Trousers Identified as Belonging to Accused Man

### WANTED ON OTHER CHARGES

### Gustav Arkell Figured Prominently in a Eastern Police Case, But Details Are Lacking Say the Authorities—Woman Gives Valuable Information

OAKLAND, Aug. 31.—One link after another is being added to the mesh of circumstantial evidence upon which they charge Gustav Arkell with the murder of Mrs. Alice Lucretia Donahue, the wife of Daniel Donahue, a motorman. Tonight Mrs. Emma Verra, a friend of both accused and murdered woman, positively identified a pair of mud-stained trousers found in Arkell's room as the ones he wore the night of the crime. She also identified a spade concealed under a factory with Mrs. Donahue's clothing, as belonging to the prisoner. Perhaps the most tangible clue given by Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, mother of the boy, Frank Walsh, who discovered the murdered woman's clothing and a day later dug up the body, Mrs. Smith saw a man and woman on the night of the murder lurking in the shadow of the furniture factory, where the body was found. She remained silent until now on account of notoriety, but after consulting with a priest today she made known the facts. Arkell, after 24 hours of sweating and solitary confinement stolidly maintains his innocence but will tell nothing of his past nor actions on the night of the murder. The police have established beyond a doubt that he was frequently seen at clandestine meetings with Mrs. Donahue; and that he owned the spade and that he bothered her so much that she frequently complained, and that Arkell constantly agitated the community with gossip that Mrs. Donahue had eloped and that not later than a week ago she declared she saw her in San Francisco. Arkell was arrested at San Francisco three years ago on the charge of having attempted to poison his second wife, his first wife was drowned and the last one secured a divorce. The police say that he figured

ed in a sensational eastern police case, but the details are lacking. The authorities are confronted with the task of proving that Mrs. Donahue was murdered. Her body was so decomposed that it was impossible to show strangulation. Chemical analysis may show poison. A confession from some one seems the only means of definitely fixing the cause of her death.

### BASEBALL GAMES.

#### American League.

St. Louis 4, Chicago 0.  
Washington 3, Boston 7.  
Detroit 3, Cleveland 7.  
Philadelphia 1, New York 0.  
Philadelphia 2, New York 1.

#### National League.

Chicago 2, St. Louis 0.  
Cincinnati 0, Pittsburg 5.  
Northwest League.  
Seattle 2, Spokane 0.  
Vancouver 4, Aberdeen 0; game called in eighth inning; rain.

## MURDERS HIS WIFE TO GET HER MONEY

### WELL TO DO NOME MINER ARRESTED AT SEATTLE FOR HORRIBLE CRIME.

### SAYS SHE KILLED HERSELF

### Lee H. Johnson the Man Accused Claims His Wife Committed Suicide and Requested a Secret Burial, After Leaving Him Property.

SEATTLE, Aug. 31.—Charged with the murder of his young wife whose body he buried in the basement of a cabin at Nome dissecting in in the spring, cutting it in three parts, crated and later cremated it, Lee H. Johnson, a well to do mining man of Nome, was arrested here today on warrant. Johnson admits dismembering the body and says his wife committed suicide and requested a secret burial and left all her property to him. Johnson married Belle Gilchrist, a young society woman of Butte, Mont., in the spring of 1905, and took her to Nome. She disappeared from Nome the same year, and Johnson said she had gone to Seattle. Relatives in Butte and Mrs. M. P. Hedges, a sister living in Port Blakeley received letters regularly from Nome purporting to be dictated by Mrs. Johnson to a cousin. Johnson came out from Nome on three occasions and each time, told

## WORK ON LYTLE ROAD TO BE RESUMED

### Line Will Be in Operation in June, 1910

PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—The Oregonian tomorrow will say that work on the Lytle road from Hillsboro to Tillamook, a branch of the Harriman system, will be resumed at once. Work was stopped last November during the financial stringency after about 20 miles of track had been laid. The road, when completed, 86 miles will cost \$4,000,000. It is expected to have it in operation by June, 1910.

relatives in Butte that his wife was well and happy and that he having her power of attorney had come to Butte to dispose of property and get the money. The suspicions of her relatives were aroused a year ago.

Warrant traced him here living with a woman named Cora Tasch, who today admitted she married Johnston at Omaha in 1902, and a few months ago had gone before a notary and sworn as Belle Gilchrist, the wife of Johnston and signed revocation power of attorney issued by Johnston's wife to him shortly after marriage in order that new power of attorney might be given him, vesting him with the absolute power of all her property. Johnston will be taken to Nome in a few days.

### MAKES APPOINTMENT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—John L. Tomlinson, head of the democratic bureau of club organization tonight

## WYOMING COAL MINES SHUT DOWN

### Coal Mine Workers and Operators Fail to Agree

BUTTE, Aug. 31.—As a consequence of the failure of the coal mine operators and the mine workers to reach an agreement all the coal mines in the State of Wyoming under the control of the mine operators' association of Wyoming closed down tonight for an indefinite period.

### HISGEN ACCEPTS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—There was not room enough in the new club independent league to hold the crowd that gathered tonight for the dual purpose to present the notification of Thomas L. Hisgen, independence party candidate for president and horse warming of the club. Hisgen read his address of acceptance and declared it necessary to organize a new party to bring about the needed reforms and so the Independence party came into existence. He advocated "Direct nominations, initiative and referendum and the recall.

made known the appointment of Roger S. Hoar, of Cambridge, Mass., as chairman of the National Committee of College Clubs, among the members of which are Samuel White, and Eugene O. Campbell of Oregon and Roland McDonald of Washington. The committee will organize Democratic college clubs in the university centers.

## RESIDENTS OF UNIONTOWN GET BLACK HAND LETTERS

### Three Prominent Citizens Ordered to Place \$600 at Locations Designated in Missives

### LETTERS WRITTEN IN THE FINNISH LANGUAGE

### Blackmailer Threatens Death Inside of Four Months if Money Is Not Forthcoming—Matter Placed in Hands of Authorities, Who Are Hard at Work on the Case

A little over a week ago three "black hand" letters were received by three prominent residents of Uniontown, demanding in each instance that the recipient place the sum of \$600 in a place designated in the letters or else his life would pay the forfeit. Determined efforts have been made to apprehend the author of these missives but thus far there is not the slightest clue to his identity and hours of watchfulness failed to bring even a glimpse of him.

The three men who received the letters are well known proprietors of boarding houses, Dan Hanula, Moses Toivonen and William Takkunen. The letters are virtually duplicates of each other and were written in Finnish. The men at once became alarmed and soon each learned that he was not the only one who had been selected as a victim. The matter was placed in the hands of the sheriff early last week and at once steps were taken to arrest the miscreant, and for several nights the closest sort of watch was kept upon the places where he had demanded the money be left, but he failed to show up. The letters were written in a legible hand, and the paper of each was folded in a very peculiar manner. Then the extortioner mailed them to his intended victims. Each letter named \$600 as the sum demanded, and in the event that the recipients refus-

ed to grant his request, he threatened them with death inside "of four months." One letter demanded that the money be placed under the steps of the church in Uniontown, in a can that would be found placed there to receive it; the second letter demanded the money be placed in a can that would be found at the rear of the church, and the third designated the hiding place as the old mill at the extremity of Smith's Point. The cans that had been put in place by the black hand miscreant were found in both places at the church, but the one that the letter stated was placed in a certain spot in the old mill could not be found. The recipients of the letters were naturally frightened. Last Wednesday night Sheriff Pomeroy and Deputy Sheriff Archie McLean lay in hiding at the church for several hours, soaked to the skin by the heavy rains, but the man did not show up, though that was the time he was expected to call for the money supposedly hidden in the cans. To aid in carrying out the plans to capture him sacks filled with small pieces of metal had been placed in the cans, but they are still in their places untouched. Whether the man became suspicious that he was being watched for, or whether he went to the secret places and there by chance saw some

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## GREAT AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS ARRIVE AT MELBOURNE

### TAFT GETS FIRST BITE.

### Candidate Shows His Skill as a Fisherman.

MIDDLE BASS ISLAND, Ohio, Aug. 31.—Judge Taft caught three black bass this morning and Charles caught one and a pickerel. No one else in the entire fleet of enterprising anglers got a single stroke. Mr. Taft got the first strike and was caught in the act by half a dozen cameras and the event was saluted by a shot from the brass cannon on the stern of the yacht W. I. Brown, the republican leader of Toledo.

Then Charley got a bass, more cameras, more rejoicing, and so it went, the Taft family catching only the fish. No fish were caught at the afternoon session.

Owing to transportation difficulties Taft will not go to Fort Meigs tomorrow, where there is to be unveiled the monument of soldiers of Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia who fought and fell in the war of 1812. Governor Harrison, Swanson, Wilson and Senator Foraker will make addresses.

## PROSPERITY PLACARDS OPPOSED BY PARRY

### SAYS IT IS "POOR BUSINESS" TO PROMISE FULL FACTORY FORCE.

### KERN GETS THE OPINION

### Democratic Vice-Presidential Candidate Thinks It "Sounds Like Getting Money Under False Pretenses" To Take Such Action.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31.—There was made public today a correspondence wherein John W. Kern, the democratic nominee for vice-president sought and obtained from D. M. Parry, ex-president of the National Association of Manufacturers and a prominent Republican, an expression of his opinion of hostile posting of "Prosperity placards," in factories to the effect that "On the day after the election of Taft and Sherman this factory will start up on full force." Kern asked Parry "In the light of the fact that the present high tariff has not maintained prosperity, I would like to ask whether posting the placards does not savor of trying to obtain money under false pretenses?"

Parry replied he is not in sympathy with such abuse of power of the employer; that it is a poor business policy to promise run the factory on full time in the event of any election; that the business reaction was quite beyond the power of political parties to control; that he would not bring him-

### Fleet Given Royal Welcome in Foreign Waters

### CROWDS CAUSE RIOTS

### Crush So Great That Many People Are Injured in the Mad Throngs

### SPERRY MAKES AN ADDRESS

### Rear Admiral Answers to Speeches Made by Lord Northcote and Prime Minister Deakin at Banquet Given at Parliament House.

MELBOURNE, Aug. 31.—The streets of Melbourne late tonight are filled with surging good-humored crowds numbering hundreds of thousands all out to do honor to the visiting Americans who arrive here Saturday aboard 16 great battleships. The crush of the principal thoroughfares was so great that many women fainted and several persons were injured. The federal government tonight tendered a banquet to the admirals and senior officers at the parliament house at which Lord Northcote, the governor-general and Prime Minister Deakin made brilliant speeches. Rear-Admiral Sperry, commander-in-chief of the American navy replying in behalf of the American navy, declaring the rupture between the English speaking nations will not only be a loss, but a crime. A riot late tonight caused a mad rush in the trains and street cars and several were injured.

self to post such placards despite republicanism and declares "I have no more sympathies with the statement that Bryan is an enemy of industry that I do with the statement that Taft is a creature of trusts," and said that at the poll of manufacturers' associations the country had shown a majority of members in favor of the revision of the tariff.

### DIXON APPOINTED DIRECTOR

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Senator Joseph M. Dixon, of Montana, was today appointed by Chairman Hitchcock of the Republican National Committee as director of the speakers bureau of the Chicago headquarters. It was announced that Sherman will make first campaign speech in this city probably before the Hamilton Club on September 13th.

## SAYS REPUBLICANS ARE EXTRAVAGANT

### Bryan's Subject of Address Before Large Gathering at St. Paul—Leaves for Fargo

ST. PAUL, Aug. 31.—Secure in his knowledge that Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota his leading rival for nomination before the Denver convention, will loyally support him in the coming campaign in the northwest, William J. Bryan, the democratic presidential candidate, left for Fargo, North Dakota, tonight, where he will speak tomorrow.

At the Fair Grounds today, Bryan spoke for an hour to an immense crowd. The principal topic was Re-

publican extravagance. Addressing himself to the farmers, he declared they had a special reason for complaint because they paid more than their share of the taxes collected, and received less than their share of benefits which flowed from the expenditure of the corporations. He received a great demonstration upon being introduced by Governor Johnson, and in his preliminary remarks he took occasion to applaud the Governor and urge her hearers to assist in re-electing him as their chief executive.

## MEETS DEATH ON WAY TO ASTORIA

### Unknown Man on Steamer Hassalo Fall Overboard and Is Drowned—Body Not Recovered

PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—An unknown man, a passenger on the steamer Hassalo, bound for Astoria, fell into the Willamette river tonight as the vessel was passing the Union Oil tank, and was drowned.

The officers of the Hassalo made no report of the accident to the local authorities, so that it was impossible to learn the man's identity or to recover the body. As the man was seen

to fall overboard, an alarm was sounded, the incoming State of California and the steamer Charles R. Spencer and the Bailey Gatzert responding to the distress signal from the Hassalo.

The four boats played their searchlights on the river in the vicinity of the accident and although boats were lowered and men were sent to the assistance of the drowning man no trace could be found of him.