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THREE MEMBERS OF A WASHINGTON FAMILY DIE IN MYSTERIOUS MANNER

CANNOT FIND THE SOURCE

Wise Men Are All at Sea and Are Pondering Over All Manner of Theories, But None Are Very Conclusive.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Gas fumes, the origin of which has puzzled the coroner, the physicians and the police, yesterday killed three persons in one family in this city. An inquest will be held today upon the body of Mrs. Hebe Bremerman one of the victims, to solve if possible this mysterious case. Clarence Bremerman, a stenographer, employed at the library of Congress left home yesterday morning about 8 o'clock. On his return at 10 o'clock in the afternoon he found his wife and mother, Mrs. Helen Bremerman, aged 50, dead on the floor of the kitchen and the lifeless body of his 18 months old boy lying in a crib in the dining room adjoining.

A stifling odor permeated the air and the frantic husband, son and father, bereft of his entire family at one fell blow, was almost overcome before he could throw open the window and let in the fresh air.

A large gas range occupied one corner of the kitchen and nearby stood a small gas heater attached to a water boiler. The range was unlighted, but the heater was in operation and the iron frame was red hot.

Several physicians were immediately called in, but they found that all the victims had been dead for hours. The child's body was warm, indicating that it had been the last to succumb to the effects of the fumes.

Coroner Nevitt examined the three bodies and with the three physicians, made a close examination of the premises, none of them being able to advance any plausible theory as to the origin of the fumes.

There was a small hole in the heater about three inches in circumference and from this opening as clearly as can be judged, the police believe the fumes came. Their theory is that gas was generated by the illuminating gas coming in contact with some foreign substance at the bottom of the heater, but the heater was found to be free from dust and dirt.

The same theory is scouted by the coroner, who believes that the victims died from the fumes of marsh gas, the house being located in a low lying section of the city.

Several of the physicians advance a theory that some foreign matter became mixed with the illuminating gas and combined with the flow of water in the boiler, generated a noxious gas. All were puzzled as to how gas could overcome the women so quickly.

Both were apparently making for the door of the dining room when they were overcome. Both bodies were but a few feet from the stove.

Sewer gas was considered out of the question, owing to the fact that the plumbing was of the most modern type and there was no leak in any of the connections.

FOOTBALL VICTIM.

GREAT BEND, Kas., Nov. 7.—Charles Marker, a well known citizen of this city, died yesterday as the result of injuries received two weeks ago at a football game.

Mr. Marker was standing on the sidelines and ventured on the field. One of the players in circling the end collided with him. Marker was thrown to the ground and received a broken leg. After being taken home he became unconscious. He was 57 years of age.

CHICAGO'S BIG SCHEME.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—After four years discussion by the numerous city and state organizations the Miners & Manufacturers Association has brought to a focus a plan for the construction of a public hall building large enough to accommodate big conventions agricultural shows and industrial exhibitions. Yesterday's meeting of the board of directors of the association adopted resolutions that launch the plan finally determined upon. This contemplates the erection by the state of a \$500,000 building, somewhere within the jurisdiction of the South Park Commissioners, preferably on the lake front.

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CASHIER GOES WRONG.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—L. M. Contente, cashier of the Bank of Half Moon Bay, which is operated in connection with the French-American bank of this city is alleged to be under surveillance by an officer who holds a warrant for the arrest of Contente on a charge of embezzling the institution's funds. Contente is said to have taken at least \$3,000 and has confessed. The warrant is withheld, pending restitution which is declared to have been partially made. It is said that the cashier placed the embezzled funds to his credit in other banks and in his own where he had an account.

A GOOD SHOWING.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—The new British battleship Invincible, using seven tenths of her power, attained a speed of 25 knots today. It is expected that she will be able to make 30 knots under a full head of steam, thus breaking the world's record.

SUCCESSFUL CLOSE OF ST. MARY'S FAIR

MISS LEAHY WINS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WATCH FOR MOST POPULAR LADY.

MEDICAL MARVELS OF THE PASSING HOUR

TRANSPLANTING ONE DOG'S LEG TO BODY OF ANOTHER WITH SUCCESS.

PROVIDING NEW KIDNEYS

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7.—The wonders of experimental surgery accomplished at the Rockefeller institute for medical research in New York City were outlined yesterday before the opening session of the American Philosophical society in much greater detail than they have ever before been given to the public.

WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—John T. Eisele, Princeton graduate wearing the colors of the New York Athletic Club won the national ten-mile running championship of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States today making the race in 53:16 1-5. The American record is 52:38 2-5. Thirty-two started off of whom 15 finished within 58 minutes of the time limit, each receiving a medal.

STEAMER ABERDEEN ASHORE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—Advices received by the Merchants' Exchange states that the steamer Aberdeen is ashore at the entrance to South Bay near Eureka. The ship is resting easily and it is hoped she will be floated tonight at high tide.



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place the injured joint of a living person. A woman too weak to undergo a major operation, has had her arteries joined to those of her husband and with the added strength of her husband's circulation and heart action, has successfully undergone the shock of the surgeon's knife and survived an operation which she would have otherwise died from.

KEROSENE CAUSES DEATH.

SALT LAKE, Manitoba, Nov. 6.—The home of E. W. Carey, a farmer living a few miles south of here was destroyed by fire today and Mrs. Carey, five children and Miss Gillespie, a school teacher, perished in the flames. Carey was badly injured and cannot live. The fire was caused by lighting a fire in a stove with coal oil.

ANOTHER MARINE DISASTER.

TOKIO, Nov. 7.—News reached here today of the loss of the steamer Taish Mary, which was sunk off Otoro Islands during a storm. One hundred and fifteen persons were drowned. The vessel was crowded with fishermen and passengers and of those on board only 29 were saved.

Weather Forecasts.

The first attempt at scientific forecasting of the weather was the result of a storm which during the Crimean war, Nov. 14, 1854, almost destroyed the fleets of France and England. A storm had raged several days earlier in France, Vaillant, the French minister of war, directed that investigations be made to see if the two storms were the same and if the progress of the disturbances could have been foretold. It was demonstrated that the two were in reality one storm and that its path could have been ascertained and the fleet forewarned in ample time to reach safety.

A Bird of Paradise.

Four-year-old Frances is happy to be allowed to attend Sunday school at the graystone Episcopal church whose spire is visible from her home. When she returned after her first attendance she was asked by a kindly caller, "Where did you go this morning, Frances?" "I don't know the name of the church," she replied after a little thought, "but it's the one with the great long beak."—Exchange.

Always on Time.

A man who is constitutionally late surprised his friends by leaving the house at 1 o'clock to keep a 2 o'clock appointment. "Jim's watch must be wrong or he wouldn't have started so early," they said. "He will surely be on time today. Where in the world can he be going?" "He is going to a funeral," volunteered one who knew. "He is one of the pallbearers. Very seldom are pallbearers behind time. I have known men who were late on every other imaginable occasion—late for their own weddings, even—but if chosen for pallbearers they always came up to the mark."—New York Globe.

Medical Marvels of the Passing Hour

Among the latest achievements of science described by Dr. Alexis Carroll who has accomplished many of the most difficult experiments at the Rockefeller institute was the transplanting of one dog's leg onto another dog's body. The fox terrier patient assumed normal control of the new leg which was taken from a dead dog, and within three weeks the wound showed only a scar and the dog was up and around, on all fours, three that were originally his own and one of the late lamented other dog's.

The transplanting of cat's kidneys into another cat even after the organs had been in cold storage 60 days has proved entirely successful. Human arteries and jugular veins have been interchanged and the patients have not been able to tell the difference. Application of the experiments formed on dogs and cats to the rejuvenating of ailing humanity is in the announced opinion of Dr. Carroll entirely possible. Already knee joints from the leg of a dead man have been used to re-