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CHICAGO TRAGEDY REVEALS STARTLING NUMBER AND SIMILARITY OF CASES

CHICAGO, May 6.—The large volume in which Chicago records its unsolved mysteries has been opened again and a new entry has been made. This mystery is the case of "Mrs. C. A. Lewis" whose body was found in the lake near "Suicide Bridge" in Lincoln Park a week ago. The police are no nearer the identity of the woman than on the day the body was discovered. No legal claimant of the \$3750 belonging to the woman, which was found in a safe deposit box has been found. Among the missing "Mrs. Lewises" who have come to the attention of the police, none of which is believed to be the one whose body was found in the lake, are the following:
Mrs. Charles A. Lewis of Buffalo N. Y., sister of Mrs. F. Mooney, 317 Forty-third Avenue, Chicago.
Mrs. Charles A. Lewis of Kansas City, Mo., proprietress of the St. Nicholas Hotel, who disappeared about February 1, and is believed to have come to Chicago.
Mrs. Charles A. Lewis, 617 West Lake street, who has been missing for several months.
Mrs. Charles A. Lewis of Spokane, Wash.
Mrs. Annie Miller Lewis, recently married to C. A. Lewis of Dawson City, Alaska. She is reported to have started for Chicago with her sister, Mrs. Rose Gardner, 1223 Michian Avenue, before Christmas, and has not been heard of since.
Mrs. H. V. Lewis of Kansas City, Mo., who came to Chicago three months ago and has not been heard from.

ENTRIES ARE MADE.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Entries for the stakes of the Westchester Racing

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Northwestern National Insurance Company

Of Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 31st day of December, 1908, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital	\$1,000,000.00
Amount of capital paid up in cash	\$1,000,000.00
Income	
Premiums received during the year in cash	\$2,145,769.79
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	183,062.96
Income from other sources received during the year	
Total income	\$2,328,832.75
Disbursements	
Losses paid during the year	\$700,768.07
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	120,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	745,231.27
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	80,989.07
Amount of all other expenditures	230,019.86
Total expenditures	\$1,877,008.27
Assets	
Value of real estate owned	\$206,050.23
Value of stocks and bonds owned	3,381,058.26
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	1,158,204.84
Cash in banks and on hand	203,396.33
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission	225,793.96
Total admitted assets	\$5,174,503.62
Liabilities	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$101,656.78
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	2,614,975.51
Due for commission and brokerage	Nil
All other liabilities, conflagration reserve	\$175,000
And reserve for taxes due or accrued	55,000
Total liabilities	\$2,946,632.29
Total insurance in force December 31, 1908	526,686,047.00
Business in Oregon For The Year	
Total risks written during the year	\$2,197,092.00
Gross premiums received during the year	34,346.34
Premiums returned during the year	4,900.91
Losses paid during the year	20,777.63
Losses incurred during the year	20,501.38
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon, December 31, 1908	4,306,854.03

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OPIMUM SMUGGLING NOW LEAD COMBINE LATEST A STANDING THREAT TRUST MOVEMENT

SAN FRANCISCO AUTHORITIES DISCOVER AND THWART A CLEVER SCHEME.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—Details of a plot to outwit the Federal officials of this port and to evade the new statute which forbids the importation of opium into this country have come to the knowledge of the local surveyor. As the result more elaborate precautions have been taken against smuggling than have been used here in years. Under the cover of silence of the general impression is there would be no attempts made to smuggle opium into this country as long as the present bountiful supply of the drug held out, a well organized and generously financed ring, according to the customs officials was formed with agents in San Francisco and the Orient to conduct an illicit trade in the contraband. The first intimation of the conspiracy to evade the new law was conveyed to Surveyor of the Port Edward F. Woodward by the regular opium dealers of San Francisco, who feared that the dumping of a mass of contraband on the market would reduce their present enormous profits. A number of plainclothes men and special surveyors have been placed at work on the case, but how far their investigations have led them can only be surmised at the present time. It is generally admitted, however, that the headquarters of the alleged ring is in China with agents throughout the United States.

ORIGINATES IN LONDON AND EXTENDS HERE—CONTROL THE WORLD'S SUPPLY.

NEW YORK, May 6.—It plans which started in London mature on this side of the ocean as they are expected to do, a powerful combine will be effected to control seventy per cent of the world's supply and stock of lead, according to a cablegram to the Herald.
John A. McDonald of New York sailed yesterday from London to complete the deal here.
He is said to have effected a settlement of the differences between the so-called lead trust and the large Spanish interest. In an interview he is quoted as saying that the English interests have come into the plan of amalgamation and he has assurances that the Guggenheims and other large American owners will be favorably impressed. Mr. McDonald said that the price of lead, which has been \$68.75 a ton, is entirely too low, and is quoted as saying that the price could be from \$95 to \$100 a ton. The profits to the combine from the increase in price would vary from \$125,000,000 to \$225,000,000 provided the price does not go above \$100 a ton.

CHORUS REGISTERS KICK.

Rebel In Wearing Knee Length Dresses in Play.

BERKELEY, Cal., May 6.—Although one of their own number wrote the senior extravaganza which will be produced by the graduating class of the University of California, this month, the girls, who will appear in the chorus have risen in rebellion against wearing the knee length dresses planned for them. When their ultimatum was carried to Stage Manager Elmer Breckenfeld he said: "We are simply following the suggestions made by the writer." Miss Christina Krysto wrote the show and she is one of our most popular co-eds. Surely her taste is judicious. Then Professor William Dallam Ames of the faculty commission board advisory was called to the aid of the distressed co-eds and the result was a compromise whereby the girls are to wear dresses which will permit the bottom rim of the skirt to appear 12 inches above the floor.

NEW YORK LETTER

NEW YORK, May 6.—Spurred on by scores of parents whose daughters have within the week disappeared in the same city labyrinths from which Adele Boas has just been led, the police powers are to-day undertaking a desperate campaign to thread and trace the by-ways of this metropolis, where any wanderer may now bury himself beyond hope of discovery. Special squads of detectives are being set at work on the slight clues which the stricken fathers and mothers can give of the many girls who have been suddenly missed from home and swallowed up completely in the oblivion of the rush of the town. Hospitals, hotels and every place of possible resort are to be strictly canvassed and compelled to report to the authorities each case that might possibly mean a straggler from the home circle. Beyond taking a firm grip on all the sinister agencies that lie in wait for wandering daughters throughout this city, the police chiefs believe they should put themselves in a position to lay hands on the lost with much less blind groping than they went through for the Boas girl.

SPRING STUNTS.

Clothes lines are at a premium, feathers scarce and popguns selling feverishly about this town to-day as the small boy whoops out on the trail over hack yards and parks in joyous imitation of the only Buffalo Bill who has just encamped up at Madison Square Garden. There are shows and shows in Gotham, but none of them ever infects the boys, both big and small, with this particular form of Dementia Americana. For these three weeks in spring, while the Hon. William F. Cody hunts braves and buffalo to the delight of an arena full of youngsters, stray cats hergeabouts run for their lives as the reflex action strikes all boydom.

BRIDGE BURDENS.

Watching four slender cables strain and sag in holding thousands of tons of steel over East River where the great Manhattan Bridge is being swung, a million daily pilgrims from Brooklyn Borough are today becoming deeply worried over the future of the promised outlet for their rush hour crushes. From the span of the veteran Brooklyn Bridge which is wearing away from its constant overload of inter-borough traffic, the crowds have eagerly scanned each stroke that has hung the neigh-

boring bridge monster high across the river. Soon the historic Brooklyn Bridge must be closed and equipped with fresh sinews to play Atlas to all the world of Brooklyn. Now the great sister skeleton that must take up the burden is visibly sinking inch by inch, while its supporting strands of cable look to be hard drawn and sadly straightened. Engineers declare that only a temporary problem of balance is making things look out of kilter on the new river roadway; but no one here will breathe freely till the immense structure is put firmly on its feet.

BATTLE FOR BIRDS.

While fruit rather than feathers for the most part adorn the inverted bucket style of headgear which the ladies are now sporting under the spring sun, a crafty band of Broadway feather dealers have to-day succeeded in having bird butchery for millinery purposes legalized for another year in the closing whirl of the legislature of this state. Opposed at every step by the forces of the National Association of Audubon Societies and the 83,000 farmers of the state grange, who have battled for the birds that check crop pests, these feather sellers have finally succeeded in killing all attempts at a law for real bird protection. To leave the feathered crop guards a prey to the demand for women's hat trimmings for even one year more will sadly deplete the already waning bird resources of the Empire State, the authorities declare. From the headquarters of the Audubon workers in this city there has come the assurance to-day, however, that the fight for the birds will not be dropped but pushed by every farmer, orchardist and ranchman of the country till the agricultural interests of the land are recognized by the law-makers instead of the lobbying of a few selfish dealers in bird scalps.

MOURN METROPOLE.

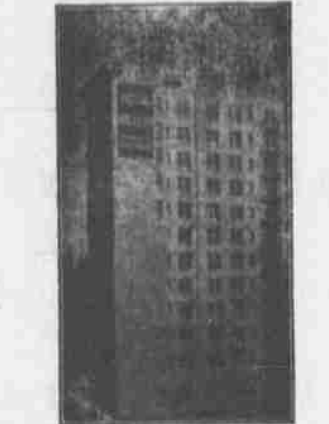
With the placing of a padlock on the dismantled front of the old Hotel Metropole to-day, Gotham is seeing the last of what has been the favorite resort of its choicest circle of sporting gentry for many, chapters of

white light history. To every frequenter of upper Broadway after dark the Metropole has meant the hub about which all the night life of the metropolis revolved. In the recesses of its cheerful cafe every sporting event of recent years has been planned and every move of the leaders of the gambling underworld plotted. Horsemen, pugilists, baseball players, jockeys, actors, book-makers, promoters and gamblers met and made merry within the walls of this old-fashioned establishment in the vortex of Broadway's night activities. Now that the Metropole is no more, its conclaves will be scattered through a dozen more modern and less picturesque hostleries, no one of which can ever take its place to the minds of its old-time frequenters.

HOW HE GETS SUBJECTS.

"But, of course it happens with every one that the brain is sluggish sometimes, and I have invented a little spur for such occasions. Will you just help yourself to that square cardboard on that chair over there—that's it."
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"I turned it and came on 'Oxford.'"
"Now spin the other one for the atmospheric conditions."
"This brought me 'June clouds.'"
"You see; Oxford, in June. Very easy to paint Magdalen Gardens under June clouds—and so it goes. But I seldom have to use my machine, as my mind is full of the places I have seen."
"Wonderful man! If men had never humored their laziness we would have had no great inventions. Why could not authors have a plot dial and a character dial? It might change the style of stories now current."

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