

MRS. M. A. POWELL'S STORY OF MURDER



MRS. MARY ANN POWELL, CONVICTED OF MURDER.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Dover, Del., May 21.—Mrs. Mary Ann Powell is reported to be ill since her incarceration. Mrs. Powell was found guilty of murder in the second degree May 1. She killed her adopted daughter, Estelle Albin, last February 9. One hundred and seventy wounds were found upon the body of the murdered girl, most of them made with a knife. In three signed confessions, the second amplifying the first, the third corroborating the other two and declaring that she was not coerced, Mrs. Powell admitted the murder. These confessions were obtained February 15 and 16 by State Detective James P. Rutledge.

"I killed her because my husband was unfaithful to me and mistreated me on her account," was the statement of Mrs. Powell.

Her confession follows:
On Tuesday, February 9, 1904, about 9:30 a. m., I put my dinner pot on, put the meat in it and then I picked up some empty catsup bottles and glass fruit cans and took them up in the garret, and Estelle Albin came up there. I asked her what she wanted and she mumbled something I could not understand. She looked so ill and as if she would do something to me if I had a chance, and I hit her three times with a catsup bottle.

The first time I hit her on the right side just above the ear, and she turned around and I hit her on the left side, and then she went down and kind of on her knees and then I hit her on the back of the head. She then fell over on her face and I caught her by the

shoulder. Then I took that knife out of my pocket. I had it to rip some of my sewing; that was how I came to have it in my pocket. I then cut her throat. I did not cut her any other place intentionally. All the cuts she had on her hands and arms was done by her trying to keep me from cutting her throat. I don't know how she was cut just above the forehead in the edge of her hair. I might have struck her there, but I don't remember. I was so mad and excited. I can't remember just how many times I hit her. Mr. Rutledge, I was driven to this by my husband mistreating me over Estelle. I had seen him hugging and kissing her several times. I have caught them together lots of times and places.

After I cut her throat she turned over on her right side and I thought she was about gone, and I stuck the knife into her right hand. I then went on downstairs and left her. My apron was bloody and I burned it in the cook stove down stairs. The blood I got on my dress, I just took a little wet rag and wiped it off. The blood on my sleeve, which you have there, is her blood. I did not know it was there—it soaked through my sleeve. I wiped the blood off my dress sleeve with a wet rag.

Even Chief Justice Sprague and Associate Justices Grubb and Joyce shuddered as the above statements were read in an even monotone. Reflecting their feelings there was a gasp of relief among the 500 men and women massed in the room. Attracted by morbid curiosity nearly half the spectators were women, and three of them swooned before the reading was concluded.

Until this stage of the proceeding Mrs. Powell's composure had been amazing. Seated in the dock in the rear of the middle of the room and directly facing the judges and a majority of the audience, she had beguiled herself by studying those about her.

Only when the admissions of guilt were read did she change color as with downcast eyes she placed her hand over her face as though to ward off the glances focused upon her.

Counsel for the defense in a dramatic address to the jury frankly admitted that the defendant had caused the death of Estelle Albin, but declared that no confession of guilt had ever been made. "The admission of doing an act is not a confession of crime," he declared, "and I cannot believe that you will condemn this woman who is hovering in the dark. While God knows she had cause for indignation against the deceased, she never went into the attic room with murder in her heart."

BAKERS APPOINT STRIKE COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Bakers' union last night, a committee of five was appointed to conduct the strike. The members were empowered to take up the fight in whatever manner they deem best. They will get together today or tomorrow and outline a plan of campaign.

The banner question was discussed, but not submitted to a vote of the union. During the early part of the week, banners were carried in front of several of the bakeries against which the union has a grievance. The State Federation of Labor did not approve of the plan and entered protest. It was finally decided to dispense with the banners and the members of the union agreed to take the subject up at its next meeting. Those who were in attendance at the gathering last night say that this question has been left to the discretion of the new committee.

Since the strike occurred many of the members of the union have left the city. Others have secured employment in other lines in the city, and it is said that there are not more than 16 of the members now out of work.

Got His Corners Mixed.
From the Chicago Tribune.
Newsboy—All 'bout de big battle on de Yalloo!
Customer—What? And no lives lost?
Newsboy—Don't get me mixed wid de boy dat loses de lives, mister. He's on de nex' corner down.

Information Wanted.
From the Chicago News.
"I hope," said the fair maid, "that you are too much of a man to marry for mere filthy lucre."
"Well, I don't know," rejoined the bachelor who had leap-year hopes. "By the way, how much of the filthy stuff do you possess?"

JEROME WANTS TO INDICT CANFIELD

IT IS EXPECTED THAT TESTIMONY OF MILLIONAIRE CLUBMEN, FINANCIERS AND SOCIAL LIGHTS WILL CONVICT THE BOSS GAMBLER—SCHIEFF WILL TESTIFY.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.)
New York, May 21.—When the grand jury convenes Monday, District Attorney Jerome will ask it to find an indictment against Richard A. Canfield as a common gambler, under section 444 of the penal code.

It is expected that the indictment will be found on the testimony of millionaire clubmen, financiers, brokers and prominent social lights, and will contain a clause stating that the indictment is for a second offense, under which, if Canfield is ever tried and convicted, he will receive the full penalty of the law, amounting to a fine of \$1,000 and two years' imprisonment and hard labor in Sing Sing prison. The following witnesses subpoenaed this week by county detectives are chosen with a view of establishing the actual existence of gambling on the premises No. 5 East Forty-fourth street: John W. Gates, John A. Drake, James M. Waterbury, Jr., and Eberhard Faber.

The proof that the gambling-house was conducted by Canfield under the direct management of David Bucklin will, it is expected, be furnished by Joseph Isaacs and Sarafield P. Lavelle, who, it is understood, had contracts for attending to Canfield's estate for several years.

The Millionaire Reformer.
Mortimer Schiff, the son of Jacob H. Schiff, the millionaire reformer, whose recent return from Europe was followed by the gambling earthquake in the Western Union company, of which Mr. Schiff is a director, will appear before the grand jury as a voluntary witness.

Mr. Jerome's determination to proceed against Canfield without waiting for the decision of the appellate division of the court, in the case of the decision of Judge McMahon, sentencing him to jail for 15 days as a contemptuous witness, came when he learned that Canfield is in this country and has in private among his friends defied the district attorney.

No Witness Can Escape.
If the appellate division on points of law sustains the contention of Mr. Jerome that witnesses can be compelled to testify against their wish, even though their evidence might tend to incriminate them, no witnesses can escape from testifying except by refusing to answer and going to jail for contempt.

Whether Mr. Waterbury, Mr. Gates, Mr. Drake or Mr. Faber will prefer the common jail of this county and follow in the steps of Jesse Lewisohn in refusing to testify, will be demonstrated before the grand jury.

MILLIONAIRE'S GRIT PROVES LIFESAVER

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.)
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 21.—Archibald Rogers, well known as a yachtsman in Hyde Park, saved his own life today by pluckily mounting his horse after receiving a dangerous cut from an axe which he was using, and riding to the office of Dr. Weaver, in Hyde Park village, two miles away.

Colonel Rogers, who is wealthy, is devoted to outdoor life, and he spends much of his time in riding and walking about his estate, Cromwold, near Hyde Park.

He is fond of exercise, and sometimes works with a shovel or an axe upon his own grounds. He was engaged in trimming some trees this afternoon when his axe caught in a knotted branch. He gave it a sharp jerk to loosen it, and the axe in its descent struck his left forearm, inflicting a deep gash, which severed arteries and muscles. Assisted by one of his workmen Colonel Rogers immediately tied his handkerchief tightly around his arm to check the flow of blood, and mounting his swiftest saddle horse, rode at full speed to Dr. Weaver's office in the village, where the doctor took nine stitches in the wound.

The injured man was faint from the loss of blood, but after resting a short time he was able to return home on horseback.

WASHINGTON WANTS EARLY CONVENTION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., May 21.—A pronounced sentiment in favor of an early convention is making itself felt among the members of the Democratic state committee. There is scarcely any question but the committee meeting of June 11 will call a convention to nominate a state ticket not later than the early part of August.

Sentiment in favor of a July convention is gaining strength rapidly and it is possible a meeting will be held immediately after the national meeting at St. Louis.

SEATTLE DIRECTORY POPULATION.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, May 21.—Seattle's new city directory places the population at 150,000, or with the suburbs 170,000.

BEST HORSEWOMAN ON HOW TO MOUNT



MRS. ADOLPH LADENBURG.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.)
New York, May 18.—Testimony as to the characteristics and pedigree of steeplechase horses and hunters, as given by Mrs. Emily S. Ladenburg, who was referred to by counsel as the most expert horsewoman in America, sufficed to attract a large attendance of fashionable folk to the supreme court this week when Mrs. Ladenburg testified in opposition to the suit brought against her by James O'Gara, her former groom for \$15,000 damages for injuries resulting, he alleges, from a kick from Mrs. Ladenburg's mare Ninette.

O'Gara, in his testimony, had sworn that he received his injury while assisting Mrs. Ladenburg to mount her mare, Ninette, and said the horse was vicious and had been made nervous by Mrs. Ladenburg's unusual manner of mounting from a chair. The correct way, he said, for a woman to mount was to spring into the saddle from the ground with the groom's assistance.

Mrs. Ladenburg was questioned by Lawyer Taft.

Q. What, in your opinion, is the usual and correct way for a lady to mount a horse?

A. I have mounted in every possible way—from blocks, steps, chairs and other elevations. The usual and correct way to mount with only one groom to assist is from a block or other elevation. I have also mounted from the ground with a gentleman to assist, and I have mounted unassisted.

Q. How did you mount in this particular instance? A. I stood on a chair. The mare was brought up to the chair, facing the open door. I put my hand on the pommel of the saddle and my foot in the stirrup and was about to spring when the mare moved away slightly. O'Gara gave two jerks on the bit and the mare backed until her legs struck a brougham. She rang forward and dragged O'Gara. He let go and fell to the floor. I did not see the mare's foot strike him at all.

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ARMY JILT MAY BE COURT MARTIALED

(Special Correspondence of The Journal.)
Washington, May 18.—Blushing like a schoolgirl and punctuating her words with many sighs, Miss Caroline Harold, the stately southern beauty who has been indicted in some remarks on the fickleness of the army officer, Caroline Harold has resumed the duties in the war department she resigned to become a bride.

Powerful influences have been enlisted in Miss Harold's behalf. United States

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Woes of Matrimony.
"Of course," said the husband who made a specialty of manufacturing excuses, "the truth is bound to leak out some time."

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