

Probably fair tonight and Tuesday, southwest to northwest winds.

GIGGLES ROB THE BODY OF MURDERED WOMAN

Poison Found in Bottle of Ginger Ale Which Killed Mrs. Kaaspar Van Dran Last Saturday Night.

LIQUOR WAS CHARGED WITH PRUSSIC ACID

Mystery of Poisoning Is Deepened by Statement That While Mrs. Monteith Was Summoning Help Some One Entered and Stole the Rings From the Stiffening Fingers.

At the morgue lies the body of Mrs. Minnie B. Van Dran, who died Saturday night as the result of poisoning by prussic acid, administered by an unknown assassin, and city police and private detectives are seeking to unravel the details of a murder mystery as sensational and baffling as the local department has been encountered.

In her home on Saturday night Mrs. Van Dran drank a glass of ginger ale, staggered across the room, fell gasping to the floor and died in agony before a physician could be summoned. As she lay dying, it is said, she was robbed of all her jewelry except her wedding ring. Neither the murderer nor the thief has been captured.

Deep mystery surrounds the case. She went walking with her husband and sister, Miss Mildred Monteith, Saturday evening and returned to her home at 10 o'clock. She and her sister went into the kitchen where she opened a bottle of ginger ale and poured a glass for herself and one for Miss Monteith. Immediately after drinking she laid down and died. Her sister and warned her sister not to drink. Her sister ran to help her and screamed for aid.

Miss Monteith rushed down the stairs calling for help. On the doorway of the house adjoining that of Dr. Dionysius, who recently came from St. Louis, he followed and tried to revive the dying woman while Miss Monteith went to the neighbors to call a physician. Dr. William Jones soon answered, but the woman was dead when he reached the house.

Should Despoil the Body.

Coroner Finley was summoned and took charge of the body. On the woman's fingers he found a plain wedding ring. Three rings, including a diamond and other jewels she had worn during the evening were missing, the husband and sister say.

Coroner Finley once began an investigation into the cause of death. He poured a drop of the stuff that remained in the glass from which the woman had drunk on a piece of linoleum. It turned a tiny hole through the cloth. There he found the prussic acid. He ordered a complete investigation.

The contents of the bottle and glasses were examined by Dr. Mary E. Parker and Dr. Marie D. Equi. The stuff was found to contain large quantities of prussic acid. Today the contents of the woman's stomach are being analyzed by Dr. Hampton and Dr. Parker. Convicted that the woman was the victim of a murder plot, the coroner immediately sent the police, who are being assisted by the coroner's deputies to solve the mystery.

Mrs. Van Dran was the wife of Kaaspar Van Dran, proprietor of the Washington cafe. She lived at 22 1/2 North Seventeenth street. They have been married five years and began housekeeping a month ago. Van Dran has until recently been conducting hotels in various cities of the state.

The Window in the Kitchen.

The residence is the second story of a flat that was completed a month ago. In the rear is the kitchen opening into a hallway that extends the entire length of the flat. Outside the kitchen is a porch connecting the house with the one adjoining, and in the kitchen is a window that opens from beneath and would permit the entrance of a person of small stature.

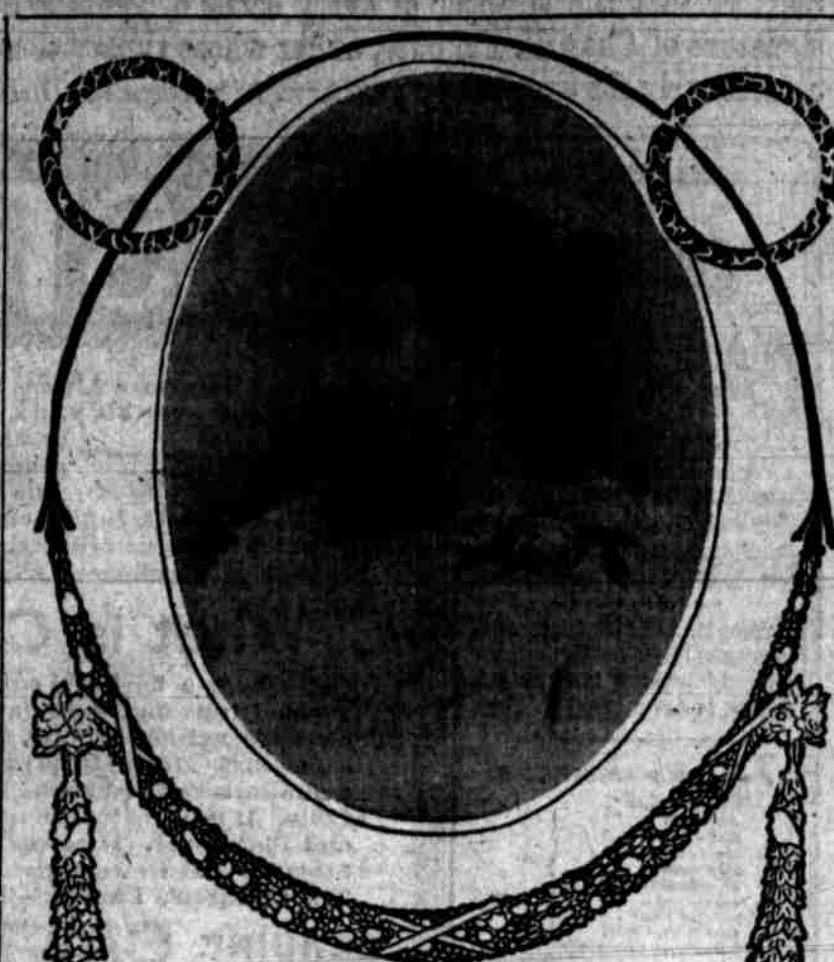
At 8 o'clock Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Van Dran were walking with Miss Monteith. They went down town and were returning when they passed the Washington cafe. Van Dran left them and went to a fete business matters, he said, but promised to go home soon. The women proceeded to the home.

Mrs. Van Dran said she was very thirsty and desired a drink. She was very fond of ginger ale, and a supply was usually kept at the home. Friday afternoon Mr. Van Dran took some ginger ale home with him. Two bottles were drunk then and the other two were placed in a bucket in which ice was kept. The bucket was placed in the kitchen immediately under the table by the window. One of the bottles was either substituted for one filled with the deadly poison or was tampered with by an assassin who stole into the room in the absence of the occupants.

Watchful Assassin.

The bottles remained in the bucket near the window from Friday night until Saturday night. Mrs. Van Dran remained at home all Friday evening and Friday night, and on Saturday until 6 o'clock.

Detectives assert that if the poison was put in the bottle by a person who secretly entered the house it was done while the occupants were away Saturday evening. They have advanced the theory that an enemy of Van Dran watched them leave and entered the place through the kitchen window. Mrs. Gore, a friend of the family who arrived shortly after the tragedy,



Mrs. Minnie B. Van Dran.

NORWAY CASTS 292,300 VOTES FOR, AND 136 VOTES AGAINST DISUNION

Almost Unanimous Decision to Break the Bonds That Allied Her to Sweden—King Oscar Turns Over Government Temporarily to Prince Gustav and Takes a Vacation.

(Journal Special Service.)
Christiania, Aug. 14.—By an overwhelming majority the Norwegian people yesterday voted in favor of the dissolution of Norway and Sweden. Out of 450,000 votes there were 320,000 ballots cast and at 9 o'clock this morning the count as far as had progressed showed 292,300 votes for dissolution to 136 against.

The voting took place among scenes of greatest enthusiasm everywhere. Women who could not vote signed petitions in the street endorsing the dissolution. In the cities the entire population turned out, every one being decorated in the national colors.

The storting will meet August 21, when the result of the vote will be communicated to the Swedish government and the request for dissolution be repeated to the riksdag. The storting will also express a willingness to negotiate relative to the details of the dissolution.

SHIPWRECKED CREW OF CORYPHENE IS RESCUED FROM WATERY GRAVE

Bark Strikes Reef Near Cape Prince of Wales and Goes to Bottom in Half an Hour—Those Aboard Take to Boats and Battle With Waves for Twenty-Four Hours.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, Aug. 14.—The bark Coryphene, Captain Milan, under charter for trading purposes between Nome and Siberian points to F. B. McLeod, Saturday morning struck a reef 15 miles from Cape Prince of Wales and went to the bottom in half an hour. The crew and passengers, numbering 30, took to the small boats and were rescued last night 25 miles from the scene of the disaster by the steamer, formerly the revenue cutter, Corwin.

This information is contained in a special cable received this morning from Nome. At the time of the rescue the seas were running high and several times during the work the small boats were threatened. Captain West of the Corwin, after the rescue, headed his vessel for Nome, where he landed the shipwrecked, all suffering from the effects of their 24-hour fight with the waves.

WEDDED SAME BRIDE TWICE WITHOUT KNOWING IT

Montana Man Remarries Twenty Years After He Was Divorced—Woman Aware of It.

(Journal Special Service.)
Twin Bridges, Mont., Aug. 14.—Remarried 20 years after they had been divorced, the man not knowing when the marriage ceremony was performed that the woman at his side was his former wife, was the matrimonial experience of Mr. and Mrs. James Hurbutt, who are enjoying their second honeymoon in the east. The woman, however, knew the secret, but found enjoyment in not revealing it until after they were again united.

HARD ROADS WANT MAKER DUES IN PUBLIC TO GRAVE WITH NEGRO EDUCATOR

National Reformers Address Civic Conference and Tell Harsh Truths About Municipal Dishonesty.

FRANCHISE STEALS SELDOM MOLESTED

John Warner of New York Bar Association Tells Convention That Big Steals Are Easiest and That Reform Forces Are Badly Generalized and Usually Outwitted by Corporations.

They have erected an admirable little gridiron at the exposition and for the next four days America's modern "statements" will get the grilling of a century. Some of the eloquent and scathing tongues of the country are here to superintend the work and it has begun.

Mayor Opens Conference.

The Administration band marched to the hall shortly before 9 o'clock and drew the crowd in that direction. While it played sniveling airs the principal participants in the conference greeted each other informally for half an hour and finally Mayor Harry Lane called the assemblage to order.

The mayor, after a few words of welcome to the guests of the exposition, introduced H. W. Goode, who welcomed the conference to the exposition. Mr. Goode said he knew of no event of greater importance than the gathering of so many brilliant minds and it gave him the extreme pleasure to bid them welcome to the fair.

Wagner's stirring address.

The topic of the day, "The Battle Against Corruption," was taken up first by John DeWitt Warner, a prominent member of the New York Bar association and president of the art commission of New York.

Mr. Warner is a man of stalwart physique and mature, forceful ideas. He expresses them in plain English; he strikes out from the shoulder with remarkable effect. He stirred the audience to great enthusiasm, especially by his keen satire and burning sarcasm. He confined his remarks to New York, but remarked parenthetically that too many cities in the United States were suffering as is the metropolis.

New York Times of Fight.

"New York is just now battling with corruption," said Mr. Warner. "The district attorney is vigorous, but it is we who have plenty of corruption. We have more in late years than ever before. The franchise steals in gas and transit are so enormous that they make Tweed look like a child."

"This, with debauchery in our state legislature and city administration, furnishes a condition unparalleled. We hold indignation meetings—yes!—but we do nothing. It is easy to see why our protests do not count. They did so in 1894 and in 1901, but then we were aroused against police league with vice. Our good citizens and everybody else could unite on that issue. But franchise corruption is another matter. Too many of our friends are in it to make the issue attractive. In fact, we are trying to find some other issue."

SWITZERLAND BANISHES REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS

(Journal Special Service.)
Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 14.—Swiss police, at the request of the governments of Russia and Turkey, are driving out revolutionist leaders from their headquarters in this country.

Causes a Sensation in Saratoga Hotel by Bringing Booker Washington to Table as His Guest.

COLORED MAN ESCORTS MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER

Wife of Barclay Warburton Walks Down Long Line With Founder of Tuskegee—Hotel Guests Object to Reception of the Negro, Which Is Against the Rules of the Hotel.

(Journal Special Service.)
Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 14.—A sensation was caused among the guests of the United States hotel yesterday by the appearance of Booker T. Washington at dinner in the great dining-room. Washington was the guest of John Wanamaker, former postmaster-general, and acted as escort for Mrs. Barclay Warburton, Wanamaker's daughter while Wanamaker walked to the table with J. R. E. Roberts. As they marched down the long line of tables every eye of the hundreds of guests was directed toward the negro educator and former cabinet minister.

DRINKING IN ARMY LIFE IS CAUSE OF TAGGART DIVORCE AND SCANDAL

Major Says His Capacity Was Three Glasses of Beer—Began to Doubt His Wife at the Time of Episode With Lieutenant Fortesque—Assault on Wife Cause of Separation.

(Journal Special Service.)
Wooster, Ohio, Aug. 14.—Major Taggart was on the stand again this morning in the divorce case brought against his wife. Every artifice was used by the defendant's attorneys to confuse him. He controlled his temper with difficulty. Asked why, when he found his wife drinking to excess, he did not banish liquor, he replied: "I thought the proof would answer the same purpose, as I thought she would use liquor thereafter in moderation."

He said that his sideboard was known as the "chicks' bar" and that the chicks were young women guests. He said that he never heard of the sideboard being Tag's bar. He said that he did not reprove his wife merely because her talk annoyed him, but objected to her drinking at all.

Taggart said that when he lived at Fort Thomas he believed everything his wife said. He began to doubt her word at the time he saw her come from a cellar in his home with Lieutenant Fortesque. He said that he first reprove her at a cotillion at his house, when she got drunk after the guests had gone away all decorous. The witness said that during the party he was not intoxicated.

FULTON STATES THAT FEDERAL JUDGE FOR OREGON IS NOT YET NAMED

Senator Denies Saying That Judge Bean or Any Other Aspirant Has Been Chosen—Successful Candidate is Not Yet Known, Though Appointment May Be Made Any Day.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., Aug. 14.—The federal judgeship has not been settled. The president is likely to reach a conclusion regarding the matter almost any day now, but as yet the name of the judge to be is not known.

"Is it true that you have said Judge Bean would be appointed?" was asked of Senator Fulton.

"No, sir, it is not true," replied the senator. "I have said nothing about the matter. I will say to you now that Judge Bellinger's successor has not yet been named, and I will also say to you most emphatically that I have not said that any one of the aspirants would be appointed. It is too early as yet to make any statement about the matter."

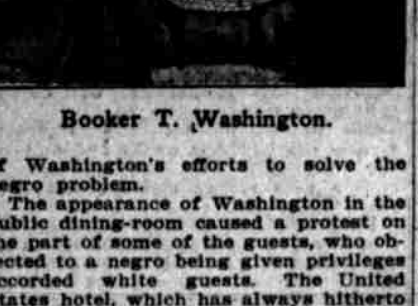
The rumor that Attorney-General Moody has recommended to the president as federal judge, photographed from Eugene today.

ARMED CLASH IN ORIENT

Linievitch Reports an Encounter With Japanese While Peace Envoys Discuss Terms of Settlement.

CZAR IS VERY EAGER TO SEE THE WAR END

Fresh Internal Troubles Engage the Attention of Official Russia—Strike Agitators at Riga Defy the Police and Urge the Soldiers to Join Revolt Against Autocracy.



Booker T. Washington.

of Washington's efforts to solve the negro problem. The appearance of Washington in the public dining-room caused a protest on the part of some of the guests, who objected to a negro being given privileges accorded while guests. The United States hotel, which has always hitherto barred negroes, raised no objections to the guest of yesterday.

Booker Washington's appearance in the various hotels of the north has made him a storm center since his entertainment by President Roosevelt two years ago. Last month his appearance as Fourth of July orator at Perth Amboy caused a bitter social war, which has not yet subsided.

RUSSIA INDIFFERENT.

Empire's Attention Is Concentrated on Internal Reforms—Strike Situation.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, Aug. 14.—The public is indifferent as to peace negotiations at Portsmouth. Attention is concentrated only on internal reforms. It is learned from an authoritative source that the czar is working strenuously for peace. The strike situation in Riga is worse. Agitators defy the police and urge the people to join the strike and the soldiers to revolt.

SCION OF SOCIETY IN LOVE WITH PRETTY NEGRESS

Riverside's Exclusive Set Scandalized by Eccentricities of Young Man.

(San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 14.—Riverside's exclusive set has been scandalized by the recent eccentricities of George Porter, the 17-year-old son of wealthy parents, who became enamored of a handsome negress, the daughter of German-African parents. When discovered he planned to elope and marry her, but his parents caught his arrest, and he was thrown into jail, charged with being a common vagrant.

GRAND AERIE IS IN SESSION AT DENVER

(Journal Special Service.)
Denver, Aug. 14.—The annual national convention of Eagles began this afternoon. The important work will begin tomorrow. Delegates representing every aerie of the order of Eagles from Maine to California are assembled here to attend the annual session of the grand aerie. The greatest of a new manifestation in the election of a new worthy grand president of the national lodge. It is believed that Henry D. Davis will probably be elected, as he has received pledges of support from many of the most important delegations. Mr. Davis was a candidate two years ago, but was defeated by Timothy Sullivan of New York.

King Goes to Harbin.

(Journal Special Service.)
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