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HOLY ROLLER LEADER SHOT DEAD

UNCLE JOE CANNON'S BOOM LAUNCHED UPON SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY



Speaker Joe Cannon, who celebrated his seventieth anniversary today.

Speaker Says That He Won't Refuse Nomination, But the Bee Is Not Bothing Him Any.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, May 7.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, was the man of the hour in Washington today. It was the seventieth birthday of the grizzled veteran from Illinois and from the time he appeared on the streets on his way to the capitol this morning he was kept busy shaking hands and listening to the congratulatory utterances of his friends and acquaintances.

Tonight there will be a reception at the Arlington hotel. In the evening, when Uncle Joe's boom for the presidency will be opened. Cannon says that he won't refuse a nomination, but no man can afford to be a candidate for the place. "The bee," he says, isn't bothering him any.

"Uncle Joe" for president was a remark passed around during the day by members of the Illinois delegation and other ardent admirers of Speaker Cannon. About the best that could be elicited from him was a smile and the remark, "Lovely, pleasant, complimentary," as he shifted his cigar from one corner of his mouth to the other and then passed on to the next group waiting their turn to present their congratulations.

Tonight at the Arlington hotel Mr. Cannon is to be the guest at a dinner given by the house of representatives in honor of his seventieth birthday. An affair has been planned on an elaborate scale and undoubtedly will be one of the biggest of its kind ever given in the national capital. The president, vice-president, the senate, the cabinet, the United States supreme court and public officials generally have been invited to attend.

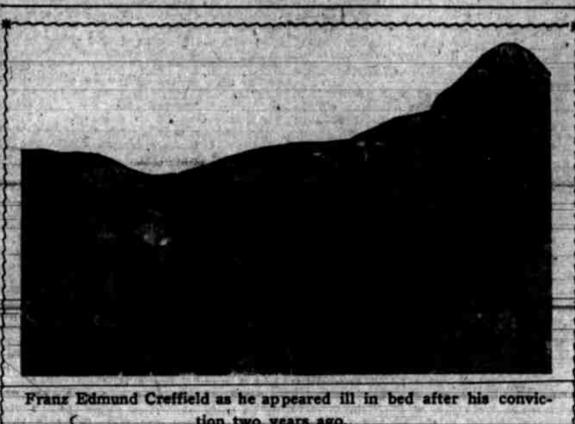
Although he has now reached three-score-and-ten, Mr. Cannon is hale and hearty, and as the statehood insurgents discovered to their sorrow, he is as full of fight as ever. His most intimate friends and associates in the house declare that "Uncle Joe" has no desire to become president. He himself has been heard to say on frequent occasions that his only ambition is to serve another term as presiding officer of the house.

MEMBER OF SMART SET KILLED BY HER MOTHER (Journal Special Service.) New York, May 7.—Miss Agatha Waters, a young member of the "Four Hundred," was shot and killed early this morning while in bed by her mother, Mary E., aged 52, wife of a prominent banker. The mother then committed suicide. It is thought the mother was temporarily insane.

BURGLARS LOOT VAULT OF L. Z. LEITER ESTATE (Journal Special Service.) Chicago, May 7.—Burglars last night looted the Levi Z. Leiter estate vault. Securities valued at \$150,000 are said to be missing.

DOG SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR MURDER (Journal Special Service.) Interlaken, Switzerland, May 7.—After a sensational trial at Belmont for the murder and robbery of a merchant last December, a crime in which a dog is proved to have participated, a man named Scherres and his son have been sentenced to the maximum penalty, imprisonment for life. The most curious feature of the trial is the fact of the complicity of the dog that occupied the attention of the court, which officially ordered that it should undergo the death penalty. The dog will accordingly be shot.

CREFFIELD KILLED BY HIS VICTIM'S BROTHER



Franz Edmund Creffield as he appeared ill in bed after his conviction two years ago.

MUSA WILL NOT BE TRIED FOR KUHN MURDER

Indictment Against Him Withdrawn at the Request of Assistant District Attorney—There Was Not Sufficient Evidence

Paul Musa will not be tried for the murder of Julius J. Kuhn. The charge against Musa was dismissed this morning by Presiding Judge Alfred F. Sears upon the request of Deputy District Attorney Harry B. Adams, who declared that the state did not have evidence enough to obtain a conviction.

The motion of Mr. Adams requesting that the case be dismissed, caused a ripple of excitement in the courtroom. There were present over a score of friends and neighbors of the prisoner who had come from Sandy this morning to act as witnesses in the trial, which had been set for today. Musa was not in the courtroom at the time the motion was made, having been taken by Deputy Sheriff Sam Downey into an adjoining jury-room to talk with relatives.

The first that the accused man knew of his case being dismissed was when an onslaught of friends rushed in to congratulate him. "What's the matter?" he asked as a dozen men tried to grasp his hand. "You have been let go and will not be tried," came the chorus reply.

Deputy Sheriff Downey, at first thought there was some effort being made to rescue the prisoner and was preparing to clear out the jury-room, when J. M. Long, Musa's attorney, entered and told the official the news. Musa's wife and brother were sitting by the prisoner when the news was told him. Mrs. Musa was almost overcome with joy.

"I wish at this time to dismiss the indictment against Paul Musa, who is charged with murder," said Mr. Adams this morning just as Judge Sears had requested Deputy County Clerk Bush to call the jury-roll.

"My reason for making this request is that the state has not enough evidence against the accused to secure a conviction," continued Adams. "At the time this information was filed enough evidence was given before the district attorney to warrant the holding of Musa, inasmuch as the police department informed us that they would be able to secure much more damaging evidence. But the police have not done so and the case stands just as it did at the time the information was filed."

"I wish to add a remark," said Mr. Long. "We have an overwhelming number of witnesses here to prove that Mr. Musa was not in the city the day of the crime." When seen early this morning, before the action of the district attorney had been taken, Musa said that he was feeling well and expected to have a quick trial and soon be released a free man. He said that he could prove by many friends that he was in Sandy the day Kuhn was killed, February 17. The prisoner declared that he was in Sandy, 15 miles east of Portland, from February 15 to 19, when he went to Hood River to work. He was arrested near Hood River several weeks after Kuhn was killed. The information against the prisoner was filed March 27. He has been in the county jail since that time, having been held in the city jail a week before being indicted.

The Modern "Joshua" Who Led Many Weak Minded Women Astray and Who Filled Insane Asylum With Followers, Pays Penalty of Crimes at Hands of George Mitchell, Who Slays Him in Revenge for Misdeeds.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., May 7.—Franz Edmund Creffield, self-styled "Joshua," leader of the Holy Rollers, was shot and instantly killed on First avenue near Cherry street at 7:10 o'clock this morning by George Mitchell of Portland. Creffield was the leader of the band of Holy Rollers that caused so much excitement at Corvallis, Oregon, three years ago. Mitchell made no attempt to escape after the shooting, but stood beside the body of his prostrate victim until Patrolman Lecount placed him under arrest. He told the police that he shot Creffield because he had ruined his two sisters, Mrs. Burgess Starr and Miss Ethel Mitchell.

As soon as he reached the city jail Mitchell asked permission to send a telegram. He sent the following to O. V. Hurt at Corvallis, the father of Creffield's wife: "I've got my man. I'm in jail here. 'GEORGE'." The shooting of Creffield was witnessed by his wife and a few other pedestrians. It took place outside the Quick drug store in the heart of the retail district. Mitchell has been in Seattle since Wednesday looking for Creffield.

Mitchell was walking up First avenue when he saw Creffield coming down First avenue with his wife on his arm. Mitchell stepped in close to the drug store and as Creffield and his wife went by he drew a .35-caliber revolver, sending a ball through the back of Creffield's head. The bullet came out above the right eye. Creffield fell to the sidewalk and was carried into the drug store and Dr. Borjes was summoned. Creffield's wife threw herself down by his side and wound her arms around his neck, kissing his lips and hysterically exclaiming at the same time: "He cannot die, he cannot die; he did no harm to George Mitchell." Dr. Borjes lifted her to her feet saying, "But he is dead, madam."

The woman was taken to police headquarters with her husband's slayer and held as a witness. The Creffields have been here for a little over a month. They have been living in a little attic room at 1414 Fifth avenue. The only furniture in the room was two chairs, a cheap table and a sleeping cot. The only clothes the woman had on was a tattered skirt and shirtwaist. Her husband yesterday promised to buy her a new skirt, and they were on their way to the store to purchase it when he was shot. Mrs. Creffield says her husband did not see Mitchell. She caught sight of him just as he pulled the trigger. Mitchell is 32 years old and gave his occupation as a laborer. At police headquarters he said: "I killed him; I have been looking for Creffield, and I got him. I have no regrets. I am willing to take any punishment that is meted out to me without a whimper. I did not kill a man, I killed a brute. He obtained a devilish influence over my two sisters and ruined them and I did only what any true brother would do."

The police agree with Mitchell and gave him the best quarters in the jail making his imprisonment as comfortable as possible. It developed that Creffield has been married here twice. Over two years ago Justice George married him. The marriage license and certificate shows a ceremony performed between "Franz E. Creffield" and Miss Ida M. Hunt. The police believe that Creffield gave incorrect names to his wife. His name is Creffield and not Carefield. His wife's name is Maude Hurt. They lived at Southeast Seattle for a time with Frank Hurt, the woman's brother. Two years ago Creffield was convicted on a statutory charge. Mitchell says his sisters told him that Creffield, or "Apostle Joshua," as he liked to be called, was greater than Christ. Creffield served two years in the penitentiary at Salem. While in the penitentiary his wife obtained a divorce from him. He got out of the penitentiary in February with good conduct allowance. He then went to Waldport, Oregon, and gathered about him the faithful followers who stuck by him. Threats of lynching drove him out of Oregon. He came to Seattle, where his divorced wife back and on April 3, little over a month ago, married her for the second time. He went out to Southeast Seattle and won her brother back. He sold his home and took the proceeds to Waldport to hold together his followers. Creffield was going to leave for Waldport in a few days.

STOLE WIFE'S FALSE TEETH TO GET GOLD FROM PLATES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., May 7.—Tacoma claims to have one of the meanest men in the state of Washington. Mrs. Ida A. Abelson has been granted a divorce from her husband, Simon, who she alleged borrowed money to get the marriage license when they were married four years ago, and who, when he deserted her a short time ago, borrowed all the money she had and then stole her false teeth to get a small amount of gold from the plates. An almost parallel case is that of Mrs. Dottie Davis, who was granted a divorce from Walter Davis. She alleges Davis married her, lived with her but 21 days and then robbed and deserted her. Still another divorce proceeding of an unusual character is the case of Job Lamley, who is suing his wife Sarah, whom he married at Chinook in 1883, for a separation. Lamley is nearly 80 and his wife is more than 70. The court has refused the divorce and is trying to reconcile the two.

DRAW SPANISH DON AS LOTTERY PRIZE

(Journal Special Service.) Madrid, May 7.—In the great Spanish national lottery a rich Spaniard named Olcina promised to divide \$25,000 of the grand prize if he won between the pretty laundresses in his quarter. Olcina won the grand prize and divided the \$25,000 between five of the prettiest laundresses, who in a transport of joy and gratitude, all offered to marry him. Entering into the spirit of the game Olcina offered himself as a lottery prize for the five. Manifestly the most beautiful of the lot, won, but she finally ceded the prize to another named Rosita, preferring an automobile to a husband.

SEA EATING UP WANT WOMEN ENGLAND POLICE

Royal Commission Appointed to Investigate Problem—Large Area of Island Is Swallowed Every Year.

(Journal Special Service.) London, May 7.—Englishmen realize that the sea is steadily eating up their little Isle. Everything the coast people can do to stop it has been done, but with small effect. Now a royal commission has been appointed to study the problem. Every year England loses a portion of her mainland equal to the Rock of Gibraltar, whose base covers nearly two square miles and whose summit is 1,500 feet above the sea. Since Caesar first set foot on Great Britain more than 100 square miles of land has disappeared. Roughly speaking, so much of England as still remains above the water lies in the form of an inclined plane, of which the lower edge is the east coast and the higher edge is the west coast. On the east coast the situation is a matter of personal danger to many people living in houses that may at any moment crumble about their heads. In some districts, such as Hakenfeld near Lowestoft, it is no unusual sight to see furniture hastily withdrawn in the dead of night from houses that a week before seemed centuries away from demolition by the waves. From the Tweed around the eastern (Continued on Page Two.)

Demand Is Made Upon Mayor of Bayonne, N. J., That Females Be Made Guardians of Peace. (Journal Special Service.) New York, May 7.—Mrs. Julius Goldzier of Bayonne, New Jersey, is heading a movement in that city for the appointment of women police to guard the morals of boys and girls while at play outdoors. Mrs. Goldzier is circulating petitions among the women of Bayonne for their signatures which says, in part: "We, the undersigned mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of the voters of Bayonne, who though not represented, are yet taxed, notwithstanding it is contrary to the cause of the revolution of 1776 and the constitution of the United States today, do hereby demand that the mayor and council take some definite action to provide for the appointment of women police." The mayor when he learned of Mrs. Goldzier's plan said: "This is certainly a tough proposition and I don't know just what action I will take when the petitions reach me. I want time to think it over."

Hard Coal Prices Reduced. (Journal Special Service.) New Haven, Conn., May 7.—Hard coal was reduced \$1 a ton here today.