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FORTUNE TELLER FACES GALLOWS

BOHEMIAN POSSESSED OF "EVIL EYE" MUST DIE

Alleged Worker of Devilish Black Arts Will Pay Death Penalty for Murder of Five Members of One Family—Feared by Countrymen—Priest Who Befriended Him Threatened With Assassination.

Chicago, June 11.—Herman Bilek, Bohemian fortune teller, hypnotist and wholesale assassin, is again face to face with the gallows.

Convicted of slaying Mary Vrzal here in 1905, and accused of causing the death by poison of five other members of the Vrzal family, Bilek is under sentence to expiate his crimes on the gallows tomorrow, when the reprieve granted by Governor Deenen will expire. Confident that he will finally be released, the Bohemian, who is declared by his countrymen to be possessed of "the evil eye" and to have made a compact with Satan, is not alarmed at his impending fate.

Among the Bohemians of Chicago there is a widespread fear that Bilek will be given his freedom and afforded another opportunity to work his alleged devilish black arts among them. It was probably due to this fear that Father O'Callaghan, head of the Paulist Order in this city, who has attempted to secure a pardon for the fortune teller, was recently warned to desist from his efforts on penalty of death. The warning to the priest was written in blood and signed with skull and cross bones, and threatened not only the death of the clergyman, but also that his church would be blown up by dynamite.

Great Hypnotic Powers.

That Bilek, convicted of the most horrible crimes and admittedly a fakir and a charlatan, should have been able to arouse the interest and compassion of clergymen, sisters of charity and influential lawyers, is a tribute to his hypnotic powers which his jailers cannot understand.

Bilek is 40 and stout. His mother is also a fortune teller and is known among Bohemians as a "witch." His complexion is dark. After a fashion he is good looking. He speaks Bohemian, German and English, the last brokenly. His eyes are small and dark and bespeak cunning. There is a strong vein of vanity in the man as indicated by his manner of dress and speech. The police say he is a "foxy" prisoner. Inspector Chippy has caught him lying a time or two but that he has not been caught often is a tribute to his skill in evasion and mendacity.

More than any other type Bilek resembles one of the French Macquerouxes as they are found in San Francisco—men who demand all of a woman's sin-earned money and her life when she quits producing money for him. His habitual attitude toward women is that of the superior being to the inferior. Perhaps this has had something to do with the wonderful control he has exercised over women.

Happy Family Destroyed.

Martin Vrzal owned a milk depot and was making money. He was a hard working man and had accumulated several thousand dollars by strict attention to his little business and by economy. He had seven children, all girls but one. Mrs. Vrzal helped him in the milk business, and the family was prosperous. Bilek moved into a house a few doors from the Vrzals and became a customer at the milk depot. From that day the Vrzal home was turned into a house of tragedy. Now there is no Vrzal home, only three of the family are alive and Vilek is facing the gallows.

Nowhere in crime history is there any record of a spell more complete than that cast by Bilek over the Vrzal family. Part of it may have been due to their belief in the fortune teller's occult powers, strengthened at intervals by displays of silly mummery by Bilek. And yet this family was no more superstitious than thousands of others. It is doubtful if they would have believed the same things from the lips of any other man. Mrs. Vrzal may have been insane in her infatuation for Bilek; but she was apparently normally-minded in everything else. And her husband's voluntary submission to the man was almost as great as Mrs. Vrzal's.

With this record of crime behind him there will be small regret on the part of anyone when this monster plays his last act in the drama of life. His "black art" and all his necromancy will not avail him when he stands on the trap door in the east end of the death corridor of the county jail. No "spell" will prevent the buckling of the black straps that pinion his arms to his sides and fasten together his feet and legs. No suspicion will deter the placing of the shroud about his head and body and no prying upon ignorance will deter the executioner from pulling taut the ready rope with its hangman's knot. And when the trap is sprung will there be one to regret his passing? Yes. For the 9-year-old daughter of the prisoner believes in her father's innocence; the wife he abused and neglected still loves him. As for the "witch mother," who can tell? After all, she is his mother.

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"After doctoring 15 years for chronic indigestion and spending over two hundred dollars, nothing has done me as much good as Dr. King's New Life Pills. I consider them the best pills ever sold." writes B. F. Ayscough of Ingleside, N. C. Sold under guarantee at Tallman & Co.'s drug store, 35c.

ECCENTRIC STAMPS.

Blunders That Bring Joy to the Hearts of Philatelists.

"The fascination of stamp collecting," said a postal official, "lies in the rare 'finds' which are continually made and the curious points which sometimes make a stamp of the face value of a few pence worth hundreds of pounds. For instance, the twopence blue Mauritius stamp which the Prince of Wales bought at a public auction for £1,450 was unique in one respect—the proper wording on it, 'Post Paid Mauritius,' had by a strange error been altered to 'Post Office Mauritius.'"

"Another stamp which has been priced at several hundred pounds is valuable for the mere misspelling of a single word. It is a British Guiana issue worth just 1 cent, but it is sought after by all collectors because the word 'Patinusque' figures on it instead of 'Petinusque.'"

"Again, a one penny Cape of Good Hope stamp changed hands the other day for nearly £200 simply because instead of being red, as are all the others of this issue, its color was blue."

"Some years ago in Western Australia a few stamps were printed with the figure of a swan upside down upon them. When the mistake was detected the issue was hastily destroyed. Several specimens had escaped, and one of them has been sold for £400."—London Tit-Bits.

THE SORROWFUL TREE.

Its Flowers Open at Night and Close With the Dawn of Day.

There is a tree in Persia to which the name "the sorrowful tree" is given, perhaps because it blossoms only in the evening. When the first star appears in the heavens the first bud of the sorrowful tree opens, and as the shades of night advance and the stars thickly stud the sky the buds continue gradually opening until the whole tree looks like one immense white flower. On the approach of dawn, when the brilliancy of the stars gradually fades in the light of day, the sorrowful tree closes its flowers, and ere the sun is fully risen not a single blossom is visible. A sheet of flower dust as white as snow covers the ground around the foot of the tree, which seems blighted and withered during the day, while, however, it is actively preparing for the next nocturnal festival. The fragrance of the blossoms is like that of the evening primrose.

If the tree is cut down close to the roots a new plant shoots up and attains maturity in an incredibly short time.

In the vicinity of this singular tree there usually grows another which is almost an exact counterpart of the sorrowful tree, but less beautiful, and, strange to say, it blooms only in the daytime.

Strong Rooms.

The Bank of England's strong room is one of the largest in the world. The foundation, sixty-six feet below the street level, is a bed of concrete twenty feet thick. Above this is a lake seven feet deep, and above that thick plates of iron specially manufactured to resist both skill and force. Any one attempting an entrance from above would find a similar bed of concrete, a similar lake and similar plates of iron. The walls are impenetrable, while the doors are one foot thick, weigh four tons each and are made absolutely undrillable.

The Imperial Ottoman bank, Constantinople, had a marvelous steel fort built upon a water bearing rock, and on top of the rock foundation is a four foot bed of concrete. The height is over thirty-six feet, length forty-six feet and width twenty-four. The steel walls are surrounded by masonry and concrete six feet thick throughout, while the whole comprises nearly thirty tons of steel.

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A Fish Mystery.

One strange feature of this sea life of the tropics is the regular recurrence of migratory swarms of fish of very small size that return in huge numbers year after year with such absolute regularity that the natives calculate on the event on a certain day in each year and even within an hour or two of the day. One such swarm of fish forms the occasion of an annual holiday and feast at Samoa. The fish is not unlike the whitebait for which the English Thames has so long been celebrated, and each year it arrives at Samoa on the same day in the month of October, remains for a day or at the most two days and then disappears entirely till the same day of the following year. Why it comes or whence no curious naturalist has yet discovered, nor has anybody traced its onward course when it leaves the Samoan group, but the fact is unquestionable that suddenly, without notice, the still waters of the lagoon which surround each island within the fringing reef become alive with millions of fishes passing through them for a single day and night and then disappearing for a year as though they had never come.—London Standard.

The Armenians.

The history of Armenia is not cheerful reading. With the exception of occasional brief periods, the Armenians have been almost continually under some foreign rule. Assyrians, Babylonians, Medes, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Parthians, Saracens, Mongols and Turks have each in turn dominated the country, and of all these successive foreign yokes the present one, that of the Turks, has been the longest and the heaviest. The highest activities of the Armenian people today are not to be found in Armenia proper, but rather in the marts of prominent cities the world over. This is especially noticeable in Constantinople, Smyrna and other cities of the Levant, where the marked aptitude of the Armenian in business enables him practically to dominate the commercial situation. One example is the oriental rug trade, which is practically controlled by Armenians not only in the east itself, but also in many western countries.—Argonaut.

How Sandy Fooled Sandy.

An old gentleman in a village not far from Glasgow breakfasted every morning on porridge and in order to save fuel cooked a whole week's supply every Saturday. One Friday morning the stuff seemed very cold and very salt, and he felt he must abandon the struggle to eat it. But his stubborn nature forbade any such thought. So he fetched the whisky from the cupboard, poured out a glass and placed it before him on the table.

"Now, Sandy," said he, "if ye eat that porridge ye'll hae that whisky, an' if ye don't ye won't."

He stuck again at the last spoonful; but, keeping his eye steadily on the glass of whisky, he made a bold, brave effort and got it down. Then he slowly and carefully poured back the whisky into the bottle, with a broad grin, as he said to himself, "Sandy, my lad, I did ye that time, ye auld fule!"—Dundee Advertiser.

One Hair Astray.

A guest at a certain fashionable hotel recently had a grrouch. He carried it to the proprietor.

"Look here," he said, "things around here are just about as rotten as they make them. When I went to lunch today I found hair in the ice cream, hair in the honey and yair in the apple sauce. Now, what do ye think o' that? Is that a good hotel?"

"Well," replied the genial proprietor, "I can explain the hair in the ice cream. That likely came from the shaving of the ice. And I suppose that the hair in the honey came off the comb. But I don't understand about the hair in the apple sauce. I bought those apples myself, and they were every one Bald-wins."—Columbus Dispatch.

DEMOCRATS ARE READY FOR BATTLE

PLATFORM ADOPTED AND ELECTORS NAMED.

State Convention Finishes Its Work and Flings Out the Banners to the Breeze—Bryan Is Endorsed, Delegates and Presidential Electors Chosen and the Campaign Is Open.

The democratic state convention has finished its work at Portland, adopted a platform, elected national delegates and presidential electors and emphatically endorsed William Jennings Bryan.

The convention was most successful throughout and the leaders are pleased with the result of their work. A vigorous campaign will now be made throughout the state and prominent speakers will be brought from the east to urge the election of democratic presidential electors.

The presidential electors and delegates to the national convention are as follows:

- Presidential Electors.**
E. S. J. McAllister, of Multnomah.
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Bernard Daly, of Lake.
O. P. Coshov, of Douglas.
Delegates-at-Large.
M. A. Miller, of Lane.
R. D. Inman, of Multnomah.
W. F. Matlock, of Umatilla.
J. O. Booth, of Josephine.
Alternates.
Dr. H. L. Henderson, of Clatsop.
John Manning, of Multnomah.
James H. Beaman, of Jackson.
J. D. Slater, of Union.
First Congressional District.
Dan J. Fry, of Marion.
L. M. Travis, of Lane.
Alternates.
J. E. Hodges, of Clackamas.
Edith Riggs, of Polk.
Second Congressional District.
D. M. Watson, of Multnomah.
C. K. Henry, of Multnomah.
Alternates.
John C. Welch, of Multnomah.
George B. Cullison, of Wasco.

The Platform.

The following is the platform adopted by the Oregon democrats at their state convention in this city yesterday:

Resolved, That the democratic party of Oregon, that it congratulates the people of Oregon on its successful and intelligent operation of the initiative and referendum, by and through which they have secured a direct primary law, and the election

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And we denounce the present payment of \$4400 per year for annual rent, as a graft pure and simple, and that the same money might be more justly used to advance the pay of the under-paid and over-worked letter carriers.

Resolved, That we urge that congress enact an amendment to the interstate commerce act, whereby the interstate commerce commission may, at its discretion, upon proper complaint, suspend tariffs and investigate advances in freight rates as to their reasonableness before becoming effective.

Resolved, That we recommend the method of guaranteeing bank deposits both national and state, as provided in the Oklahoma constitution, and as advocated by Hon. William Jennings Bryan, and we favor postal savings banks.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the administration of Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain in the interests of the whole people, and we recommit ourselves to the established law of electing United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Resolved, That the democracy of Oregon is a unit in favor of that eminent statesman, William Jennings Bryan for President of the United States, and that the whole people of the state look with favor upon his candidacy. We pledge our delegation in the national convention about to assemble in the city of Denver, to vote for him as long as he is a candidate.

Mrs. S. L. Bowen of Wayne, W. Va., writes: "I was a sufferer from kidney disease, so that at times I could not stand straight. I took Foley's Kidney Remedy. One dollar bottle and part of the second cured me entirely." Foley's Kidney Remedy works wonders where others are a total failure. Pendleton Drug Co.

To Prevent Frost.

E. Z. Carbine has been investigating the practical points of a frost preventive in orchards, which has recently been invented at Grand Junction, Col., says the La Grande Observer. It is a can-shaped object which burns crude oil and a set of them placed in an orchard will, if ignited at the proper time, prevent freezing of fruits. The system has been generally adopted in the fruit-growing districts of Colorado and Utah, and if Mr. Carbine finds them up to expectations as reports says, he will make it a point to lay in a store of them.

In Colorado, it is said, the cans have saved many acres and acres of orchards by timely lighting of a match to the oil can.

Mr. Carbine left for Utah today and before returning will know the exact worth of the new machine, which may next year be the means of saving much money for Grande Ronde fruitgrowers.



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