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SCIENCE HEALER FOUND SLAIN IN OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. Rebecca P. Gay, Divorced Wife of John Gay, Multi-Millionaire of San Diego, Brutally Murdered in Los Angeles.

No Clues Left by Assailant and Motive Unknown—White Slave Gang Suspected.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 27.—Mrs. Rebecca P. Gay, a Christian Science practitioner, divorced wife of John Gay, multimillionaire of San Diego, was found murdered in her office in a downtown office building early today. She had been beaten over the head until her brains exuded, with a piece of 3-8 inch gaspipe wrapped in brown paper. The pipe lay beside her body.

The murderer evidently had tried to drag the body to a window opening into an shaft, to throw it to the court below. Failing, he had covered it with books and Christian Science literature pulled from a table.

Found by Janitress
The body was found by a char woman, who screamed and then fainting. Janitors hearing her outcry notified the police.

The floor and walls of the office were spattered with blood. Tables and chairs were overturned.

Coroner Hartwell examined the body and said life had been extinct at least ten hours. Night Watchmen at the building declared no one had entered or left the building since 7 o'clock last night, to the best of their knowledge.

Mrs. Gay was about 55 years of age. She was among the best known Christian Science practitioners of Los Angeles.

Last Seen Alive Friday
Mrs. Gay was last seen alive by her friends when she left her rooms at the Magalia apartments early yesterday to go to her office. She said she would return before night.

Her hat and coat were found today on a table in the office, lying beside her handbag. Detectives believe she was about to leave her office when the murder was committed.

The murderer did his work with fiendish abandon. Splurts of blood stained the ceiling above the body and bloody wisps of hair were scattered about the room.

Killed by Gas Pipe
Several teeth, knocked from the woman's jaws by the force of the gas pipe blows, were scattered on the floor. The jaw was broken.

The gas pipe apparently had been carefully prepared for its part. It had been wrapped and wound with brown wrapping paper, possibly to deaden the sound of the blows. It is held by the police as the only possible clue to the murder yet unearthed.

A promising line for the searchers for Mrs. Gay's murderer was opened up late today when it became known that she and other Christian Science practitioners here had been threatened with death by a gang of white slavers who operated under the guise of Christian Science practitioners.

Gay Ill at Home
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 27.—John Gay is confined to his bed in his home at Lakeside today, having been ill for some time.

"Mrs. Rebecca I. Gay and I were married in the Parish of Iberville, La., December 20, 1877," Gay said to a reporter. Her name before our marriage was Rebecca I. Conner, and her home was in Natchez, Miss. "I have seen her only once since our divorce."

ADMITS KILLING WIFE BY BURYING WOMAN ALIVE

Clyde Wilkinson of Kokomo, Ind., Confesses to Murdering Spouse—Took Her Into Cornfield, Beat Her Badly and Threw Her Into Grave.

Remains Found by Neighbors, Who Continued Search for Two Weeks After Family Moved Away.

KOKOMO, Ind., Sept. 27.—Clyde Wilkinson confessed today that he murdered his wife, Anna. He added that he believed he did it by burying her alive. Of this, however, he was not quite sure. It was possible that she was already dead when he threw her into the grave he had himself hastily dug.

Until recently Wilkinson, his wife and their two young sons lived on a farm near Kokomo. Husband and wife quarreled and the latter left the farm, August 28 she disappeared from Kokomo. About two weeks later Wilkinson sold his belongings and went with his sons to Logansport.

Found in Cornfield
In the meantime, neighbors had been hunting for the wife. They continued their search after Wilkinson had left. Today they found the woman's body in its grave in the cornfield on the Wilkinson farm.

It lay face downward with the legs doubled up, for the grave was too short. Though badly decomposed, the face was recognizable. The skull had been crushed in.

The police at Logansport were communicated with by wire. Wilkinson was arrested and brought here at once. On his arrival he made a full confession.

"I lured Anna to her death August 28," he said, "by telling her that our boy, three years of age, was sick and needed her."

Makes Full Confession
"She came and I took her into the cornfield, where I begged for a reconciliation. She refused, so I knocked her down and kicked her on the head."

"I dug her grave right where she fell and threw her in. I think she was alive when I did it. Then I filled up the grave."

"I told the boys their mother had gone away, never to return."

The police here admit that when Mrs. Wilkinson left for the farm she asked that a policeman be sent with her, as she feared her husband, but they refused, telling her she was in no danger.

A close watch is being kept over Wilkinson lest he attempt suicide.

TRAIN ROBBERS GOT \$200,000

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 27.—That the three bags of money stolen in the hold-up of an Alabama, Great Southern passenger train near Tuscaloosa early yesterday probably contained more than \$200,000 was the declaration here this afternoon of John Wogan, assistant chief of the sub-treasury. The money, he said, was consigned to Louisiana and Alabama banks.

STAY OF EXECUTION IN CAMINETTI CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 27.—F. Drew Caminetti and Maury I. Diggs, convicted of white slavery because of their elopement to Reno with Lola Norris and Marsha Warrington, and sentenced to the penitentiary, were given an additional stay of execution of twenty days today, in order to perfect their appeal. Attorneys Devlin and Woodworth appeared before United States Judge Van Fleet and stated that it was a physical impossibility to get the papers in shape. The government made no opposition to the plea.

A SCENE WHICH CAUSED TROUBLE FOR "THE LURE"



In the third act of "The Lure," the presentation of which in New York has caused an investigation by the grand jury there, is one of the most dramatic scenes of the piece. A secret service man of the government, having in the second act rescued an innocent girl he knew from an unlawful establishment, she took with her another girl, who had been deceived into the house.

One of those characters known in the east as a "cadet" found the hiding place of the young woman, and getting in tried to induce the second girl to return. She had been persuaded, when the first young woman broke in on the scene to interrupt it.

The play is now being rewritten by the author, himself a government secret service agent, and this scene will be eliminated.

120 MILES HOUR FLYING RECORD BY FRENCH AVIATOR

RHEIMS, France, Sept. 27.—Aviator Provost was declared winner today in the French elimination contests preparatory to the race Monday for the James Gordon Bennett trophy. The judges placed his average speed at 120 miles an hour. Aviators Veldrine and Gilbert were respectively second and third.

The only American pilot who will fly in the race Monday is Charles Weymann, who, much to the French contestants' amusement, the aviators' art being an American invention, has entered a French machine. He has made considerably better than 100 miles an hour in it, however, and his chances were today considered even with Provost's. The best judges expressed the opinion that one of these two would win.

The present holder of the trophy is Veldrine, who won it last year at a speed of 106 1-6 miles an hour, and will try Monday to win it again.

English, Belgian, Italian and German aviators also will compete.

50,000 ALBANIANS INVADING SERVA

VIENNA, Sept. 27.—Fifty thousand Albanians, with artillery and modern rifles, were reported today advancing on the towns of Prilip, Pristren, Kitchevo and Letovo, now occupied by Serbia. It was said it will be several days before Serbia can mobilize a force to oppose them.

CAPITALIST'S WIFE ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—"Not guilty," was the plea entered here today by Mrs. Frank Wiborg, wife of a Cincinnati capitalist, indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of smuggling. Mrs. Wiborg, accompanied by her husband, entered her plea before Judge Hough.

Mrs. Wiborg arrived here September 5 with twenty trunks. She declared they contained only \$500 worth of dutiable goods. The trunks are seized and the indictment declared they contained \$5000 worth of goods. Mrs. Wiborg was given until October 13 to withdraw her plea of not guilty.

BETTING OPENS AT EVEN MONEY ON WORLD'S SERIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Betting opened here today at even money on the coming series between the New York Giants and Philadelphia Athletics for the world's series. The Giants have the National championship practically won but must win one more game to clinch the pennant.

In order to tie the Giants for the championship, Philadelphia must win all of the remaining games on the schedule. McGraw says he will win today's game from Brooklyn and end the race and then give his stars a rest for the world's series.

Betting commissioners have wads of money to place on McGraw's squad to win the world's series but American League money is scarce. The condition of Doyle and Snodgrass is worrying the fans but McGraw says they will be found in the opening game of the series on October 7.

ROOSEVELT MAY RUN FOR GOVERNOR

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Theodore Roosevelt was here today in attendance at the progressive convention. He was scheduled to address the convention this afternoon. Asked by reporters whether he would run for governor on the progressive ticket, he said he might issue a statement later.

NEW HAVEN SPENT \$337,000 ON SOLONS

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—Chairman McLeod of the state public service commission began an investigation today in the charge that the New Haven railroad spent \$337,000 on the legislature at its last session, entering it on its books as "other expenses." President Elliott of the railroad expressed his willingness to furnish all facts and figures desired.

DOWNWARD TENDENCY ON STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—A downward tendency marked the opening of the stock market today. Reading and Union Pacific were unchanged but Steel and the copper shares opened at a decline. Later stocks held their ground fairly well but just before the close they shaded off again.

Bonds were steady. The market closed irregular.

SULZER ASSERTS PERJURED TESTIMONY GIVEN BY PECK

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Governor Sulzer's lawyers today had the testimony to be offered in his defense at the impeachment trial here, well in hand.

Besides what he will say for himself, and his wife's story, they rely chiefly on John Hennessy, who conducted a special investigation for the governor and is said to have evidence involving the latter's bitterest enemies in a plot to ruin him.

Smartering under the charge made by State Superintendent of Public Works Duncan Peck yesterday that Sulzer asked Peck to perjure himself, the governor has insisted that his attorneys recall Peck for cross-examination and compel him to fix the time and place of the alleged conversation and also to tell who was present at the time.

It was said today by the governor's friends that there were witnesses at the interview and that Sulzer will have them put on the stand to prove Peck's statements a "deliberate lie."

RIVAL CANAL IS NOT CONSIDERED

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Neither government nor financial circles today took very seriously the hints in an article of the London Standard to the effect that English capital contemplates backing construction of an Atlantic-Pacific canal through Colombia by way of the Atrato and Cupica rivers. In the first place, it was said, the government would be sure to frown on an enterprise which the United States certainly would object to, and in the second, a rival to the Panama canal could not be a paying proposition. Representatives of Pearson and Son, the firm supposed to be acting for the capital said to be interested, would not discuss the matter.

O. W. R. N. INVESTMENT TOTALS FIFTY MILLIONS

SALEM, Or., Sept. 27.—The O. W. R. & N. company has spent \$50,066,595 for its railroad lines and equipment in Oregon, according to an exhaustive report showing the detailed costs of the construction and betterments and equipment of the company's lines since its beginning in this state, issued today by the state railroad commission. Years have been spent in compiling the data contained in the report. The total mileage of the company's lines in Oregon is 851.88 miles.

IRON WASHERS SUBSTITUTED FOR MINTED MONEY

Discovery of Seven Washers in Four Sacks of Coin in San Francisco Mint Indicates Robbery on a Large Scale.

No Clue to Thief, Who Was Probably Slight-of-Hand Artist Among Workmen in Institution.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—At whatever figure the San Francisco mint officials may estimate the shortage in the institution's treasury, all that they absolutely know, it was stated at the treasury department today is that seven iron washers have been found scattered through four sacks of coin in place of as many silver dollars.

It was admitted, however, that Director of the Washington Mint Roberts has ordered a piece-by-piece count of the government's entire reserve silver supply on the coast, a total of \$61,000,000. The task will take weeks.

Seals Still Unbroken
Inasmuch as the seals were unbroken on the sacks in which the washers were found, Roberts believed some slight-of-hand artist among the workmen who did the sacking was responsible for the thefts. He added that he did not believe the loss would prove very large.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 27.—That it will be weeks, probably, before the exact extent of the shortage which has been discovered in the mint here is known was admitted today by officials engaged in the investigation. There are 60,000 bars of gold and silver coin stored in the mint vaults and they all will have to be gone through to determine how thoroughly the thief did his work.

More than this, it was practically impossible to learn from the local mint officials, who replied to nearly every question that all information concerning the case must come from Washington, which is itself not yet very fully informed.

May Exceed \$75,000
It was known, however, that the shortage is estimated at all the way from \$30,000 to \$75,000, and that it may run still higher than the latter figure.

It was also clear that the government's loss might have gone undetected for a long time but for a slight miscalculation as to weight on the thief's part, in the substitution of the iron washers for gold coin in the money bags he rifled.

The moment it was noticed that one of the bags did not tip the scale at exactly the correct figure the bag was opened and the theft discovered. The opening of more bags followed, but while it is certain that others had been tampered with, the exact number discovered thus far was not made known outside the mint itself today.

ALASKA RAILROAD MEETS APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Construction of a government owned railroad connecting Nome, Fairbanks and Valdez was approved today by the house territories committee. A favorable report on the Wickersham bill, providing an issue of \$35,000,000 worth of bonds for that purpose, already has been made.

THREE WORKMEN KILLED WHEN AIR CHEST EXPLODES

LORIENT, France, Sept. 27.—Three workmen were killed and seven others injured here today by a compressed air chest, used in the construction of a quay, exploding when put in the water.

Weather Forecast
Oregon—Fair east train west portion tonight; warmer southwest portion; Sunday, rain, southerly winds, increasing along the north coast.

HORSES DIE IN \$15,000 LIVERY STABLE BLAZE

City's Business District Imperiled When Union Barn Burns—Loose Hay Makes Firebrands—Gasoline in Garages Worries.

Defective Wiring Given as Origin of Spectacular Fire Friday Night—Flames Spread Swiftly.

Fire, caused either by defective wiring, the generally accepted theory, or smoking in the hay loft by an unknown man, little credited, destroyed the Union livery and feed stables on South Riverside avenue last night at 11 o'clock, at an estimated damage totaling \$15,000. Seven head of horses, thirteen wagons and two dozen sets of harness and other equipment, two unoccupied houses belonging to Mrs. L. R. Parker and about 500 tons of loose green hay were burned. The blaze was the most spectacular in the history of the city, and for a time imperiled the business district. Good work in preventing the spread of the flames was done by the fire department.

The fire was discovered at 11 o'clock by W. Williams, the night watchman at the barn, who had lain down for a rest. His attention was attracted by the kicking of a horse against the stall. He looked out the office door and the inside of the building was a mass of flames. Alone he began the work of rescuing the horses, who filled the air with shrieks of agony and terror.

Flames Spread Quickly
Before the flames burst forth from the loft, heavy clouds of black smoke rolled skyward. Night Policeman Ringede on West Main street saw this and ran to the Commercial club to turn in the alarm. By this time the building was one solid mass of flames and before the fire department left the fire house the livery stable was doomed.

Within a radius of half a block of the barn most of the garages of the city are located, and these, with their supply of gasoline, gave the chief concern. Water was turned on these structures and the autos moved away.

Firebrands Fill Air
When the fire was at its height firebrands of hay as big as hams floated over the city, alighting on the roofs of business houses. Live coals fell on Main street and the roof of the Warner, Wortman & Gore store was fired, but was extinguished before it got a start. Rubbish collected in back yards in the neighborhood was also lighted, further imperiling the danger. The peril from live wires was heightened by the poles catching afire, and the unwillingness of the fire-fighters to turn on the hose, for fear of being shocked.

The livery stable was owned by Hubbard brothers, valued at \$5000 and insured for \$3000. Ray Gaunyaw, owner of the livery stable, carried \$1000 insurance on the hay and \$500 on the stock and equipment. The two unoccupied dwellings, belonging to Mrs. L. R. Parker, were

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WOMAN'S BODY DUG UP IN CORN FIELD

KOKOMO, Ind., Sept. 27.—In what was evidently a hastily dug grave in a cornfield on her husband's farm near here, the body of Mrs. Clyde Wilkinson was found today by neighbors who have been seeking her since she disappeared August 29. Her husband, who had been separated from her for some time, was located at Logansport and arrested.

The woman's skull had been crushed, she had been tumbled head-first into the grave, face downward, her body was badly decomposed and the grave being too short, the legs were doubled backward.

Wilkinson sold his possessions here a week ago and left the neighborhood.