

MOTHER KILLS HER OFFSPRING AND CONFESSES

Man Figures in Case She Slays Her 8-year-old Child and Tells Police She Put Little One Out of Way Because Girl Was Being Abused.

GIVES REASONS FOR ACT

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—After being examined for more than three hours last night by Acting Chief of Detectives Evans and Detective Mullen, of the central office, Edna Barton Howard confessed to the murder of her 8-year-old child, Mary, whose body was found in the woods near the line of the Chesapeake Beach Railroad last Thursday afternoon.

Detectives Mullen, Berman, Warren, and Pratt, who were assigned to the case, were in front of the Municipal building when a negro woman entered the office of Inspector Boardman and said she wanted to see the body of the child.

On Mother's Trail. The detectives learned that the caller had lived at the home of Edna Miller, 1739 Seaton street northwest. There the Miller woman told Detectives Mullen and Berman that the child had been missing since last Tuesday, and that its mother yesterday moved to 1429 Church street northwest.

They went to the Church street address and arrested the mother. The police say that she made a confession, as follows:

"I left home between 8 and 9 o'clock last Tuesday morning, taking Mary with me. I boarded a car at Eleventh and U streets northwest, and transferred to the New York avenue line. I rode to Fifteenth and H streets northeast, and then took a car for Chesapeake Junction. When I reached the junction I found a newspaper on a bench and took this with me. Going along the railroad tracks for about three blocks, I entered the woods. Mary asked me where we were going, and I told her into the country. She seemed pleased.

I had a razor in my right hand, and with my left I grabbed the back of the child's head. I then drew the razor across her throat. I cut her twice, and I think the cut across her cheek must have been caused by her throwing up her hand. She said, 'Oh, the next time I drew the blade across her throat.'

Why She Killed Her. "After she sank to the ground I gathered up the leaves and covered her body. I threw the razor in a clump of bushes, and then started again for the city. Nobody saw me enter or come out of the woods. I killed the child because a man I know who owns the razor was continually abusing her, and I would have rather seen her dead than treated in that manner."

The mother is at the First precinct police station, and will be taken to Maryland as soon as the necessary papers arrive. Deputy Sheriff Suit reached this city last night. The man in the case is at the Sixth precinct police station, being held as a witness.

BAPTISM LAST NIGHT

Last evening after the regular prayer meeting services at the First Baptist Church there was one candidate for church membership baptized. There will be other candidates baptized next Sunday evening.

THE SPEAKER SUNDAY

Mr. J. B. Latham will be the speaker at the Young Men's Christian League next Sunday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Those who are fortunate to be present will be amply repaid. Mr. Latham is a speaker of magnetism and always makes good when called upon. The music will be one of the features.

New Advertisements in Today's News

- J. K. Hoyt—Underwear.
Jas. E. Clark Co.—Art Department.
Don's Kidney Pills.
Frank Miller—Pure Whiskies.

- McGinn.
Gem Theater.
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FIRE RAGING IN COAL MINE AND WORK SUSPENDED

Women Are in Need The Chicago Fire Chief Abandons Idea of Opening the Mine for the Present—There is No Hope for the Men.

8 FUNERALS YESTERDAY

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 18.—Troops were called for today to prevent any untoward demonstration at the St. Paul coal mine when the bodies of the 300 men entombed by last Saturday's disaster are brought to the surface. Sheriff Skotland of Bureau county telegraphed to Springfield asking Governor Deneen to send several companies of militia. So far there has been no violence, and it is hoped by the presence of a small guard to prevent any ill-advised move on the part of the miners, whose feelings have been wrought up by the loss of their comrades.

When the entombed men, or more likely, their bodies, will be brought to the surface is doubtful. None of the officers believe that any of the 300 entombed men are alive, but nothing more is now actually known about their fate than was known the day of the accident.

Fire in the mine today was even more intense than it was when the men were entombed three days ago, and no efforts could be made to enter the shaft.

Fire is Still Raging. Fire Chief Horan, of Chicago, arrived today with assistance and a supply of hose and chemical fire extinguishers. The seal over the mouth of the shaft was perforated, and it was intended to force water and chemicals down through pipes. A thermometer plunged into the sand scattered on top of the seal showed a temperature of 110 degrees, indicating that the heat in the interior of the mine must have been intense. "It's no use," said Chief Horan. "To lift the lid today would mean that the whole mine would blaze up and there would be no possibility of recovering even the bodies. The coal deposit would take fire and the timber supports would crumble."

Geo. S. Rice, of Pittsburg, chief of the field works of the U. S. Geological Survey, also was positive that the reopening of the mine would have to be postponed.

The only progress made today was in organizing relief work for the many destitute families.

Eight Funerals Yesterday. In making the rounds of the miners' homes, Dusean McDonald, president of District No. 12 United Mine Workers, today discovered that the 56 homes visited were, with the exception of small children, without mates.

Only the most frantic of the women who lost husbands ventured to visit the shaft today and these had to be almost forced back.

Frequently a puff of smoke issued from a crevice in the cover over the shaft. This was taken as an evidence of the fire raging within. It was cold enough outside, an icy wind sweeping over the prairies and whistling mournfully through the superstructure of the mine.

Funerals of eight of the miners who were killed Saturday were held today. Two of these died while engaged in rescue work. Several of the miners on duty at the shaft left their work to follow the procession to the cemetery.

The Grants in a Fire

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Frederick Deist Grant, wife of General Grant, was carried down a ladder from her burning home, 1494 Dearborn avenue, early today while the General made his own way out of the flames, escaping in his night clothes.

Several servants were reported injured in attempting to escape the flames and they, too, were rescued by firemen. Mrs. Grant, suffering from shock and exposure, was taken to the home of Mrs. Potter Palmer, nearby. The flames destroyed all of the interior of the three story brick house which formerly was the home of Dr. Nicholas Senz.

ART CHINA DISPLAY. Miss Matilda Keeninger, of Millington, Pa., who is now residing in our city, has a fine collection of art china which has been exhibiting much favorable comment and admiration. Mrs. Keeninger wishes this art and has a desire to see it.

HIGH OFFICIALS SUGAR TRUST TO BE INDICTED

Started Investigation The Indicted Sugar Men Are to Plead Today—The Prosecutors in New York City Are to Press the Cases.

CABINET DIRECTS ACTION

New York, Nov. 18.—In the great Sugar Trust conspiracy there was added today more incriminating evidence of fraud and of questionable relations with government officials. The Department of Justice believes it has evidence sufficient to indict one or more officers and directors of the Sugar Trust in connection with the frauds. The cabinet will probably direct the Attorney General today to prosecute these men.

James F. Bendernagel, former general superintendent of trust factories, had a brief hearing before United States Commissioner Benedict in Brooklyn, and will be arraigned this morning before Judge Hand to plead to the indictment charging conspiracy and fraud. Six other trust employees will be arraigned at the same time, and the intimation is given that one or more of them may volunteer some surprising statements.

James B. Reynolds, who was accused by Richard Parr of attempting to stop the sugar investigation while an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, gave out at Washington a denial in detail and quoted documents and letters to discredit Parr's charges.

One director of the Sugar Trust is to retire and three new men are to be added to the board. Treasury Department records show that former Secretary Cortelyou was the man who started the sugar investigation, not President Roosevelt. Cortelyou was Agent Parr's backer.

Trust Directors Are Held Guilty

Washington, Nov. 17.—Attorney General Wickersham has sufficient evidence in his possession to convince him that one or more officers and a number of the directors of the American Sugar Refining Company can be punished for complicity in the wholesale robbery committed by the trust in New York for many years past. The cabinet will go over that phase of the case today, and, it is expected, will direct the Attorney General to bring these individuals into court at his earliest convenience. There is an unmistakable atmosphere of high tension at the Department of Justice and the Treasury Department. Developments are following each other rapidly. It was said tonight by an official who has kept in touch with the investigation that the ultimate exposure will astound even those who have been expecting the most sensational result.

Corn Show and Oyster Roast at Aurora Dec. 3-- Valuable Prizes Given

The hustling town of Aurora is to have an Agricultural Contest and Corn Show December 3, 1909, which will be limited to farm products of Beaufort and Pamlico counties. The Retail Merchants' Association of that town will offer valuable prizes to the farmers exhibiting the best assortment of corn, cotton, potatoes, pumpkins, eggs, in fact, everything grown on the farm is included. The prizes to be awarded consist of gold coin, barrels of flour, wire fencing, farming implements, tools, and other premiums valuable and useful to farm life. In addition to the prizes the citizens of Aurora will give a free oyster roast. A cordial invitation is extended to every citizen of Beaufort and Pamlico counties. Exhibits for the contest will be received by the committee in charge up until 11 o'clock, December 3. The music for this auspicious occasion is to be furnished by the Aurora Concert Band. A great day is looked for. The good citizens of Aurora know how to do things and this corn show December 3 will be a crowning success. There will be large crowds present. The Retail Merchants' Association is doing a fine work for Aurora, and this last move on their part is but another evidence of their desire to carry forward their town and community. December 3 will be a gala one for Richland township. Quite a number of the citizens from Washington expect to be present.

CITY HORSE HAS LOCKJAW

The big bay city horse Pete developed a case of tetanus, or lockjaw, of saving the poor animal's life although everything possible is being done for him. The horse is at the city hospital.

THE GEM CHESTER is being renovated and altered. The improvements now going on will make this popular city one of the most attractive in the State.

BELL COMPANY GETS CONTROL WESTERN UNION

Billion Dollar Concern The American Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company Have Been Merged Into One Great System.

POSTAL MAY BE INCLUDED

Boston, Mass., Nov. 18.—A long stride toward the complete control by one corporation of all wire communication in the United States was made today in the acquisition by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of the control of the Western Union Telegraph Company. In order to make the absorption complete the incorporation of a new billion dollar company, it is said, will be necessary to include the \$592,475,400 of bonds and stock of the American Telephone Company, known as the Bell Company, and the outstanding \$155,000,000 of bonds and stock of the Western Union.

The acquisition of the necessary stock and voting rights of the Western Union by the Bell Company has been in progress for about six months. The work has been conducted quietly, and only a sufficient amount to insure control, said to be 51 per cent, was taken over.

The officers of the Bell Company regard the step as one of economy solely. They point out that every since the telephone has been a factor in human life it has had to compete with the telegraph. Lines have been parallel and there has been an immense amount of duplication. The officers of the telephone company believe that the merger will save the Bell Company \$75,000,000 in new construction while it will also enable the utilization at the same time of wires for both telegraphing and telephoning.

POPULAR COUPLE WEDDED AT BATH

Mr. Silverthorn of This City, Married to Miss Gurgaus.

The Methodist Church, Bath, N. C., was the scene of a beautiful wedding last evening, the contracting parties being Mr. James M. Silverthorn, of this city, to Miss Willie Clyde Gurgaus, of Bath. The wedding was solemnized at 7:30 o'clock and was witnessed by a large concourse of friends.

The church had been most tastefully decorated in evergreens, holly and both house plants; the color scheme being green and white. The bridal party entered the church as follows: First the ushers, Messrs. Edgar Tankard and Edward Tarkington, who took their places on each side of the chancel. They were followed by the maid of honor, Miss Lida Rollins, of Middleton, N. C., gowned in a handsome suit of gray messaline, carrying a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The groom entered on the arm of his best man, Mr. Frank A. Wright, of this city. At the chancel rail they separated and awaited the coming of the bride. Preceding the bride was the ring bearer, sweet little Miss Phrocinie Hamilton, dressed in white satin. She bore on a silver waiter the ring to be used in the consummation of the marriage vows. All eyes next centered on the bride as she wended her way down the aisle. Her beauty never shone to better advantage. Gowned in a going-away gown of grey cloth with hat and gloves to match and carrying a lovely bouquet of white chrysanthemums, she was the cynosure of all. At the altar she was met by the groom. Together they faced the Rev. W. O. Winfield, of the Christian Church, who made them one. The wedding march was skillfully played by Mrs. Elizabeth Windley, of this city. During the ceremony the sweet notes of "Hearts and Flowers" could be heard. Amid congratulations and best wishes Mr. and Mrs. Silverthorn immediately after the ceremony drove to this city, arriving here between 9 and 10 o'clock last night. They will reside at 224 West Second street. The bride is a daughter of the late

CHARLESTON LAWYER COMMITS SUICIDE AT MORGANTOWN

MORGANTOWN, Nov. 18.—Charles Julius Redding, aged 38, a lawyer and real estate broker of Charleston, S. C., committed suicide here last night with a shotgun. The cause of his rash act was supposed to have been due to melancholy. His remains were shipped to Charleston for burial.

WOMAN DEAD

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 18.—The gruesome tale of a suicide pact which in its fulfillment cost the life of Blanche Ferguson, of Washington, and nearly that of her companion, Fred J. Reid, of Cleveland, was told today by Reid at a hearing before the chief of police. Though the couple had known each other only two weeks they had made two attempts to die. According to Reid, the night of their arrival here they drank the contents of a phial of morphine. This being without the desired effect, Reid had the bottle refilled and the couple spent their last money in decorating their death chamber with white flowers. Then they drank the mixture and lay down to sleep what they hoped would be their last sleep. The girl never awoke. Reid was saved by prompt medical attention. Ghostly white and emaciated from the effects of the drug, Reid denied today that he handed the poison to the girl. He helped himself and she did the same, he said. As a result of the story told by Reid, the police say it is their belief that he was prompted to make an attempt upon his life by remorse and because he had used money belonging to his employer. This money, according to Reid was to be used in paying workmen under him in Cleveland, a dozen of whom were to have received a week's pay each. The body of the woman was sent to relatives at La Plata, Maryland.

NEGRO COMMITS ROBBERY NEAR R. R. JUNCTION

Pants and Knife Taken Robert Pickert, Colored, Arrested at N. & S. Depot Today for Robbing House Near Vanceboro This Morning.

COMMITTED TO JAIL

In response to a wire to Agent T. Harvey Myers of the Norfolk and Southern Railway, this city, Chief of Police George N. Howard arrested at the morning train today Robert Pickert, colored, for robbing Mr. Isaac Robbins at the junction of the Norfolk & Southern and Beaufort County Lumber Company, near Vanceboro, early this morning. The house in which Mr. Robbins resides was entered by Pickert and a pair of pants and a pocket knife taken. Mr. Robbins is the watchman at the junction and was in his house at the time the negro entered. After the theft Pickert boarded the train bound for Washington. Mr. Robbins, who is an old man, saw the act committed and he notified the agent here of the robbery and requested that the thief be arrested. Mr. Robbins also arrived on the same train. The negro has been in the employ of the Beaufort County Lumber Company for some time and was paid off by the company only yesterday. He states that in passing the house of Mr. Robbins this morning he saw the door opened and he entered. Nothing was missed by Mr. Robbins saving his pants and knife. The negro tells several different tales, all of which are disconnected. After being taken to the sheriff's office and questioned he was locked up for safe keeping.

FAMILY FIGHT RESULTS IN THREE DEAD

One of the Principals Was Accused of Making a Slight Remark About a Young Lady and an Apology Was Demanded. TWO OF MEN IN CUSTODY

New Orleans, La., Nov. 17.—News reached here today telling of the death of a whole family in a three-cornered duel at Pioneer. Clarence Compton, one of the principals and his wife and little daughter were killed. Sylvester Owen was wounded. He and his brother Clarence, Compton's opponents, are in custody. An alleged slighting remark about the Owens' sister was the cause. The brothers demanded an apology. Compton retaliated by offering to fight both at the same time. Armed with two automatic revolvers, he took his place against the Owens at a distance of twenty paces, the Owens brothers standing five feet apart. At the given word, all three opened fire. Sylvester Owen fell first. Raising his weapon, Compton demanded of the other antagonist if he had had enough. "You have two children," Compton declared. "Have you had enough of this?" The other refused to allow a cessation of hostilities. Binding his wound, Sylvester took his place again. As the Owens, in answer to Compton's first shot, fired a fusillade the latter's wife and child dashed from their home nearby and hurled themselves in the line of the bullets. As they fell, Compton toppled over, mortally hurt. The Owens declare that the woman and the child threw themselves in range before they could cease firing.

Editor Mayo Wires that Waterway Convention is Conspicuous Success

(Special to Daily News.) Norfolk, Nov. 18.—The Daily News is in receipt of the following dispatch from the editor, Mr. James L. Mayo, who is attending the Atlantic Deeper Waterway Association in that city: "The city is gorgeously decorated. There are already 500 delegates registered and 1,000 are expected by tomorrow. Practically every State on the Atlantic seaboard is represented at this second annual convention. Fully 150 representatives of the famous Gridiron and Five O'clock Clubs are expected to arrive tomorrow night by a special boat from Washington City. The city of Norfolk is entertaining at least 1,500 people. The city has raised \$20,000 for entertaining and they are doing it in royal style. The city government appropriated \$7,500 and the balance was raised by popular subscription. The convention was called to order by its president, Congressman J. Naphtali Moore, of Philadelphia, in the hall at the Montecello Hotel amid the greatest enthusiasm. There were a large number of ladies present. The invocation was made by Rev. Dr. Melton. Mayor Riddick welcomed the delegates to the city of Norfolk. This was responded to by W. W. Cocks, of New York, on behalf of the delegates from the northern States, and by Congressman Charles R. Thomas, of North Carolina, on behalf of the Southern States. Others making addresses were Lewis Nixon, Joseph E. Randall, John Barrett, E. P. Warner, James L. Wells, Fred W. Donnelly, David Carroll, W. D. Morgan and George F. Miles. There are more than one hundred delegates from Eastern Carolina. The people are enthusiastic over the deeper inland waterway. It is a great convention and Norfolk is doing herself proud in entertaining. It is a great occasion."

Governor Issues His Proclamation

Governor Kitchin yesterday issued a Thanksgiving proclamation to the people of North Carolina, following closely upon that written by the President of the United States. It reads: "I, William W. Kitchin, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 25th day of November, 1909, a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the good we have received and the evil we have escaped. "A great and prosperous people to be happy must be grateful and charitable. Therefore, let the people throughout the State assemble on that day in their accustomed places of worship, and let them contribute to the relief of the poor and the needy, the afflicted and the distressed. "In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed. Done in the city of Raleigh this 17th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine."

WEST END ENTERTAINMENT

Miss Lillian Bonner gave a most delightful entertainment at her home on West Second street last night in honor of Miss Annie Laughinghouse, whose wedding will occur next Wednesday afternoon. Misses Rachel Rumley and Estelle Davis served fruit frappe from an exquisitely decorated bowl, and after 9 o'clock the guests indulged in euchre. About seventy-five people enjoyed a most delightful evening, and fun held high carnival until midnight. Cake and cream were served after the cards, and the prizes awarded. Miss Annie Laughinghouse won the first prize and was given the honor-guest's prize also, while Mrs. H. W. Carter won the 20-hand prize, and Miss Jeanie Cox was given the consolation.

EDITOR JONES HERE. The editor of the Daily News is here after a call from Editor Jones, of the Square Deal. year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four. W. W. KITCHIN. By the Governor: ALEX. J. FIELD. PUBLISHED BY THE DAILY NEWS.