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Special Announcement.

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THE MYSTERY OF

RICE'S DEATH

Accused Secretary of Dead Millionaire Makes a Confession.

Then Attempts Suicide in the Tomb Prison.

His Statement Points to Poison Administered by Patrick.

Big Bank Checks Filled Out After the Aged Millionaire's Death.

THE AGED MILLIONAIRE MADE THREATS TO THE LAWYER TO INDUCE HIM TO GIVE UP SOME PAPERS IN HIS POSSESSION. PATRICK CHARGED WITH GIVING RICE THE KNIFE WITH WHICH HE SECRETLY CUT HIS THROAT.

New York, Nov. 1.—Charles F. Jones, secretary and valet to the late William Marsh Rice, made a desperate effort early this morning to commit suicide in his cell at the toms.

He huddled the right side of his throat with a small penknife, making a deep wound and slightly opening the jugular vein.

He was discovered by one of the keepers about 4 o'clock. He had been bleeding then for half an hour or more and was extremely weak and would probably have died had he gone fifteen minutes longer without medical attendance.

At the hospital Jones was placed in the prison ward and a policeman and two keepers were assigned to guard him. Along towards 8 o'clock he had regained his strength somewhat but nobody was allowed to see him.

Jones was committed to the toms, with Albert C. Patrick on September 22 on the charge of forging Mr. Rice's name to several checks.

Previous to his attempt to kill himself Jones had submitted a statement to Assistant District Attorney Osborne.

This afternoon Mr. Osborne made the document public. "Yesterday afternoon," he said, "I received a message that Charles F. Jones of the city prison desired to see me. He said he voluntarily desired to make a statement.

"I thereupon sent for Captain McCuskey, James Byrne, of Horabowler, Byrne, Miller and Potter, and Mr. Miller of the same firm, and in their presence Charles F. Jones made his statement to us. Without going into full details he stated in substance that what Mr. Wetherbee had testified to was true. He said that for some days prior to Rice's death Patrick had given Mr. Rice tablets of a greenish color; that Mr. Rice took those tablets from Patrick and that Patrick told him to take them, as he had taken some himself; that about this time Patrick and Rice had become very intimate; that Mr. Rice on Saturday sent Jones to Patrick's house to demand certain papers from Patrick that he (Patrick) had in his possession.

"This was about the 12th of September, 1900. Mr. Rice had been bothered with constipation. When Mr. Patrick brought him some tablets, Patrick had said he had taken some himself. The last time I saw him take them was Wednesday or Thursday night before his death. Friday night Mr. Rice fretted, worried and grieved about his business in general, speaking of the Galveston flood and other things.

"He was afraid that Patrick had got into some clutch by which he would lose the most of his property. He worried and cried like a woman in hysterics until 2 o'clock that morning and then fell off into a sleep until about 4 o'clock.

"He slept very little that night and he sent me to Patrick's house Saturday morning and told me if I did not return with the papers he would report to the authorities. Patrick was agitated and said:

"I want to know Rice's condition and what steps he will take and I want you to telephone me if Rice takes any steps to notify the authorities. I want to know if you will be sure and telephone me."

"I told him that I would. When I went back Rice was sleeping. When I left Patrick's house I went for the doctor and when I returned Rice was asleep and nothing more was said about the papers until Sunday morning. He asked me why I did not get them. I told him that Patrick had promised to call but had not come so. He told me to go and see him again and tell him that he had given him the last warning. He told me to tell him in the presence of some person. I went to see Patrick and he said the papers were in his office and that he would get them and bring them to me. This was about 1 or 2 o'clock. He did not do so and I went to his house about 3 o'clock. He finally did go to the house. Rice said he was very nervous and told him to 'please go away.' Patrick said, 'I have some smelling salts' to quiet your nerves.' Patrick asked for a towel and sponge, and I got them for him. He said that I must leave the room. I left and heard Patrick saying he would remain with Rice. I heard Rice laughing a few minutes later and saw Rice lying on his back with the towel over his head in a room shared with Patrick holding it in his right hand. Patrick did not see me and Rice did not see me. As soon as I saw the conditions of things I laid down and went to sleep.

"When Patrick entered the room he showed Rice his package. He showed him something in a bottle which looked like salt which he diluted in water and gave to Rice, telling him it would strengthen him very much.

BRYAN CAMPAIGNING

IN TWO STATES

Greeted by Large Crowds in Various Places.

Indianapolis, Nov. 1.—Bryan finished his last tour of Indiana at Hammond this afternoon. At all stops the candidate was greeted by large and enthusiastic crowds. He spoke at Jamestown, Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Delphi, Monticello, Monon, Rensselaer and Hammond.

At Jamestown he said the republicans were in an embarrassing position; they cannot say trusts are a good thing for fear of hurting their constituents, and cannot say they are a bad thing because they have grown under republican nursing. At Crawfordsville he said: "You cannot expect republicans to destroy trusts when their boss says there are none."

At Frankfort, the home of Captain Allen, the democratic nominee for congress who is serving in the Philippines, Bryan spoke to 12,000. Referring to Allen he said he supposed republicans would call Allen a copperhead, but he was doing his duty and obeying the command of the president. He declared that the substance of every republican speech in favor of retaining the Philippines was "God is in it; there is money in it, and we are in it."

At Delphi Bryan spoke to 8,000. He contended that whatever Hanna might say there are trusts and empty dinner-palls. He declared there was less reason for the farmer voting the republican ticket than any other man.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Nov. 1.—Mr. Bryan's private car the Rambler was attached to the newspaper train which left Cincinnati at 3:30 o'clock this morning and the first stop for speaking was made at Jamestown, Ind., at 8 o'clock. Mr. Bryan spoke for ten minutes to a good crowd at the station, dealing with the general issues of the campaign. He addressed himself especially to the farmers, declaring that none of them had any stock in a trust and saying that the republican party had no policy calculated in any way to improve the condition of the agricultural community. Mr. Bryan was received at Crawfordsville by another friendly and good sized crowd. He there charged the republican party with a departure from the principles of the fathers, quoted Lincoln on the declaration of independence, and paid a tribute to that instrument.

Speaking of the influence of trusts on communities Mr. Bryan said: "You yourselves have seen some of the effects of monopoly. You have seen how in the campaign of 1896 in your own factory here the people were warned that if I was elected they would lose their employment, but if Mr. McKinley was elected they would have employment; and yet a trust took in the factory and closed it down and you have lost that factory today or would have lost it but for the fact that there is now a match factory there. But you have got a diamond match trust and unless you destroy trusts that Diamond Match trust will destroy your factory here and run it out of business."

A stop of less than five minutes was made at the small town of Darlington, and Mr. Bryan contented himself with suggesting questions to be propounded to republicans. Among those questions were inquiries as to whether the people want the trusts and whether they can depend upon the republican party to destroy them. He also wanted to ask why they need 75,000 more soldiers now than we did four years ago, also what we were going to do with the Philippines when we get them. In conclusion he told his hearers that they should make their votes represent what they want in the form of government.

Chicago, Nov. 1.—A dispatch to the final effort to Illinois this afternoon when he made a speech to an enthusiastic crowd of 20,000 on the lake front. His speech was chiefly devoted to the denunciation of trusts. In the evening he spoke to enthusiastic crowds at eight different points in the city. Bryan arrived at 4:20 this afternoon and received an ovation from a large crowd waiting at the station. He will remain in Chicago until after the big parade in his honor Saturday night, when he will leave for Lincoln.

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DRUG STORE NEWS.

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TROUBLE IN STORE

FOR MOROCCO'S SULTAN

If He Ignores Our Demands in the Essequi Matter

Washington, Nov. 1.—The failure of the sultan of Morocco to pay the indemnity of \$5,000 demanded by the United States for the murder of Marcus Serrano, an American, will be met by the government in an energetic way. Unless it is shown that the sultan will pay a warship will probably be sent to Tangier. Essequi, in defending himself from mobs in the streets of Fez drew a revolver and fired a shot which wounded a bystander. For this he was seized by the mob and burned to death.

CRUELTY OF GERMAN TROOPS IN CHINA

Reports of Wholesale Murders of Prisoners in and Around Peking.

London, Nov. 1.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Berlin quotes a private letter from German soldiers telling of the cruelty of the German troops in China. They tell of wholesale murders of prisoners in and around Peking and bayoneting many of them in order to save ammunition. Some of the bayonets, one writer says, are compelled to dig their own graves before they are shot.

TRIAL OF KRUPP ARMOUR.

The Controversy Likely to be Satisfactorily Adjusted.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Agreement has been reached between the navy department and Carnegie and the Bethlehem steel companies, which will probably lead to a satisfactory adjustment of the controversy over the price of Krupp armor. The details of the arrangement are withheld, but will probably be announced on the return of Secretary Long.

VICTORY FOR CHAPEL HILL.

Won Yesterday's Football Game Against Tennessee University.

Special to the Gazette. Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 1.—The University of North Carolina won over the University of Tennessee in football today at Knoxville, the score being 23 to 5. While in Tennessee our team will play Vanderbilt university at Nashville. Thence they will go to Atlanta, where they will play Sewanee.

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The agent for the celebrated Mrs. Lick's Cake Tins is in Asheville and will make a house to house canvass today showing these tins to Asheville housekeepers. It will pay everybody to see her and examine the tins.

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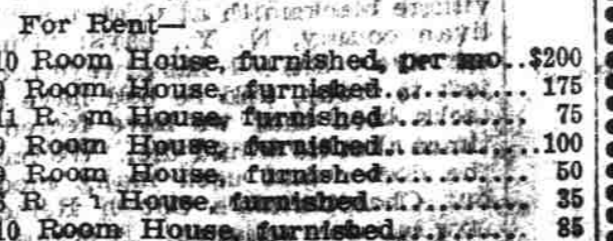
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Their Duty in North Carolina to Aid in Securing Free Suffrage.

Mr. Kestler States the Issues That Confront His Party.

Bryan in Favor of the Democratic Machine in This State.

Nowhere Has He Condoned the Holy Tampering With the Ballot.

POPULISTS ONLY STRENGTHEN THE HANDS THAT BIND THEM BY SUPPORTING HIM—REPUBLICAN NATIONAL PLATFORM DENOUNCES THESE OUTRAGES.

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Senator J. C. Pritchard, Marshall, N. C.

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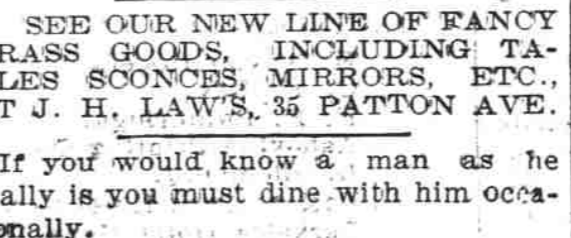
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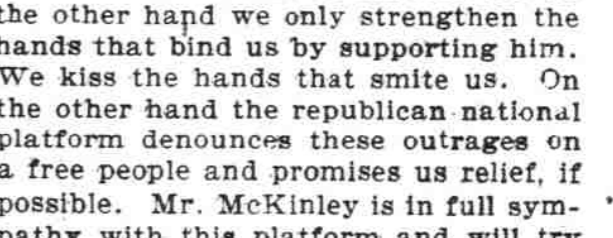
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