

WARDLAW FAMILY, IN THE BATH TUB TRAGEDY, BREAKS THE SILENCE

Mary Snead Says the Wardlaw Sisters Went to New York to Secure Money for a College.

MONEY WAS RAISED ON OCEY SNEAD'S POLICIES

The Sick Woman Simply Pined Away, They Assert, After Her Husband Left.

New York, Dec. 10.—On the eve of the trial of Miss Virginia Wardlaw, on the charge of murdering her niece, Mrs. Ocey Snead, the victim of the bath-tub tragedy, the family has broken its long silence with a statement issued in explanation of the mysteries which have been puzzling the investigators of the alleged murder.

Mary Snead, the victim's aunt, asserts that the three Wardlaw sisters, who are members of well known families in Virginia, Tennessee and Virginia, came to New York with the purpose of securing funds to establish a women's college in the south. She described the family's struggles when the project was launched, leading to the constant necessity for borrowing money on policies on Ocey Snead's life. Ocey Snead pined away, her aunt declares, when her husband disappeared and that it was the hope of relieving her melancholy and giving her the benefit of the country air that the house in East Orange, where the tragedy occurred, was engaged.

Mrs. Snead says there is no basis for the statements that the young woman did not have the best of care at the hands of her family.

Opium Used, Contrary to Doctor's Orders.

The police have unearthed a peculiar episode in the case which indicates that the bath tub victim was kept for considerable periods under opiate, against the explicit order of the attending physician. Dr. Cornelius Love declared that during September he paid visits to Mrs. Snead and found that the sick woman was under the influence of either opium or chloroform. When the use of opiates was continued Dr. Love gave up the case.

ARE FOUND HID IN ALBERT HALL

Whole Covey of Suffragettes Were Flushed in Time to Save Premier Asquith.

London, Dec. 10.—A band of daring suffragettes were dislodged from their hiding places today in Albert Hall, where they had secreted themselves preparatory to the onslaught upon Premier Asquith tonight. Some were hidden in packing boxes, while others were on the roof.

HE WILL ASSIST JAMES J. JEFFERIES

Jack Root, Familiar With Johnson's Curves, Has Been Employed in That Capacity.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 10.—Jack Root, pugilist, has been asked to assist in training James J. Jeffries for the fight with Johnson. Root knows Johnson's style, the negro having trained him for several contests.

ESTRADA IS DUMFOUNDED BY DEMAND OF ZELAYA

He Says Insurgents' Position is Impregnable—Arrival of Cruiser Causes Joy.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 10.—General Estrada, the insurgent leader, was dumfounded today when he learned that the object of the conference between Zelaya's envoys with General Diaz was to demand the surrender of the insurgent army. General Estrada declares the insurgents' position at Rama is impregnable.

The arrival of the cruiser Des Moines has created great enthusiasm. Commander Shipley conferred today with Consul Moffat at Bluefields, regarding the future course to be pursued.

SENATOR BURTON DEFENDS CONGRESS

The Ohio Senator Reminds Waterways Association That There Are Some "Don'ts" to Remember

Washington, Dec. 10.—After the reelection of Representative Ransdell of Louisiana as president, Captain J. F. Ellison of Cincinnati, secretary-treasurer, and John A. Fox of Arkansas, special director, and declaring for waterway improvements by regular annual appropriations, to be paid out of current revenues, otherwise for the sale of bonds, the National Rivers and Harbors congress held its closing session today.

Last night Senator Burton of Ohio, who, avoiding taking issue with those of the Deeper Waterways association who advocated a bond issue, reminded them that he had a couple of "don'ts" for them to remember. He admonished them not to allow any sectionalism to enter into their efforts for waterway improvement. He defended congress against the charge of niggardliness in river and harbor improvements, saying that in fourteen years, eleven of which he was chairman of the rivers and harbors committee of the senate, congress had appropriated \$39,000,000 for that purpose, which was more than had ever been devoted to a similar purpose in an equal amount of time by any nation.

For the U. C. T.

The U. C. T. of America was represented by W. A. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson said in part:

"We believe that these natural arteries of commerce, our great rivers, should be made and kept navigable for large vessels by the government, and that this work should be done upon a bond issue large enough to insure its thoroughness. We believe that no other expenditure of the people's money would be so universally popular and satisfactory because none other could be so universally beneficial.

"There are a half million or more commercial travelers in this country. They constitute the greatest civilizing agency of this or any other age. These men believe that nature's highways of commerce—the rivers and lakes of the land, if utilized as they should be, would open up new and greater fields of enterprise for our rapidly growing population.

"It has been said that the progress of nations can be measured by the extent and perfection of their means of transportation. By this standard, how do we measure up? Surely in this great land of ours, so rich in every element of commercial wealth, with unbounded possibilities of commercial progress, we should attain and retain commercial supremacy of all the nations of the earth."

Herbert Knox Smith.

Commissioner Smith laid down the broad proposition that an internal waterways system should not merely be a system of channels but a transportation system. He said in part:

"In view of the general condition of water terminals I am going to lay down a broad proposition. Like all general statements, this one is subject to many exceptions; it will have to be modified to suit special cases. But I am going to state the principle in flat terms because I want to emphasize it. It will be easy enough to modify it later.

"In my opinion, the construction of waterway channels should be absolutely conditioned upon the present or secured future existence thereon, of modern commercial terminals, provided by the locality and by it kept permanently open for the general benefit of the users of that channel. Channels and terminals are inseparable parts of a transportation system. Terminals will not be built unless there is a permanent channel. On the other hand the channel will not be used unless there are terminals.

"But most important is the active co-operation of the local authorities. They are the only ones who can furnish and keep open the proper terminal frontage. The localities would surely do at least this much, if the federal government furnishes the channels. They are the ones who are most interested in doing so.

"Such co-operation will result not only in the providing of such terminals, but will also go far to prevent the visionary schemes of waterway improvement.

"Let me conclude with this: That a channel is not a transportation system; that a river or a channel is of no use unless you can get on or off it at a reasonable cost, that channels and terminals must go together and that you may as wisely construct a railroad without yards or stations, a stairway without floors or landings, as to enter upon a project for the construction of a waterway channel without at the same time providing for these public terminals that are absolutely vital to the transportation use of a channel."

LAKE FERRY LOST? The Conestoga, with Many on Board, Due Two Days Ago at Great Lakes Port.

Coneaut, O., Dec. 10.—The car ferry Conestoga, carrying a large crew and passengers, is two days overdue. It is believed the ferry has been lost.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

AND THE ELEPHANT MINDS, JUST AS HE USED TO ESTIMATE BY REPORTING BOARD OF COTTON IS 10,088,000 BALES

COOK TAKES TO THE MAINE WOODS

A Boston Report is to the Effect That He Is Breathing Pine Air in York County.

Boston, Dec. 10.—Dr. Frederick Cook has been discovered. He dropped out of view Thanksgiving day and soon afterward struck for the Maine woods. Since then he has been breathing the pine air in the town of Wells, York county, tucked away in the southwestern corner of the state.

He is at a rest cure known as the Pine Tree Sanitarium. Word of his whereabouts reached here through the superintendent of the place, Dr. W. S. Pitt, who today became a guest at the home of George Whitman Vys, the Cambridge author.

"Nothing is the matter with Dr. Cook," said Dr. Pitt, "except that he is worn out and wants to keep away from things and freshen up. As a physician he knew how to diagnose his own case and to prescribe for himself. No drug would do him any good. He was overworked and overwired. The treatment for that is absolute quiet and rest. That is what he is getting, and that will bring him around.

As Bright as a Dollar. "Mental illness? Not a bit. He is as bright as a dollar. Don't take any stock in stories that his mind is out of order. Of course the man is anxious about the report he sent to Copenhagen. He hopes it will prove so convincing to the Danish scientists that their report will leave his critics without a leg to stand on. Nothing abnormal in that sort of feeling."

"Do you think he is so anxious?" Dr. Pitt was asked, "that he might become unhinged mentally if the Danish scientists should report that he had failed to prove that he reached the pole?" "Even if that should happen," he replied, "I do not think that Dr. Cook would go insane or die. He came up to my place to recuperate, and that is what he is doing as fast as possible. And I may say for myself that I believe in Dr. Cook; he is all right."

Went to Wells Alone.

Dr. Cook was observed by the villagers at Wells when he arrived there on Monday, Nov. 29. He came there alone by train from Boston and after using the telephone immediately engaged a livery stable man to drive him to the sanitarium. He had nothing to say aside from the actual bargain for the team and appeared to be in deep thought.

During the drive in the brisk air, the mysterious person became enthusiastic over the scenery, and when the carriage reached a point a half mile from the institution he discharged the driver and proceeded at a brisk pace on foot to the sanitarium.

New York, Dec. 10.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook's personal lawyer, Henry (Continued on page 7)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture estimates that the total production of cotton in the United States for the season of 1909-10 will amount to 4,826,314,000 pounds (not including lint), equivalent to 10,088,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

A production of 5500 pound gross weight bales is given for the following states: Virginia, 10,000; North Carolina, 615,000; South Carolina, 109,000; Georgia, 180,000; Florida, 57,000.

(*Note—This paragraph is evidently badly bulled in transmission.)

May Option Goes to 16 Cents.

New Orleans, Dec. 10.—Following the posting of the cotton crop report estimate on the cotton exchange this afternoon the future market took a jump ranging from 25 to 40 points. May cotton went to 16 cents, establishing a new high record for the

season. The estimates are about 200,000 bales below the predictions of the most sanguine bulls.

Wild Excitement in New York.

New York, Dec. 10.—Cotton market became wildly excited after publication of the government report. There was a jump of approximately 40 points within a few minutes. May cotton jumped to 15.80 or within 20 points of the 16 cent mark predicted to be reached before Christmas, and 42 points above the closing figures last night.

There was tremendous realizing on the advance but the government estimate proved so much under previous held views as to suggest the possibility of a cotton famine before the end of the season, and half an hour after the initial jump prices were not more than 5 points below the top figures. The market continued tremendously active with business from all over the world pouring into the local exchange in vast volume.

White Slave Traffic Evils Are Described

Immigration Commission, in Report, Says This Is Most Pitiful and Revolting Phase of Immigration Question—Business Has Assumed Large Proportions—Recommendations Made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Stories of the revolting practices of procurers of women for importation into the United States for immoral purposes are told in a report issued today by the immigration commission. The recommendations of the commission contemplate closer scrutiny for the admission of alien women and renewed efforts to stamp out the so-called "white slave traffic." The commission says the "white slave traffic" is the most pitiful and revolting phase of the immigration question. The business has assumed large proportions, and has been exerting an evil influence upon the country. The statement of the commission may form the basis of reasonable legislative and administrative action to lessen these evils.

Methods of Procurers.

The inquiry covered the cities of New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake City, Ogden, Butte, Denver, Buffalo, Boston and New Orleans. The report deals with the methods used by men and women procurers to lure women into this country for immoral purposes. The methods differ in different countries. In some countries men and women in the business of enticing innocent girls to the United States resort to profers of attractive positions; in many cases men offer themselves in marriage and frequently risk prosecution on the charge of bigamy in order to attain their ends.

Recommendations.

Concerning the talk of a monopolistic corporation whose business is

importing unfortunate women, the commission declares that it is unable to learn of the existence of such a corporation.

Under the head of "recommendations" the commission states that owing to the difference between American and European views regarding prostitution there can be but limited co-operation with some European nations in the fight to suppress the white slave trade, and that largely the United States must rely upon their own officials to wipe out the traffic.

The commission submits suggestions of administrative changes and more rigid enforcement of existing regulations by the bureau of immigration. It is suggested that the immigration law should be amended.

PRESIDENT OF SWITCHMEN AND GOMPERS HAVE A TALK

Latter Says Switchmen Have Not Been Given Due Consideration.

Cincinnati, Dec. 10.—Samuel Gompers today conferred with President Hawley of the Switchmen's union regarding the strike situation.

Gompers declared the switchmen have not been given due consideration by the railroads.

Representative Moxey Sworn In.

Washington, Dec. 10.—William J. Moxey of Chicago was sworn in today as representative of the Sixth Illinois district to succeed William Lorimer, who resigned to take his seat in the United States senate.

CHICKEN SHOW NEAR A CLOSE

Third Annual Show of Asheville Association Greatest in This Section.

The third annual show of the Asheville Poultry and Pet Stock association, which has been on at the Thrash building on South Main street since Wednesday morning, will come to a close tonight at 10 o'clock, and, incidentally, a close that will mark the event as the greatest chicken show in the history of Asheville if not western North Carolina. The show has attracted wide attention from breeders of fancy poultry not only in Asheville and this immediate vicinity but from the entire western section of the state, the piedmont section and from other states including Tennessee, South Carolina and further south. The number of birds on exhibition far exceeded the expectation of the management of the show and for the first 24 hours after the opening some little embarrassment was experienced in providing show coops for all the entries. The birds were all ultimately well-cooped and those visiting the show yesterday afternoon and today witnessed a great exhibition of all the popular breeds of poultry as well as some of those breeds not so well known in this section.

The judging of J. S. Jeffrey of Raleigh, who is connected with the experiment station there, and who judged the American and Asiatic chickens, was perhaps the best piece of work that Mr. Jeffrey has performed. He was called upon to judge some very good birds in the classes and again it was his duty to pass upon some particularly bad birds. He has a keen eye; he is quick but without sure and perhaps the only objection that breeders could possibly have to his judging lies in the fact that he cuts close; in fact, a bird that Mr. Jeffrey judges and gives a good score one may rest assured in A1. Mr. Simmons of Charlotte judged the Mediterranean class including the Leghorns, Minorcas, etc.

Although the judging of birds began early Wednesday morning the number of entries was so great that the judging (Continued on page 8.)

Three Hundred Idle as Result of Fire.

Kent, O., Dec. 10.—As the result of fire destroying the Seneca china plant today, incurring a loss of \$170,000, 300 men and boys are idle.

Powder Mill Explosion; Three Killed.

Cleveland, Dec. 10.—Three men were instantly killed by an explosion in the press mill of the Austin Power company's plant this afternoon.

An \$80,000 Fire in Detroit.

Detroit, Dec. 10.—Fire today destroyed the Gray Furniture Storage company building. The loss, \$80,000.

LOGAN WILL GET MARSHALSHIP

Indications Are That the Asheville Man Will Land the Job With Comparative Ease.

NUMBER OF TAR HEELS NOW IN WASHINGTON

Keith Will Be Re-Appointed Collector of the Port at Wilmington—Situation in Ohio.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Washington, Dec. 10.—It is understood here that Mr. Logan will get the marshalship without much trouble. T. E. McCrary of Lexington, one of the candidates, admits he is out of the running, and says Logan seems to have the endorsement of the organization, as well as that of Congressman Grant. It is also said that Congressman Cowles will name the collector, and that Adams will be district attorney.

E. C. Duncan, T. S. Rollins, Zeb Vance Walser, R. P. Keen and Thomas Santee were here yesterday. Keith is to be re-appointed collector of customs at Wilmington.

Locke Craig spent yesterday here.

The Ohio Situation.

The president, it is known, is not particularly fond of politics, but there are elements in the Ohio situation which compel him to take a keen interest. Judson Harmon, the democratic governor of Ohio, is likely to become the nominee of his party again. He is regarded as a strong man and has been declared, even by Mr. Taft himself, to have been a good governor. Therefore he is giving the republican leaders something to think about.

There is widespread opinion that if Mr. Harmon is re-elected governor of Ohio, his own state he will become the candidate of the democratic party for the presidency in 1912. There has been much talk along this line, and while Mr. Bryan's lien on the candidacy may not have been satisfied by his three successive defeats there may come a time when he will refuse to run. With the death of Gov. Johnson of Minnesota, one of the men who might have received that nomination, Harmon's chances for the democratic nomination have increased decidedly.

Ohio Republicanism has not recovered fully from the fights which racked it in the last few years. The faction of former Senator Foraker is not within the fold entirely, and if the president's brother decides that he wants the town now in the possession of Charles Dick the role of peace which now reposes over part of the faithful of Ohio probably will be torn still more. It was pointed out today in view of these circumstances, that it was up to the republican leaders to get busy with Ohio. The republican party will have to select a very strong man to run against Harmon, whose advantage has been increased through the fact that he is a presidential possibility. Charles P. Taft doesn't want the governorship of his state, or at least he didn't not very long ago. He is said to be anxious to enter the United States senate. Ex-Gov. Herlick, those who know declare, is not likely to be the man. From what is said here James T. Garfield, former secretary of the interior and son of the late president of the United States, stands a better chance than anybody to be chosen as Harmon's rival for the governorship.

Among politicians the opinion prevails that if the republicans should fail to carry Ohio in the gubernatorial race for all President Taft would be placed in an embarrassing position politically. The legislature which will choose a successor to Senator Dick will be elected early next year, and therefore it behooves the leaders to start to work at once. A luncheon in the White House might be made a fitting place.

According to those who understand the president's attitude he is disinclined to take an active part at this early day in the campaign for the selection of a republican candidate for governor of Ohio.

STEAMER'S CREW LOST, IT IS FEARED, ON LAKE

Thirteen Probably Dead, on Enduring Tortures of Living Death, in Small Boat.

Cleveland, Dec. 10.—Either dead or enduring the tortures of a living death, 13 members of the crew of the steamer Clarion, which burned off Pelee Island Wednesday night, are still floundering about, helpless in a small lifeboat upon Lake Erie.

Search was continued for them today, although it is believed the men have perished.

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