

Ghastly Murder Mystery Baffles Detectives of Scotland Yard CASE SIMILAR

IN MAIN FEATURES, IT SEEMS PROBABLE, TO CHARLTON'S

Police Are Instructed to Watch Lusitania, Due to Arrive Tonight, for Dr. H.M. Crippen, a Dentist, the Suspect.

HIS WIFE'S BODY IS FOUND AT HIS HOME, IN LONDON

Buried in Quicklime and Burned Beyond Recognition, but Identified, It Is Thought, by the Circumstances.

LONDON, July 14.—Scotland yard authorities are baffled over the murder of an American woman, and called the police of the United States this morning to arrest the woman's husband, Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen, also an American, who it is believed sailed for New York Saturday.

The case is strikingly similar to the Charlton murder at Lake Como, Italy. Both women were actresses who left American homes, to meet death by violence on foreign shores.

Dr. Crippen, a dentist, aged 50, has made his home at 39 Hilldrop Crescent, North London. Some time ago his wife, Belle Elmore, a vaudeville actress, disappeared. Subsequently notice of her death appeared in the newspapers. There was considerable gossip among the woman's intimates, and this reached the police. The police visited Dr. Crippen, the latter's interview appearing satisfactory.

Saturday Dr. Crippen disappeared. Body Found in Cellar.

Friday a search of Crippen's home revealed the battered body of a woman buried in the cellar. In quicklime, and burned beyond recognition. The discovery of the body, together with other discoveries, leaves no doubt the murdered woman is Mrs. Crippen. The police believe Crippen sailed for the United States Saturday and have called the American authorities to search incoming steamers for Crippen. The police state that Crippen was accompanied by Clara Levee, a French woman. Indications point to a coolly planned murder.

The Police Mystified.

The police are mystified by circumstances surrounding the woman's disappearance. When an advertisement appeared announcing Belle Elmore's death in Los Angeles, Cal., an investigation was started which showed the statement untrue. It was learned that the officers forced Crippen to admit that his wife had not died in California. He then said, according to the detectives, that they had quarreled, and following this she disappeared. The police refused to accept the explanation and pursued the inquiry further. The authorities have learned Crippen was born at Coldwater, Mich., and practiced dentistry in many eastern cities. Mrs. Crippen was 35 years old.

The steamer Lusitania, on which Crippen is believed to be a passenger, sailed from Liverpool Sunday, and from Queenstown Sunday. The Lusitania is due at New York some time tonight. The Levee woman accompanying the doctor to America is an attractive brunette, 27 years old.

A Great Celebration in Paris. Paris, July 14.—Three-fourths of a million people witnessed the annual military review at Long Champs in celebration of the anniversary of the fall of the Bastille. The occasion was notable in that King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium were present. Sixty thousand troops participated.

35,000 Threaten to Strike. Hamburg, July 14.—Thirty-five thousand shipyard employes have united in a demand upon their employers for a ten per cent. increase in wages and a 53-hour week. The men threaten to strike if the concessions are refused.

Ten Acres Burned Over In the City of Portland

Early Morning Fire Results in Loss of Two Human Lives, and 150 Horses—Financial Damage Aggregates \$300,000—Apartment Houses, Residences, Stores, Etc., Burned.

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CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN ENTERS DISCLAIMER

Says He Had Nothing to Do With the Permanent Organization—Was Not Consulted.

Commissioner of Labor M. L. Shipman passed through the city this morning on his way to the democratic convention being held in Charlotte. Mr. Shipman, speaking of the congressional convention here this week, said: "I was sorry the delegates became so excited, but the sharp contests over points of order were calculated to create friction for the moment. However, the final ballot settled all differences and most everybody went away feeling that the spirited controversy in the convention was simply an incident not premeditated and will in no way affect the general results."

Mr. Shipman disclaims any connection whatsoever with the convention proceedings here except the appointment of the temporary chairman and secretaries. He says he was not consulted with reference to the permanent organization at all and that he made no suggestions.

NEW DESTROYER, ROE, PROVES SPEEDY CRAFT

Contract Speed 28, and She Makes 31 Knots—First Destroyer of Exclusively Oil-Burner Type.

Washington, July 14.—With the contract requirements calling for only a speed of 28 knots an hour, the torpedo boat destroyer Roe has made 31 knots in standardization tests off the Delaware breaker course, according to a report received at the navy department from the board of inspection.

The Roe is the first destroyer of exclusively oil-burning type. The standardization tests will be followed by others of different nature.

Given a Year for Prize Fighting.

Hampton, Va., July 14.—William Durand, who claims the heavyweight pugilistic championship of the United States navy, is convicted by a jury in Circuit court of prize fighting. He was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. Durand was knocked out several weeks ago at Buck Head beach by a negro named Scarborough in the first round of a scheduled ten-round mill.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 8 p. m. Friday for Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather with occasional showers tonight or Friday.

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy with local showers tonight or Friday. Light to moderate variable winds.

"Jack" Horner Dies as Result of Fall.

New Orleans, July 14.—"Jack" Horner, "scout" for the Detroit American League club, widely known in baseball circles, is dead as a result of a fall. Entering the hotel baths, Horner slipped on a marble step, fracturing his skull.

Deputy Sheriff Arrested for Homicide

Greensburg, Pa., July 14.—John Snelling, a deputy sheriff, aged 30, was arrested today, found hiding in the woods where he shot and killed John Cutler, a striking miner, last night. Snelling claims self-defense.

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Scenes of Newark, O., Lynching And Ethrington, Mob's Victim



TELEGRAPH POLE FROM WHICH ETHRINGTON WAS LYNCED. WILLIAM HOWARD, FORMER POLICEMAN WHO WAS KILLED BY CARL ETHRINGTON.

INCREASED TARIFF RATES GENERALLY SUSPENDED

The Interstate Commission Stops All Important Increases, Pending Investigation of Them.

Washington, July 14.—The interstate commerce commission has announced the intention to suspend all tariffs which general and important rate advances, pending investigation into the reasonableness of the proposed advances.

Refuses to Suspend New York Rates. The commission has announced its refusal to suspend the increased commutation rates into and out of New York city which were a subject of discussion at Tuesday's hearing. An investigation as to the reasonableness of these advanced rates and other commutation rate advances into and out of New York are directed.

Mandatory Injunction Sought. Cincinnati, July 14.—The Shippers' and Receivers' association has applied to the federal court for a mandatory injunction to compel the interstate commerce commission to annul its recent order in the southern rate cases, re-open the hearing and give another decision. The rates were scheduled to take effect tomorrow.

STARTLING RUMORS, BUT AN OLD STORY REVIVED

Great Loss of Life Reported Following a Collision of Steamers on Dnieper River.

London, July 14.—Startling rumors of great loss of life following a collision between steamers on the Dnieper river have reached here from Odessa, Russia.

Inquiry develops that the reports are exaggerated versions of Saturday's accident when a boiler exploded on the steamer Lovi. Three persons were killed and subsequently fourteen others died from their injuries.

Woman Evidently Strangled to Death.

New York, July 14.—Mrs. Rosa Luraschick of Jersey City was found lying dead today in her home, her arms and ankles bound and marks of a strangulation on her throat.

Tacoma Sails for Bluefield.

Washington, July 14.—The cruiser Tacoma has sailed from Guantanamo, Cuba, for Bluefield, the center of the Nicaraguan disturbances, to relieve the Paducah.

John A. McAdair Renominated.

Muncie, Ind., July 14.—Democrats of the eighth congressional district have renominated John A. McAdair for congress.

Virginia Press Association.

Norfolk, July 14.—The Virginia Press association, piloted by Chairman W. McDonald of the Virginia state fisheries commission, left here today on a boat trip for Yorktown.

Pittsburg, July 14.—Joseph R. Stauffer, aged 74, a millionaire coal-timber operator, died today.

AN AGED COUPLE KILLED IN A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

Horse Driven by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman, Near Oxford, Was Frightened by a Storm.

Durham, July 14.—News has reached here that E. M. Sherman and his wife, an aged couple, were killed last night in a runaway near Oxford.

They had driven from Durham to Oxford, a distance of 40 miles, and returning were overtaken by a storm. Their horses became frightened, ran away and smashed the buggy, hurling the couple out. Death resulted from their injuries.

JUDGE WARD, DEFEATED, HANDS IN RESIGNATION

Gov. Kitchin's Appointee on Bench in Third Failed of Nomination and Quits.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, July 14.—Judge D. I. Ward, on the superior court bench from the Third Judicial district through appointment by Governor Kitchin, has tendered to the governor his resignation which has been accepted and his excellency has named H. W. Whedbee as Judge Ward's successor.

Judge Ward was appointed by Governor Kitchin to succeed Judge Guion, who resigned. At the recent judicial convention Judge Ward stood for the nomination to succeed himself on the bench but was defeated by Mr. Whedbee. The resignation of Judge Ward was the result of this action of the democrats of his district. He did not care to retain the judgeship after the democrats had chosen another to be voted on at the November election.

Col. Comfort's Death Accidental.

Chester, Pa., July 14.—Colonel Silas E. Comfort, vice president of the Pennsylvania Military college, whose body was found in Crum creek yesterday, met his death accidentally, following a heat stroke, declared Coroner Carr, following an autopsy on that body.

Strike Riot at Sugar Refinery.

New York, July 14.—The arrival of 200 laborers at the pier of the American Sugar company refinery, where a strike is in progress, was the signal for a riot. The men began throwing stones and bricks. The police used their clubs, dispersing the mob.

Britain's Position as to Armament.

London, July 14.—During a debate on the naval expenditure in the house of commons this afternoon Premier Asquith reiterated that it was the desire of the British government to come to a friendly agreement with Germany looking to the curtailment of armaments.

Former Assistant Cashier Sentenced.

Pittsburg, July 14.—Ernest W. Bowman, former assistant cashier of the Citizens National bank of Tennessee, was today sentenced ten years in the penitentiary for misapplying bank funds.

Jewelers' New Working Agreement.

Boston, July 14.—The proposed new working agreement calling for a wage increase of 25 per cent. is adopted by the International Jewelry Workers' convention.

THE OUTCOME OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CONTEST PROBLEMATIC

IS IN POLITICS UP TO HIS CHIN

Colonel Roosevelt, After Seeing More Politicians at Oyster Bay, Gives Out an Interview.

Oyster Bay, July 14.—Col. Roosevelt had no political visitors this morning and spent the day quietly at Sagamore Hill.

He said with emphasis yesterday that he has taken no stand as yet in favor of either the insurgents or the regulars in the republican party; and he desires to correct any impression that he is showing favoritism. Of the situation within the party in New York state he said that he saw only harmony ahead.

"I want you to make it clear," he said to interviewers, "that I am seeing both sides. I wish you would make that emphatic. My main interest is in the state, but on national issues I want to see both regulars and insurgents, particularly men and independents. I want to see democrats as well as republicans."

"But you don't want to see democrats win?" he was asked.

"Not if the republicans do the right thing," he replied.

"Little Tim" There.

Timothy Woodruff, chairman of the New York republican state committee, and a staunch organization man, was in the house as Colonel Roosevelt explained his attitude. Roosevelt was Representative Charles N. Fowler of New Jersey who is a first-to-last insurgent. During the day Colonel Roosevelt had talked with them both.

Governor Hughes had departed earlier in the day. Colonel Roosevelt said that he had talked politics with all three and that he had gained about the same impression from Mr. Woodruff as he had obtained Tuesday from James A. Wadsworth, Jr., the speaker of the assembly. Mr. Wadsworth made it clear that so far as it lay within his power there would be no surrender on the part of the organization bill such as Colonel Roosevelt and Governor Hughes urged. For his part, Mr. Woodruff said that he was glad that Colonel Roosevelt was active in politics. After saying that he had talked politics with Governor Hughes and his other guests, but declining to partake, Colonel Roosevelt made his statement as to his attitude on the broad question of national politics. Then he sat silent in his chair for a moment and smiled reminiscently.

"They Had Cold Feet."

"You know the insurgents had cold feet when I came back from abroad," he continued, "because the first four men with whom I conferred were Senators Lodge, Secretary Meyer, Secretary Wilson and Nick Longworth."

"I had similar experiences when I was in the white house. When J. Pierpont Morgan came to see me they said I had sold out to Wall street, and when Samuel Gompers came they said I was going to hobnob the red flag."

But, he added, "I didn't do either."

When the talk drifted to Governor Hughes' visit the colonel was asked if he talked of a possible candidature for the gubernatorial nomination.

"Almost every visitor brings the name of a candidate," was his reply. "Many of them are worthy men. I have talked over practically a dozen different names."

The name of William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York was mentioned, he said, during the talk with Governor Hughes, but he declined to go into details. He added that the governor and he went over the political situation, both state and national. His attitude on the selection of candidate for governor was expressed clearly yet he prefaced it with these words, "I don't know whether I shall take a hand in selecting a candidate for governor."

He was asked if he would be a candidate for governor.

"My position in regard to the governorship this fall," he continued, "is that we must find the man best fitted for the post and most acceptable to the rank and file of the republican party and the independent voters. I (Continued on page 2.)"

Both Sides Claiming Everything—Buncombe Well Represented at Democratic State Convention at Charlotte.

OVERMAN AS CHAIRMAN OUTLINES NATIONAL ISSUES

"Down" With Cannonism, Plutocracy, Unlawful Trusts; Down With Those Who Would Mexicanize the Republic."

Sixth Correspondence of The Gazette-News.

Charlotte, July 14.—3:30 p. m.—The convention reassembled at 3:15 o'clock and proceeded with the nominations of Walter Clark for chief justice of the supreme court, and Platt D. Walker for associate justice. The convention is awaiting the report of the credential committee. The Manning forces appear confident.

Clay county has sent a proxy, and trouble may ensue. Buncombe county is well represented. F. Stickleather is chairman of the delegation and E. B. Jeffers secretary.

The Heat Terrible.

Chairman Eller called the convention to order after noon. There was a large attendance of delegates, and in the sweltering mass the heat was terrible. Eller sounded the note of a progressive policy in the platform. He wanted the preservation of the forests and construction of public highways. The temporary chairman, Senator Lee S. Overman, in a long speech attacked the republican administration for extravagance, denounced the tariff legislation, the establishment of the commerce and customs courts and the postal savings bank. He wanted enforcement of the laws against the railroads and freight rate discrimination eliminated.

It now appears that Allen will win.

Chairman Overman's Speech.

(By Associated Press.)

Charlotte, July 14.—Senator Lee S. Overman, after being unanimously chosen chairman of the state democratic convention here today, outlined the issues of the campaign from a democratic standpoint.

"Down with Cannonism. Down with Plutocracy," exclaimed the senator. "Down with unlawful trusts and combines, chief beneficiaries of tariff legislation, purchaser of elections, debauchers of the ballot. Down with those who would Mexicanize this republic and destroy the liberties of the people."

Senator Overman outlined the issues as follows:

"Back to the slogan of 1876; retrenchment and reform. Turn the rascals out. Clean out the Augean stables. A new broom sweeps clean. A tariff for revenue only, so adjusted as to operate alike upon all classes, all sections and all industries. The people shall rule.

"Enforce the laws against the unlawful trusts. If it is right to indict the bulls who keep up the price of cotton, indict the bears whose business it is as representatives of English manufacturers to keep the price down as low as possible.

"Enforce the laws regulating railroad rates in favor of the people and stop unjust discriminations against towns and cities of the country. Subsidies are undemocratic and the people (Continued on page seven.)"

Spot Cotton 16 Cents in The New York Market

Advance of July Over Half a Cent in Less Than Two Days, to Highest Mark Since Early in the Year—Excitement in Old Months at the Opening.

New York, July 14.—July cotton later deliveries were firmer in sympathy with July, but the excitement was all in the old crop positions. There was a renewal of excitement in the old crop months at the opening of the cotton market this morning, with the initial tone steady at an advance of one to two points, in sympathy practically the only sellers.