

MURDER CHARGE TO FACE WOMAN

Chemist Finds Arsenic Killed Arthur Bissenette, Roomer of Mrs. Vermilya of Chicago.

EIGHT OTHER DEATHS OCCUR IN HER HOUSE Two Former Husbands and Three of Her Offspring Have Expired Mysteriously.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Chemical analysis today revealed sufficient arsenic in Policeman Arthur Bissenette's liver to cause death.

Chief of Police McWheneey this afternoon is prepared to swear out a warrant for Mrs. Louis Vermilya, charging her with murder.

Nine strange deaths have occurred in Mrs. Vermilya's household in six years. The deaths include those of Richard T. Smith, a conductor on the Illinois Central; Fred Brinkamp, 66 years old, first husband of Mrs. Vermilya; Frank Brinkamp; Charles Vermilya, Mrs. Vermilya's second husband, 58 years old, collector for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad; Lillian Brinkamp, 25 years old; Harry G. Vermilya, 35 years old, stepson of Mrs. Vermilya.

Not Engaged to Mr. Vermilya. Policemen investigating the death of Bissenette, on the theory that he may have been the victim of poisoning, discovered that Bissenette had made a will by which he left all his personal property, about \$1300, to Miss Lydia Rivard, whom he expected to marry the first of the year.

Miss Rivard admitted the engagement and said the suddenness of Bissenette's death had been a great shock to her. Bissenette's will, according to the police, disposes of the story that the policeman was planning to marry Mrs. Louise Vermilya. It also furnishes, they argue, a motive for the violent taking-off of Bissenette. Until the Bissenette will was opened the police had only Mrs. Vermilya's positive statement that she was the policeman's fiancée. Now the police are convinced that a few days before his death he ceased whatever attentions he had paid Mrs. Vermilya.

Claims Her Innocence. Mrs. Vermilya says she is the innocent victim of a coincidence of sudden deaths, and that she has no fear that she will be unable to lift the cloud of suspicion. She says she did not believe in any way by the death of Bissenette, and is sure he could not have been poisoned in her house.

"He asked me to marry him," said Mrs. Vermilya, "but I put him off on account of the disparity in our ages. It is not true that I was married to Richard Smith, who died in my home. He was a roomer and I scarcely knew him."

Smith was a railroad conductor. The police are trying to find out what became of a motorcycle, a diamond stickpin and \$88 in cash which he is said to have had shortly before he was taken ill. Fellow laborers of Smith say he had not made the slightest complaint of illness and that he was a man naturally robust.

Conquer Hoffman will make arrangements for the exhumation of the bodies of several persons whose names have been used in the investigation.

COLDER WEATHER TONIGHT FORECAST

Zero Weather Disappears But Low Temperatures Prevail Widely.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The cold wave today stretched across the country with the low mark of 12 degrees above zero in Wyoming and North Dakota.

Zero temperatures disappeared off the weather map but it was cold enough everywhere east of the Rocky Mountains, including the northern portions of the Gulf states, with snow in some of the central states.

It will be colder tonight along the South Atlantic coast.

USES DYNAMITE STICK TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Man Puts Charge Under His Head and Explodes Persimmon Cup with Teeth.

Arvon, Cal., Nov. 3.—Placing a stick of dynamite under his head and exploding the persimmon cup with his teeth, Frank Brown, age 44, blew off his head to-day at the other side of the street.

BOURNE'S REQUEST TO CAUSE CONTEST

Effort to Change Representation Basis May Result in Committee Row.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, Nov. 3. Prospects are good for a brisk contest over the method of selecting delegates to the republican national convention when the republican national committee meets here early in December to issue the call for the convention and select the place of meeting.

Senator Bourne of Oregon will ask the committee to base the representation on the actual republican vote cast for the republican ticket in 1908, and not upon the old basis of allowing two delegates for each representative and senator in congress. If this new plan were to be put in operation, North Carolina would have but 17 instead of 24 delegates, as is the case under the present rule.

The committee probably will not authorize such a radical change. But the point has been raised in republican affairs before. In the 1908 convention the proposition was beaten by only 25 votes. At that time the anti-Taft element, supporting Knox, Hughes, Fairbanks and Cannon, favored the departure. Upon a minority report from the committee on rules presented by Representative Burke of Pennsylvania, the vote rejecting the change was 506 to 421.

The Burk report was signed by the delegates from 18 states and the District of Columbia as follows: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Oregon, West Virginia, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, Indiana, Minnesota, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Utah, New Hampshire and the District of Columbia. Twelve of these delegations subsequently voted for Taft, five against him and two split.

World Reduces South's Representation. The effect would be to deprive the southern states of a large fraction of their representation in the republican national convention. In 1908 the Taft candidacy had the support of the south, and, therefore, desired to retain the full voting strength of that region. At that time the far west was for Taft and cared little about cutting down the south's vote. Now, however, the south again will be for Taft, while many of the western and middle western states will be against him.

A vote on the same proposition under similar conditions would show a line-up very different from that of 1908. Still, the issue is live enough to cause a real fight.

The adoption of the Bourne proposal would reduce the representation of the southern states approximately as follows: Alabama from 24 to 7; Arkansas, 18 to 10; Florida, 12 to 5; Georgia, 28 to 9; Louisiana, 28 to 5; Mississippi, 20 to 5; North Carolina, 24 to 17; Oklahoma, 29 to 16; South Carolina, 13 to 4; Tennessee, 24 to 17; Texas, 40 to 11; and Virginia, 24 to 10.

Kentucky, Maryland and Missouri, all border states, would receive increases as follows: Kentucky, 26 to 21; Maryland, 16 to 17; and Missouri, 26 to 42. Some of the striking increases among northern states would be as follows: Illinois, 58 to 75; Indiana, 30 to 43; Iowa, 26 to 35; Michigan, 30 to 42; New Jersey, 28 to 34; New York, 40 to 102; Ohio, 48 to 68; Pennsylvania, 76 to 68, and Wisconsin, 26 to 32.

Rural Carriers as Liquor Agents. Complaint has been made to Postmaster General Hildreth that postmasters are acting as agents for liquor companies. Especially is this true, the report says, in prohibition states, where intoxicants are hard to get.

The postmaster general has issued an order warning postal employees not to act as agents for liquor firms in any way. Any postal employees violating this order will be dismissed from the service at once.

TWO TICKETS IN FIELD IS CLARK'S PREDICTION

Fremont, Neb., Nov. 3.—That the republican party would have two candidates for president in 1912 was predicted here today by Speaker Champ Clark. He declared his opinion that President Taft would be renominated and the insurgent republicans would split away and nominate La Follette.

Speaker Clark wound up his speaking tour in the interest of Daniel V. Stevens' candidacy for congress in the third district.

GERMANY RECOGNIZES FRENCH PROTECTORATE

Paris, Nov. 3.—The contents of the Franco-German treaty which gives France a protectorate in Morocco, while both nations agree to obtain the admission to this zone of the other signatories in the 1912 agreement.

TOWNS IN GRIP OF MURDERERS

Law Officers Defied by Outlaw Band Which Nightly Deals Death in Alabama.

17 MIDNIGHT KILLINGS AND NO ARRESTS MADE

Residents of Birmingham Suburbs Fear to Inform Against Bands—Sheriff Plans Raid.

Birmingham, Nov. 3.—With one man mysteriously killed each night for the past week and a total of 17 assassinations within the past 15 months, terror reigns at the villages of Lewisburg and Arcadia, four miles north of Birmingham.

No arrests have been made for any of the crimes. Local officers, it is said, have been threatened with death if they attempt to ferret out the criminals, and the silence of residents as to clues has paralyzed the efforts of detectives sent from Birmingham. Such residents as have talked at all hint of a murderous band at whose hands they would meet death if they were suspected as informers.

The sheriff's office here is preparing to raid the towns in force. Preparations to that end have been making for several days. When news of its activities leaked out yesterday, two anonymous letters were received warning the officers "not to interfere." No attention will be paid to these communications, it is announced, and officers believe that if they can give the townspeople assurance of protection clues will be revealed which will result in arrests.

Six of the dead are white men and the remainder negroes. There has been a striking similarity in all the murders. Motives for the crimes can only be conjectured.

19 ARE INJURED IN S. A. L. WRECK

Swift Florida Limited Splits a Switch at Merry Oaks.

Raleigh, Nov. 3.—That passengers on the Seaboard Air Line's Florida limited, wrecked at Merry Oaks last night with 18 people injured, escaped more serious casualties is pronounced miraculous. Steel cars are responsible for the saving of lives.

The entire train, except the engine, was derailed, and the express car overturned. Express Messenger Lindall escaped with a slight scalp wound. The number of seriously injured is 13. Chief Surgeon Burke of the line was on the train and rendered aid.

The engine passed over a switch but the second express car split the switch, causing the accident. The wreckage was cleared away today.

\$20,000 CASH DISAPPEARS FROM REGISTERED MAIL

Lynchburg, Nov. 3.—A registered package containing a \$20,000 remittance from a Bluefield (W. Va.) bank to its New York correspondent, it is said, disappeared from the mails Friday night over the Norfolk & Western railroad and was handled through a mail transfer to the Southern railway at the west-end station. Soon after leaving Lynchburg, the clerk on the Washington train telegraphed a report that he was short the package and that his way-bill did not correspond with the number on the registered lock attached to the pouch.

Four or five postal inspectors are working on the case here.

NEW WOMAN'S RIGHT

California Judge Rules That They May Wear Their Hats in Jury-Box.

Los Angeles, Nov. 3.—Women jurors may wear their hats while sitting in a jury box, according to Judge Casady's ruling in the Superior court today.

The matter came up in the trial of A. A. King, who was required by a jury of women of the charge of printing a story in his newspaper in violation of the law.

Richeson Pleads Monday to Indictment Accusing Him of First Degree Murder



DR. DOW GEORGE H. BAKER MR. AND MRS. E. H. LONG CHARLES L. NELSON

Prisoner Makes No Comment When the Grand Jury Finding Is Read to Him.

DRUGGIST BELIEVES GIRL BOUGHT CYANIDE

Eugene Leviston Says Woman of Miss Linnell's Description Purchased Poison.

Boston, Nov. 3.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson will be arraigned in the Superior criminal court Monday to plead to the indictment charging him with poisoning Miss Avis Linnell.

When the indictment was read to the prisoner in the Charles street jail he listened intently to every word of the long document, but made no comment when the reading was concluded.

Richeson has resigned as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church of Cambridge. His resignation, which was dated November 1, reached Charles E. Cummings, clerk of the church, yesterday. The post office stamp showed that it had been mailed in Back Bay Wednesday afternoon.

Although the text of the accused minister's letter of resignation is not yet obtainable, it is understood to be in such form that its acceptance will not embarrass even his personal supporters in the church. Action of the church on the resignation is not likely to be taken for nearly two weeks.

Believes Miss Linnell Bought Cyanide. Eugene Leviston, of No. 19 Woodcliff street, Dorchester, who conducted a pharmacy at No. 50 Boylston street, Cambridge, until last Thursday, said today that a few weeks before the death of Avis Linnell he sold a small quantity of cyanide of potassium to a young woman, who, he believes, was Miss Linnell.

Mr. Leviston sold his drug store to W. D. Frazer, and has requested the latter to look up the records of poison sales to see if they will throw any light on the matter.

It was about the middle of September, according to Mr. Leviston, that a young woman called at his store and asked for ten cents' worth of cyanide of potassium. She said she was a student of chemistry and wanted the poison for mechanical uses.

"Then," said Mr. Leviston, "I sold her a couple of drams, first wrapping the cyanide in tissue paper and then in white paper. I had the girl sign the poison book, but I can't remember what name she used. I have been greatly disturbed over the incident ever since I saw the pictures of Avis Linnell in the papers, and I feel she was the girl who bought the poison."

Mrs. Bessie Leviston, wife of the druggist, is just as positive that a man resembling Mr. Richeson visited the store about September 29 and tried to buy cyanide. She was unable to give it to him because she did not know where it was kept. She says that after some parting the man left the store.

NEW PLAN TO DECIDE AS TO BASEBALL HONORS

Herman Would Abolish Seven-Game Contest and Substitute a 60-Game Schedule.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—A complete change in the method of deciding the world's baseball championship will be proposed to the national commission at the meeting at Cincinnati, Nov. 14, by Chairman August Herman.

The plan is to abolish the present series of seven games between pennant winners and substitute a schedule of 60 contests with all the sixteen major league teams participating. It is proposed to cut the present regular schedule to 112 games.

The scheme would give cities having a club in only one league a chance in one season of the other league.

SHANGHAI GOES OVER TO REBELS

No Resistance Made When Revolutionaries Enter the Great City and Take Arsenal.

FLAMES SWEEP HANKOW WHILE BATTLE RAGES

Situation in Insurgent Hotbed Described as Appalling—Loyalists Losing Yang-Ste Valley.

Shanghai, Nov. 3.—The arsenal and the native city of Shanghai was taken over by the revolutionists late this afternoon. No resistance was made by the authorities. It is expected that Wu Sung and the up-river forts will fall tonight. Some foreign warships flanked marines here before the rebels took possession.

It is reported that the rebels at Kiu-Kiang have seized the British tugboat Sampson. The revolutionary flag floats over all the buildings in the vicinity of the arsenal here. Police and native soldiers are making no attempt to interfere with the insurgents.

The latest advices from Hankow give assurances that foreign concessions are safe. The province of Yun-Nan on the southwestern frontier has declared its independence. Yun-Nan has a population of twelve million.

Emperor's Power Shown. Peking, Nov. 3.—The national assembly today completed the draft of a basis upon which it proposes to construct the new constitution of China. It was submitted to the throne and accepted immediately.

The tentative plan provides for the perpetuity of the Manchu dynasty, but the power of the emperor is closely restricted by a constitution which is to be written by the national assembly, subject to amendment by parliament. The imperial princes are made ineligible to the office of premier and cannot become members of the cabinet or administrators of provinces.

Great Fire Sweeps Hankow. Hong Kong, Nov. 3.—Dispatches from Hankow describe the situation there as appalling. A conflagration is sweeping the city. In the lighting between the rebels and the loyalists, the imperial batteries are lifting shells into the native quarter, while the rebels are firing with long range guns on the loyalist positions.

Many Flee Peking. The exodus from Peking continues, the doors of many shops, as well as private houses, being closed in anticipation of a massacre. The American missionaries who have had a conference with the legation, have decided that a few soldiers placed in each of the large mission compounds would suffice to prevent ordinary outlawry and looting, which is expected to begin any night. But should there be a general outbreak all the other could take refuge in the Methodist mission, which is immediately east of the legation quarter and easily defended.

Troops Mutiny, Slaying Manchus. An official dispatch from Shih-Kiang-Tan, Shan-Si province, says that a regiment of Shan-Si troops which had been dispatched to help the imperialists, has mutinied. The mutineers killed their brigadier-general, and then bombarded a Manchus city, massacring a thousand Manchus, including the governor and his family.

Letters dated October 29 and 30 from the Associated Press correspondent with the imperialist army at Hankow, say that in the struggle for the possession of the city there was hand-to-hand fighting in the street, the quarters being too close for shooting. The rebels, mostly raw recruits, were driving back with much slaughter, their dead piling up on the quays. The casualties among the imperialists for two days, October 28 and 29, were 30 killed and 100 wounded. The rebels had about 100 killed or wounded.

No prisoners were taken. Rebels captured alive were shot or decapitated. It is learned that the most barbarous outrages were perpetrated on innocent persons in the villages.

The staff officers, says the correspondent, are quartered in an express train, with engines attached for immediate service. The chief of staff, Colonel Yin, is now at the front directing operations.

Prior to the opening of operations on October 27, General Yin Tolsang, told the respective commanders that the advancing must be made, and rewards were offered to the soldiers for every gun captured. The rebels, who at first numbered not more than 1000, shot from the house tops until compelled to retire, the shells from the warships setting the houses on fire.

Dispatches received in Peking say the rebels occupied Shih-Kiang-Tan Monday last, but on the following day the imperialists drove them to Kiang-Tan. The Kiang-Tan is an important pass in the mountainous region. The rebels have been driven back to the mountains.

Cambridge, Nov. 3.—The present week is the best opportunity to see the comet, according to the Harvard astronomers. The comet is to be seen in a cycle in the morning.

Celestial Wanderer Hinted Visible in the Eastern Sky in the Early Morning.

COMET BRIGHTEST NOW

Berlin, Nov. 3.—A report that all the outer forts at Tripoli are in the hands of the Turks is confirmed here. Italy holds the forts within the city proper.

TURKS DRIVE ITALIANS INTO CITY OF TRIPOLI