

BATH TUB MURDER MYSTERY IS LAID TO THREE SISTERS

One of Those Accused Is Mother of Victim of Strange Orange Tragedy

HUNDREDS OF SUICIDE LETTERS DISCOVERED

Although Three Prisoners Are Now Held The Case Still Awaits Solution

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The three sisters who held the life of Ocee Snead in their hands, have one by one come within the reach of the law...

Events have moved swiftly within the last twenty-four hours. Shortly after the arraignment today of Mrs. Caroline W. Martin, Ocee Snead's mother...

The Mother Arraigned. Mrs. Martin was arraigned this morning in the Tombs police court and committed to the Tombs prison...

Mrs. Mary Snead, when taken to police headquarters today, was more erratic in her bearing than Mrs. Martin, but equally reticent.

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ZELAYA RESIGNS WHEN ULTIMATE FAILURE IMPENDS

Sends Patriotic Message to His Congress Declaring he Cannot Fight Fate And The United States at The Same Time.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 16.—Jose Santos Zelaya has resigned from the presidency of Nicaragua. He placed his resignation in the hands of congress this morning.

Who will take up the reins no one knows nor cares. It is sufficient that Zelaya as dictator will be known no more. There is no doubt that congress will act quickly on his resignation, for the people have demanded it.

Dr. Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American court of justice at Cartago, who has been close to Zelaya and is now his choice for president, will arrive here on Saturday.

sign nation unjustly intervenes in our affairs, publicly providing the rebels with arms, which has only resulted in their being defeated everywhere through the heroism of our troops.

A commission of five deputies was appointed to draft a bill looking to the acceptance of Zelaya's resignation, which is now considered a mere formality.

Held in control for years by the strong hand of Zelaya, the people have been quick to break through restraint when it was certain that the dictator could not breast the tide that has been rising around him.

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Caught With The Goods.



KING LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM DIES AS SURGEONS WERE MOST HOPEFUL

Aged and Wasted Body Could Not Stand Strain of Operation, Although Bulletins up to Last Indicated Steady Improvement Death Came Quickly.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—King Leopold died at 2.35 o'clock this morning, his aged, wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it.

great age. After a restless day the patient was able to sleep for a brief period early in the evening. But towards two o'clock alarming symptoms appeared.

"To think that only yesterday we were still full of confidence and now the king is dead."

SHORTAGE IN ATLANTA OFFICE OF PHENIX FIRE FIGURED IN ESTIMATES

Chairman of Board Says it Has Been Known and Will Make no Difference

POLICY HOLDERS SAFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The shortage of about \$50,000 reported at the Atlanta agency of the Phoenix Fire Insurance company of Brooklyn by the state insurance department will make no difference, the department says in the general condition of the company as recently reported.

The department in the report regarding the Atlanta agency, says it has not yet completed its examination of the company's home office and knows the facts as to the Atlanta situation only from testimony taken in the progress of the investigation of the home office.

The department says that not more than \$20,000 can be realized on the property turned over by Harry Stockell, the former general agent at Atlanta.

Harry Evans, chairman of the executive committee of the Phoenix Fire Insurance company of Brooklyn, for the directors makes the following statement:

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ANOTHER VICTIM ADDED TO LIST OF DEAD IN THE SOUTHERN RY. WRECK

Coroner's Jury Finds Accident Due to Two Defects in Peculiar Conjunction

ONE MORE MAY DIE

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 16.—Henry L. Strubling, a traveling salesman, died at the hospital this morning, making the twelfth victim of the terrible catastrophe at Reedy Fork trestle yesterday morning.

At ten o'clock tonight information from the hospital regarding the injured is encouraging with the exception of F. Smith, a trainman of Spencer, N. C., whose condition is critical.

Coroner W. W. Wood, who went to the wreck yesterday, summoning a jury to examine into the cause of the wreck, returned today and at 12 o'clock his report was made.

BROKAW SUIT BECOMES MATTER OF DATA, FACTS AND COST OF CLOTHES

"Nervy" Lawyers Figure up Times she has Given Categorical Answers

BOUGHT SOME CANDY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—How to be unhappy on \$30,000 a year was the burden of the testimony introduced at the Brokaw separation hearing today.

Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw, as evasive in her answers as ever, was on the stand part of the time for the seventh consecutive day. She was followed by her brother, J. Ballard Blair, who gave testimony intended to show that W. Gould Brokaw had treated the plaintiff cruelly and that she was justified in asking for a separation with \$50,000 alimony.

Statistics figured prominently in the trial today—rather unique figures compiled concerning Mrs. Brokaw's refusal to answer questions and elaborate lists of expenditures in her behalf.

TWO GIRLS MISSING AND OTHERS BARELY ESCAPE

Two Firemen Also Perish in Disastrous Fire in Philadelphia Factory

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Two girls are missing and fourteen others narrowly escaped death tonight in a fire which destroyed the six story factory building of Schrack and Sherwood manufacturers of coffins and undertakers' supplies.

The damage to the building and contents is estimated at \$250,000. Patrolman William Winkel was overcome by smoke while assisting in rescuing the girls and is in a serious condition.

The flames which originated in a room on the fourth floor of the building had gained such headway before they were discovered that sixteen girls who were on the fifth floor barely had time to rush down stairs before the stairway was a mass of flames.



CONGRESS KILLING TIME AGAINST THE HOLIDAYS

Gives Desultory Consideration to District of Columbia Bill; Does Nothing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house today devoted nearly five hours to the consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

General debate was concluded by the reading of the measure paragraph by paragraph proceeded slowly. Several members made points of order against certain sections in the interest of economy and the reading had not concluded when the house adjourned at 4.55 p. m.

Democratic applause greeted an attack made by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska on official conduct of the Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in connection with the so-called Conningham coal land cases, in a speech demanding a congressional investigation of the general land office.

During a brief session of the senate today a resolution by Senator Cullem was adopted acting upon the secretary of the Internal from information respecting mining disasters and facilities of the federal government for rendering aid in such cases.

STILL ANOTHER COMPANY CAUGHT IN SUGAR FRAUDS

National Owes Government About \$700,000 According to Investigation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York left suddenly for Washington this afternoon, presumably to confer with President Taft and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh concerning the ever-increasing sugar scandals.

Concrete developments following yesterday's payment by the Arbuckle of nearly \$700,000 to reimburse the United States treasury for deficits due to false weighing included the announcement that another of the big sugar refining companies was prepared to settle with the government as the Arbuckle had done as soon as it had been officially informed of the amount the government claimed to be due.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE STILL BALLOTING WITH A DEAD LOCK

Heydler Withdraws And Dark Horse Comes In to Contest With Ward

HIS NAME MAY BE PRESENTED LATER

Will Reopen Old Scandal Concerning Championship Game of 1908

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—No president of the National league of professional baseball clubs was elected by the club owners in their five hour session in the Waldorf today; only one ballot was taken. This resulted in four votes each for John M. Ward and Robert W. Brown, a Louisville newspaper man. John Heydler, the present incumbent, refused to allow his name to be presented as a candidate for re-election with a view to clearing the air and determining how Horace Fogel, who represents the new owners of the Philadelphia club would vote.

As expected, Fogel voted for Ward, who was placed in nomination by Charles H. Roberts, of Brooklyn, and seconded by John T. Brush of New York. The other votes received by Ward were those of the New York, Brooklyn and Chicago clubs.

Brown heretofore was considered only in the light of a compromise candidate but he received the votes of Stanley Robinson of St. Louis, Gary Hermann of Cincinnati, Barney Dreyfus of Pittsburgh, and John S. C. Dovey of Boston. After this deadlock the managers adjourned until 1 p. m., tomorrow, having done little more than ascertain just how St. Louis and Philadelphia presidents stood.

The supporters of Heydler, who are Hermann, Dovey and Dreyfus, enthusiastically, and Robinson passively, were jubilant tonight over the fact that no president was chosen on the first ballot. The pro-Heydler maintain that if there is any weakening in the respective forces it will be among the supporters of Ward.

WILL SEND TEACHERS TO TEACH NEGRO TEACHERS

In This Way will Jeanes Fund for Education of Negroes be Spent

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The number of these teachers was increased from 140 to 152, this having been made possible by an unexpected balance from last year from interest earned on the original endowment; The need of additional funds with which to carry on the work was emphasized by an appeal from one hundred negro principals and teachers in the South.