

SEEKS TO FASTEN GUILT FOR MURDER ON SOMEBODY ELSE

Indicated by Interview With Counsel For Defense What Pastor's Plea Will be

WILL NOT ADVANCE THEORY OF SUICIDE

Boston Minister Maintains Innocence in Letter of Resignation to Church

BOSTON, Nov. 3.—That some other man than his client gave Avis Linnell the poison from which she died, was the assertion today of John L. Lee, of Lynchburg, Va., senior counsel for Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, Cambridge, who is under indictment by the grand jury, charged with murder.

Before Mr. Lee left Boston for his home today, to clear up some business affairs, he discussed the Linnell murder briefly.

"Mr. Richeson is innocent," he said. "Of that I am convinced. My talks with him, my own observation of the case and my conference with counsel have opened up a way by which I shall eventually free him." Beyond saying that he hoped to accumulate enough evidence to satisfy a jury of the guilt of another man, Mr. Lee would not speak of the plans of the defense.

The remarks of the attorney were taken as indicating that the defense would not advance the suicide theory to explain the girl's death. Letter of Resignation. The first authentic protestation of the Rev. Mr. Richeson's innocence of the murder of Miss Linnell was made public today when the text of his letter resigning the pastorate of Immanuel Baptist church was given out. The letter, dated November 1, and addressed to Charles F. Cummings, clerk of the church, is as follows: "My Dear Sir: I beg to herewith tender my resignation as pastor of Immanuel church, Strong in the consciousness of my innocence and firmly persuaded that God in His own good time will lift this burden from me, I nevertheless feel that I should not permit the shadow thrown across my life to darken the religious welfare of my church and its people, whom I love. I, therefore deem it my duty to place the church in a position to select my successor. With my heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses shown me by each and all of the members of my church, I am,

"Sincerely yours, CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON."

ADVOCATES HOLDING OF EVERY AVAILABLE BALE OF COTTON TILL SEPT. 1

President Watson Advances Scheme for Holding up Price of Cotton

LESS CULTIVATION

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 3.—Advocating the holding of every available bale of cotton until September 1, 1912, if necessary for a price of thirteen cents per pound, and the reduction of acreage next year not to exceed sixty per cent of the acreable lands of the farmers, telegrams were dispatched today from the office of E. J. Watson, president of the Southern Cotton congress to each commissioner of agriculture, and each state president of farmers' unions throughout the cotton belt, to effect an immediate and belated retirement of cotton from the market and follows an action taken by the farmers' convention here last night.

In substance the plan calls for books of agreement to be opened in every county throughout the belt in which farmers will be asked to sign pledges to hold a stated number of bales of cotton until September 1, or until a price of thirteen cents is reached. Farmers are also asked to pledge themselves not to cultivate more than sixty per cent of their lands in cotton next year. An assessment of two cents per bale is called for from cotton growers to pay expenses of the campaign.

DEMENTED NEGRO KILLED.

DELHI, Fla., Nov. 3.—William Nixon, a negro believed to have been demented, was ridden with bullets and killed by a posse here today, after he had fired upon his pursuers from a house where he had barricaded himself. Nixon had shot and killed his mother and was trying to escape.

MORE THAN ENOUGH ARSENIC TO HAVE CAUSED HIS DEATH

Chicago Widow Charged With Murder of Policeman Dying at Her Home

WOMAN DECLINES TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT

Bodies of Two Others Will be Exhumed to See if She Caused Their Deaths

CHICAGO, Nov. 3.—Mrs. Louise Vermilya today was formally charged with the murder a week ago of Policeman Arthur Bissonette by poisoning him with arsenic, following the report of toxicologists who had examined the viscera of the dead roomer at the widow's house. Coroner Hoffman announced that he will have exhumed the bodies of at least two of the other eight persons who have died in her home during the past eighteen years.

Prof. Walter Haynes, Dr. Ralph W. Webster, and Dr. E. R. Lecount, reported to the coroner that they found more than enough arsenic in the liver and other organs of Bissonette to have caused his death. Chief of Police McWeeny, who with State's Attorney J. E. W. Weyman, and several police officers, had listened to the toxicologists' report to the coroner immediately swore a warrant for the woman, who had been under close police surveillance. She had been ill with pneumonia and her condition was such that Captain Harding, the police officer in charge of the investigation, agreed to await service of warrants until tomorrow, but added several men to the guard watching the suspected woman.

Permits for Exhumation. Coroner Hoffman likewise became active and procured permits from relatives of former acquaintances of the widow, whose deaths now have come under suspicion, to exhume the bodies for toxicological examination. There is a state law forbidding the use of arsenic in embalming and the coroner announced that if the poison was found in the bodies dug up, the undertakers would be asked for certificates showing whether the law was disobeyed, and if it was not, an effort would be made to connect the widow with the administering of the poison. Detectives will search for further light on the eight deaths which preceded the demise of Bissonette, while the decedents were living at Mrs. Vermilya's home.

Just what bodies will be exhumed Coroner Hoffman declined to say. It was intimated, however, one of them would be that of Conductor Richard T. Smith, boasting of his having lived

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DISAPPEARANCE OF MAIL PACKAGE WITH \$20,000 IN IT CAUSES INVESTIGATION

Robbery Occurred Week Ago But Inspectors Kept the Matter Secret

CLERKS SUSPECTED

LYNCHBURG, Va., Nov. 4.—While it is impossible to secure official information relative to the robbery, it was learned here today that a registered package disappeared from the United States mail here some time last Friday night, and postal inspectors are now desperately hunting for the \$20,000 contained in the package. It is understood the missing money was consigned by a Bluefield, W. Va., bank to a correspondent in New York city, so the name of the shipper or the consignee were not divulged. The inspectors were enabled to hush the matter up until this morning, and when it became known a still further effort was made to suppress publication of the story.

From unofficial sources it is said the package came to Lynchburg last Friday night on the Norfolk and Western and was delivered to the local transfer clerk, who in turn delivered it to a clerk on train No. 38, on the Southern, that night, bound for Washington. Soon after the clerk left Lynchburg, it is understood, he reported by telegraph that the package had been tampered with and the pouch was short either one or two packages containing \$20,000. This clerk is said to have signed for the pouch on a way-bill made up by the Norfolk and Western clerk, after which, it is claimed, he reported the self-registering lock showed the pouch had been opened, for the locked showed, he claims, one number higher than on the receipt he signed before leaving Lynchburg. It is understood that the matter lies between the two postal clerks and the local transfer though it is claimed here that the local transfer people are not under suspicion. The pouch did not pass through the Lynchburg post office.

CHINESE SOLDIERS JOIN REVOLUTION TAKING SHANGHAI

Practically no Resistance Offered. Few Shots Fired. Little Disorder

ALL THE SHOPS WERE CLOSED LAST NIGHT

This Action on Part of Rebels Expected. People Warned Against Disorder

SHANGHAI, Nov. 3.—Except for the foreign concessions Shanghai tonight is entirely in the hands of the revolutionists who captured the city late this afternoon. There was practically no resistance, only a few shots being fired. All the Chinese soldiers have joined the rebels and policemen and firemen apparently are sympathizing with them, for they are wearing white badges on their arms. After taking over the arsenal, the rebels burned the Taotai's yamen in the native city. The Associated Press correspondent this afternoon covered the entire outlying section of Shanghai, but did not discover a single instance of disorder. Even in the native city, complete order prevailed. Every courtesy is shown foreigners. The soldiers, police and firemen are continuing on duty. Shops are closed tonight.

While the action of the rebels was expected, the movement was made quickly. Following a slight disturbance in the northern section of the city, notices were posted throughout the native city announcing that "the military government of China" has taken over Shanghai. It warned the populace against disorder. The arsenal here recently there has been the greatest activity preparatory to assisting the uprising force and providing ammunition for Admiral Sah was called upon to surrender by the revolutionaries. The officials quietly disappeared, but a few other officials continued to hold it without, however, any show of force. A few shots were fired but the revolutionaries warned the officials remaining that they intended to take the arsenal even if they had to fight for it. None of them seemed willing to test the strength of the rebels in combat and quietly evacuated. It is understood that the reason for the revolutionaries taking Shanghai today was that two vessels had been loaded during the last two days with ammunition for Admiral Sah.

Surrender Demanded. Quickly demanding the surrender of the arsenal, came an attempt to cut the wires of the Nanking Shanghai Railway, which was frustrated personally by A. W. U. Pope, general manager of the company. Mr. Pope

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ATROCITIES OF ITALIANS VIVIDLY DESCRIBED BY ENGLISH ARMY OFFICER

Expresses Admiration for Bravery and Fortitude of Turks and Arabs

UNHEARD-OF CRIMES

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The agitation against alleged atrocities by Italians in Tripoli which has sprung up in the British press, and is supported by a few members of the house of commons, since uncensored reports arrived here from English newspaper correspondents concerning occurrences in Tripoli, received fresh impetus tonight through a telegram received by a newspaper agency from Herbert Montagu, a second lieutenant of the fifth fusiliers, Lieutenant Montagu telegraphed from Soukelyehoma, by way of Dehbat, on the frontier of Tunis as follows: "I feel it my duty to send you the following telegram and I beg you to publish it throughout England. I am an English officer. "As you know already about the ferocious resistance which the Turks and Arabs are offering the Italians, I will only express my admiration for their bravery and fortitude, which would warm the heart of any Englishman or of any true soldier in the world. "Imagine my feeling when, on entering and driving the Italians out of Arab houses which they had fortified, we discovered the bodies of some 120 women and children with their hands and feet bound, mutilated, pierced and torn. Later on at the name of the town was lost in transmission we found a mosque filled with bodies of women and children, mutilated almost beyond recognition. I could not count them, but there must have been three or four hundred. "In this European war are such crimes to be committed? I myself have seen it, so I know. "Even now we are getting news of

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TAFT'S CONGRESSIONAL MESSAGE WILL DEAL WITH VITAL QUESTIONS

"Trust" Question and Peace Treaties May Receive Greatest Share of Attention. Second-Class Postage Rates, Tariff, Conservation Will Not be Forgotten—After all President Will Cast Vote Tuesday.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Nov. 3.—President Taft will cast a vote at the Cincinnati and Hamilton county elections after all. For two weeks there had been doubt as to whether he would have an opportunity to cast a ballot in his home city next Tuesday.

The president sent his registration papers to Cincinnati too late and the election board decided he could not vote unless he appeared in person before next Monday night and swore that he was a qualified elector. Mr. Taft had intended leaving Hot Springs Monday night, arriving in Cincinnati early election day, but today he changed his plans. As a result he will leave here Sunday night, make the necessary affidavit before the election board Monday, and be prepared on Tuesday to register his preference as the titular head of the republican party, but as a citizen of Ohio.

Mr. Taft arrived at Hot Springs early today, Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen Taft arrived here five days ago and met him at the station, and he had breakfast with them for the first time in ten weeks.

Data for Message. With the arrival in Hot Springs probably tomorrow of Secretary Hillier, Mr. Taft will have data which he expects to use in his third annual message to congress. Mr. Hillier left the president at Washington last night, intending to secure information from the department for incorporation

in the message which friends of Mr. Taft believe will be the most important he has had to write. An actual start upon it may be made at Cincinnati Monday, but the final draft will be made, of course, in Washington after Mr. Taft's return, November 12.

According to persons close to the president some of the important questions to which he will call the attention of congress, are the tariff, the trusts, second class postage rates, stock watering, and over-capitalization, conservation, currency reform and navy reorganization. The peace treaties for which the president has spoken often on the trip west, will not be referred to in the message, it was said today, since they are now before the senate. A special message to that body alone is believed to be in prospect later.

The president's views on tariff revision have been explained frequently. He has promised revision of the wool and cotton schedules of the present tariff, so far as he can bring it about, if the tariff board so recommends after its investigation of the wool and cotton industries. The board's report it became known today, will be placed in the president's hands shortly.

For Sherman Law. His Pittsburg speech showed that the president was opposed to amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law and indicated also that he did not be-

lieve it should be repealed and it is understood the message will discuss the "trust question" at length. It was said the president again will offer to congress his federal incorporation bill, drawn up by Attorney General Wickersham and unreported to.

The report of the commission investigating second class postage rates, of which Supreme Court Justice Hughes is chairman, and that of the railroad securities commission, investigating stock watering and over-capitalization of which President Hadley, of Yale, is chairman, will be at the president's disposal within a few days, and it is practically certain that he will pass on to congress such recommendations as those commissions may make.

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RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS WILL NOT BE DISTURBED

Proposed Employers' Liability Legislation Will Not Affect Them

COMBINE OF 5-10 CENT STORES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Railroad employ relief associations will not be disturbed by the proposed employers' liability legislation to be submitted to congress this winter by the congressional committee on employer's liability. A number of roads that have their own relief associations were anxious to know just what congress thought of them and today representatives of the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia & Reading, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Baltimore & Ohio, and the Atlantic Coast Line, met with Senator Sutherland, chairman of the committee, who told them that the proposed legislation would not interfere with the roads' individual plans, if, after investigation, they were found to be satisfactory. The railroads interested have relief association liabilities amounting to \$200,000,000 and these associations have been in operation on some of the railroads for twenty-five years. The railroads felt if congress enacted such legislation that their own associations would be compelled to discontinue and liquidate, resulting in hardship not only for the railroad, but for the employes as well. The question will be considered further at a hearing before the full congressional committee Monday.



WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—Forecast: North Carolina: cloudy Saturday and Sunday; Moderate northwest winds.

ANOTHER DAY IN WHICH NOTHING ACCOMPLISHED

McNamara Trial Adjourned Until Monday. After Day of Tedious Detail

BANK DISPOSES OF HOLDINGS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 3.—Through a variety of details the McNamara trial yawned its way today and adjourned until Monday, with the status quo unchanged, eleven talesmen passed for cause, and one still needed before peremptory challenge can be exercised by either side. James B. McNamara on trial on indictment for fatalities resulting from the explosion of the Los Angeles times, a year ago, was himself an indifferent auditor. Practically the entire day's session was accepted with determining the eligibility of Talesman S. V. Blenkiron, who was challenged by the state for cause. With the venires of 205 talesmen thus far exhausted, Judge Bordwell ordered another venire of forty and will hear preliminary excuses tomorrow. Curiously enough, Harry Chandler, son-in-law of General Harrison Gray Otis, proprietor of the Los Angeles Times, and himself the vice-president of the Times Company, appears upon the latest venire.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—F. W. Woolworth announced today that a new corporation is about to be formed under the name of "F. W. Woolworth company" to take over the business conducted in various cities under the corporate firm names of F. W. Woolworth and company, S. H. Knox and company, F. M. Kirby and company, E. P. Charlton and company, C. E. Woolworth, W. H. Moore, and W. H. Moore and Son, and also a controlling interest of the English business of F. W. Woolworth and company, Ltd. This new company will own and control over six hundred five and ten cent stores doing business in all parts of the United States and Canada and England. The capitalization of the new company is to be \$15,000,000 seven per cent preferred stock, and \$50,000,000 common stock.

EXPECT PITCHED BATTLE WHEN STILL IS RAIDED

Seventeen Deaths in as Many Months Occur Near Birmingham

MISSIONARIES SAFE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 3.—United forces of the United States marshal's office and the sheriff's office tonight are preparing for a raid early tomorrow on a moonshining still near here, where six white men and eleven negroes have met death in the past eighteen months. Six of the negroes have been killed since last Saturday. It developed today that the still has been the real source of all the trouble in the neighborhood. It is stated there is a pitched battle expected when the officers get to a certain line near the plant and that it has been in defiance of this that seventeen men have been slain in almost as many months. The last two white men killed in this section were H. L. Broom, and L. B. Evans, about two months ago. Today is the first time since last Friday which there has not been a negro killed. The moonshining outfit is said to be located in almost inaccessible place and has defied the federal authorities for several years. A pitched battle is expected when the officers attempt to make the seizure.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—It was stated today in well informed quarters that interests connected with the National City Bank are disposing of their holdings of shares in other financial institutions throughout the country. These holdings are believed to aggregate from fifty thousand to six hundred thousand shares, valued at millions of dollars and probably include several foreign banks, as well as a number of institutions. It is understood that this step is being taken by National City Bank interests to overcome further opposition on the part of the national government, in connection with the organization of the "National City company" a holding of securities corporation, recently formed, with a capital of \$10,000,000, which was derived from a cash dividend declared by the National City bank.

JURORS COULD NOT AGREE IN CASE OF MRS. ZEE R. M'REE

Eight Jurors Stood Out For Manslaughter and Four Were For Acquittal

ONE WAS FOR MURDER ON THE FIRST BALLOT

Prosecution Wanted New Trial at Once, Defense Agreed, But Judge Didn't

OPELOUSA, La., Nov. 3.—A mistrial was recorded in the proceedings against Mrs. Zee Runge McRee, charged with the murder of Alan Garland in her home, September 21 when the jury after having deliberated on the case from 11:15 p. m. yesterday, reported at nine this morning that there was no possibility of agreeing on a verdict. Eight favored a verdict of manslaughter, and four were for acquittal.

Immediately after the report of the jury, the prosecution asked that the case be set for a re-hearing next Monday, but Judge Fay announced that this would be impossible.

Tomorrow morning a formal motion to fix a date for the hearing properly will be presented to the court by Acting District Attorney Dubisson, and at the same time it is expected that a motion by the defense to grant Mrs. McRee bail will be argued. T. H. Lewis, counsel-in-chief for Mrs. McRee, stated that the defense would not oppose an early trial.

On the first ballot of the deliberation of the jury, according to Foreman Hidalgo, there was one vote for murder in the first degree, three for acquittal, and eight for manslaughter. On the next and each succeeding ballot the juror who had favored murder in the first degree voted for manslaughter, and the one who had voted for manslaughter changed for acquittal.

Woman Disappointed. Mrs. McRee expressed disappointment at the result of the trial. The prosecution was also disappointed as counsel had expected a conviction either of murder or manslaughter. His trip west and the trip of Secretary of the Interior Fisher to Alaska, are counted on to make conservation of the public domain and of Alaska topics to be discussed freely in this message. Navy reorganization and currency reform will be given attention as well, and it is possible that other subjects will be dealt with.

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Counsel for the prosecution presented as a motive for the killing the alleged intimacy between the deceased and the defendant, and the alleged desire of Mrs. McRee to prevent her husband from obtaining this information.

Mrs. McRee testified that she killed Garland in defense of her honor, asserting that she feared he would do her bodily harm. The trial opened October 23. Four days were consumed in selecting a jury and four in taking testimony. One day and a half was taken up in argument of counsel. The jury deliberated twenty-four hours and fifty minutes, after which a mistrial was ordered, it being the belief of the jury that an agreement could not be reached as to a verdict.

NO IMPROVEMENT SHOWN IN CHINESE SITUATION BY THE LATEST REPORTS

River Reported Absolutely Impassable Above Hankow by Bishop Lewis

MISSIONARIES SAFE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Nov. 3.—There is no improvement in conditions in China, was the word received by cable today by Bishop W. S. Lewis, of Foo Chow, China, who is here attending the meeting of the Methodist bishops from his colleague left behind in China. This message states that all the country along the Yang Tze valley is practically closed on account of the war, and that the river is absolutely impassable above Hankow. The missionaries, according to the cablegram, are all safe, but are gathering into the treaty ports, not on account of danger from the organized armies, but from the looters who follow in the wake of the armies. Bishop Lewis, who made his report to the board of bishops Friday in regard to the work in China has no doubt whatever of the ultimate success of the revolutionists. "There can be no other result of the present war," said he, "although it is impossible to tell just when the fighting will end. The Manchou government has already conceded so much that it is practically settled that the Manchou dynasty is gone."