

## TWO PERSONS ARE KILLED NEAR THE VICE-REGAL LODGE

**Lieutenant Who Goes to Investigate the Shooting Is Killed.**

**NO DIRECT ATTACK ON LODGE WAS MADE**

**Intruder Is Killed by Soldiers—Other Untoward Incidents.**

DUBLIN, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—An officer of the guard and one member of a band of intruders were killed early this morning in a shooting affray in Phoenix park, a short distance from the vice-regal lodge. In some quarters the belief was expressed that an attack was in preparation against the lodge.

Eight men are believed to have made up the band of interlopers. Four arrests were made.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning shots were heard in the neighborhood of the vice-regal lodge. They continued intermittently at intervals for nearly an hour in that portion of Phoenix park between the lodge and the magazine. There was no direct attack on the vice-regal lodge itself. The inmates of the lodge first thought the shooting was connected with some sort of holiday revelry.

As the firing persisted, however, a military guard, consisting of an officer and two men, turned out and searched the grounds. Finding nothing unusual there they went toward the park near the main road. While traversing the center of the park they engaged in a sharp exchange of firing with the intruders and Lieutenant Boast who was leading his men, fell, shot through the heart.

Civilian killed.

One of the attack party also was killed. He was a civilian about 40 years of age. According to some reports he was wearing portions of a soldier's uniform. No weapon was found on or near his body and up to the present the man's identity has not been ascertained. Pools of blood were found on the scene which is about half a mile from the lodge.

After the shooting the intruders fled in the darkness. The four men arrested were not taken into custody until after the shooting had ceased, but were apprehended as they were leaving the park about two hours later. They denied having had any connection with the affray, and it is reported that the incriminating evidence was found on them.

After the shooting the military brought a machine gun to the scene. This was fired in the direction in which it was supposed the men had taken flight. Nobody was hit by the bullets.

The bodies of the dead men were taken to the George W. Hospital, where an inquest will be held tomorrow. Lieutenant Boast was only 20 years old. He was mentioned in Saturday's court circular as having been invited to dine with Field Marshal Viscount French, lord lieutenant and governor-general of Ireland, Saturday evening. On Saturday he had ridden far and wide, his parents who had been paying him a visit.

There was great excitement in the city when the newspapers announced the occurrence. Crowds visited the scene during the afternoon.

In the absence of all official information, the theory late tonight is that no raid against the vice-regal lodge was intended. It is supposed that an isolated shot was fired which Lieutenant Boast and two privates went to investigate. It is not thought that they reached the person who fired the shot and became involved in a struggle with a passerby, who with the lieutenant, was killed.

The official report has been made by the police on the occurrence which will be explained at the military inquest. The military officials refer all inquiries to the police.

The name of the civilian killed is said to be Laurence Carey, who resided at Lucan, near Phoenix park. According to one version of the struggle, Carey ignored the challenge to fight and when the soldiers approached, Carey seized Boast, whereupon the soldiers fired their pistols, killing Carey.

This version does not state who shot Boast.

Boast began as a drummer boy in the Lancashire regiment and won his commission for conspicuous service in the war. His brother is still a drummer in the same regiment. His father, a major, also rose from the ranks.

## VERMILY'S WIFE LOCATED; DOCTOR REMAINS SILENT

**"I Have Nothing to Say,"  
His Reply to Request  
for Statement.**

**MISS RUTH KEENEY  
LEAVES HOSPITAL**

**Physician's Wife Located at  
Harrisburg, Pa., Living  
With Daughter.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Dr. William Grey Vermilye, who failed to appear Christmas day to marry Miss Ruth M. Keene at Monsau, Mass., and is now a patient in the Cumberland street hospital, refused to make any comment tonight when informed that his wife had been located in Harrisburg, Pa., where she is living with her daughter.

Information that Dr. Vermilye had a wife with whom he had been living up to the time the physician gave up private practice to take a position with the United States shipping board in the south was given by Mrs. P. E. Zindell, of Brooklyn, wife of a son of Mrs. Vermilye by a previous marriage. She said that Dr. Vermilye and his wife had lived in Brooklyn, but Mrs. Vermilye had gone to Harrisburg six months ago to visit her daughter and was still there.

Miss Keene, who has also been a patient in the hospital since last night, when she fainted and became hysterical because Dr. Vermilye refused to see her or explain his failure to appear for the wedding, left the institution today. She and her father again attempted to interview Dr. Vermilye before leaving the hospital, but he refused to see them.

When hospital officials who say the physician is there to undergo a slight operation, informed newspaper men that he would see no one except relatives, they sent Dr. Vermilye the following note:

"Your wife, said to be located in Harrisburg, Pa., has made charges which perhaps you would be glad to clear up. Will you please make a definite statement and clear up the whole matter?"

Dr. Vermilye's reply, which was written on the back of the note, was: "I have nothing to say."

Then Mrs. Zindell, who lives at the Vermilye home in Pacific street, was asked if it is true that the physician has been shot.

"His name is Mrs. William Grey Vermilye, and she is at present staying with a daughter at Harrisburg, Pa."

"Has Dr. Vermilye and his wife lived here with you?"

"Yes," she responded. "Mrs. Vermilye left this house about five months ago because her husband was in the service."

"Did you ever hear of Dr. Vermilye or his wife getting a divorce?"

"No; so far as I know they are still married."

Mrs. Zindell said she did not know Miss Keene, but had heard she is a well-educated girl.

When asked further whether there was any doubt as to the woman in Harrisburg being Dr. Vermilye's wife, Mrs. Zindell replied:

"I have no doubt at all but that she is his wife."

She said that Dr. Vermilye and Mrs. Vermilye had been married about 25 years.

Mrs. Vermilye, it was learned tonight, is the second wife of the physician, his first wife having died.

**MAKES NO STATEMENT.**

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—Mrs. William Grey Vermilye, who says she is the wife of the Brooklyn physician who disappeared on Christmas eve, never has been seen by her husband, Miss Ruth M. Keene, of Monsau, Mass., and was subsequently found in a Brooklyn hospital, declined tonight to make any statement in regard to the disappearance of her husband.

Mrs. Vermilye has been here for some time on a visit to her married daughter, and it was said that she probably would return to New York shortly. Major E. R. Bains, her son-in-law, said that Mrs. Vermilye had learned of her husband's disappearance, and that the family was awaiting developments.

It was said at the home of Mrs. Vermilye's daughter that Dr. Vermilye has visited here about three months ago, and that he has kept in constant touch with Mrs. Vermilye by mail, the latest letter being received a week ago. The first account Mrs. Vermilye received of the physician's action, it was said, was obtained through the newspaper.

Major Bains said that Dr. and Mrs. Vermilye were married in 1895.

## The Wallflower



## By Billy Borne



## RAILROAD BILL TO BE TAKEN UP TODAY

**At Two Meetings Held in  
Washington, D. C.**

**Brotherhood Heads to De-  
cide on Attitude To-  
wards Cummins Bill.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Pending railroad legislation will be discussed at two meetings to be held tomorrow in Washington, while at a third the question of advance in railroad wages is to be discussed.

Foremost among the meetings will be the one called for by the American Federation of Labor at which chiefs of the four railroad brotherhoods and heads of 19 affiliated trades are expected to decide on the attitude to be assumed by organized railroad workers toward the Cummins railroad bill. None of the four brotherhood chiefs had arrived in Washington tonight and the several presidents of the other unions are reticent as to the action to be taken at the conference. The view was rather generally expressed, however, that the railroad workers would adopt a declaration of principles in accordance with the stand taken by the railway machinists' union, which has voted to strike if the more drastic labor provision of the Cummins bill is placed on the statute books.

The first meeting of the three involving heads of the railroad legislation will be held at 10:30 o'clock when the members of the congressional conference committee on the railroad legislation meet to iron out differences between the Cummins and each railroad reorganization bill as passed by the senate and house, respectively. Members of the committee said tonight it was not to be expected that any definite action would be taken tomorrow and certainly not on the anti-strike section of the Cummins measure which is to be postponed until after the other disagreements are eliminated.

The question of an increase in the pay of shop employees, pressure for the settlement of which was postponed last fall at the suggestion of President Wilson pending the government's efforts to reduce living costs, will come up at the conference which developed, however, that the chief of the railroad workers, it was said, was that the wage conference might be postponed until Tuesday.

## 3,000 IMMIGRANTS AT GATES OF U. S. A.

**Hundreds Detained on Ships  
for Examination.**

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NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—More than 3,000 immigrants were clamoring at the gates of New York tonight for admission into the United States. Ellis Island is congested and many hundreds of the incoming passengers are being detained on board steamships for examination.

Police and coast guards are on duty at the piers and the Ellis Island ferry entrance to hold in check the crowds which gather at the gates daily. Several attempts have been made by friends and relatives of the detained passengers to storm the pier in an effort to reach the ships. They cannot understand the delay and fear their friends are to be deported.

Immigration officials claim that their work is delayed to a large extent on Ellis Island because of the congestion there, due to the detention of a large number of radicals and undesirable, being held for deportation.

**GREEKS ALSO HELD.**

The greater number of the immigrants being detained are Italians, it was stated. Several hundred Greek passengers are also held.

Although the steamship Patria has been in port five days, 733 passengers from the 1,880 that came from Italian ports, are still being detained. On the Giuseppe Verdi, another Italian liner, approximately 700 steerage passengers have been held for further examination.

Less than 300 of the 1,620 passengers on board the liner Europa which arrived at 10 o'clock tonight, had a first examination. Four hundred and thirty of the 2,050 steerage passengers on the Roal Italian mail liner and 50 of the steerage complement of the Mauretania are detained.

Another steamship, the Megala Helia, the last ship of the national Greek line, is tied up in Brooklyn with 139 of her 412 steerage passengers still detained on board. Many others are reported to be detained on smaller steamships, including several passengers on the Ward line steamship Monterey, which arrived today from Mexico and Havana.

## WALLACE MURDER WAS UNPROVOKED

**Says Account From Firm  
Which Employed Him.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Claims of the Mexican government, as recently presented to the American embassy in Mexico City, of the killing near Tampico late in November of James Wallace, an American citizen, identified from his death certificate as a warning of a Mexican sentry, are denied in an account of which reached Washington today from Agulla Company, of which Wallace was an employee.

The killing of Wallace caused the state department to make an urgent inquiry to the Mexican government as to the circumstances. The Mexican foreign office in its reply charged that Wallace, while intoxicated, passed a sentry stationed at what was called a "dangerous spot," and falling to halt, was shot and killed.

The Agulla Company's report, which was presented at a meeting in Tampico of oil company managers, and which was the first detailed account of the American's death to reach Washington, says:

Account of Death.

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The soldiers gave the explanation that Wallace insisted on passing the machine gun and a sentry, that his horse refused to go forward, for which one of the soldiers beat it several times with the butt of his rifle, and that Wallace then threw his horse over the soldiers, nearly upsetting the machine gun. They also claim Wallace hit the soldier with an axe handle which he was carrying, and furthermore, made the statement that Wallace was substantiated by facts. Apart from the companies that have never known Wallace to be intoxicated during the ten months he was employed by us and that it is in any case very unlikely a man would be under the influence of liquor when going to work at 8 in the morning, we know positively that Wallace was absolutely sober as several of our men were talking with him a few minutes before he was killed.

Strap Wallace having assaulted the soldier with an axe handle, the lack of foundation for this statement is proved by the fact that the axe handle which he was carrying was found on the ground, and the horse Wallace had been riding was brought back to the corral. Furthermore, it is extremely unlikely, to say the least, that a man armed with only a stick should attack four soldiers with rifles and a machine gun. Another circumstance which proves the soldier who killed Wallace did not act in self defense is that the nature of the wound, according to medical evidence, shows beyond any possibility of doubt that Wallace was shot from behind."

**TO STUDY JENKINS CASE.**

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—Justice Uribe Filles has been relegated by the Mexican supreme court to study the records in the case of W. O. Jenkins, the United States consular agent at Puebla, and to decide as soon as possible whether or not he should be found guilty of the murder of a man who was killed by a bullet fired from a machine gun.

This step was taken because of legal complications which have arisen over the question of jurisdiction.

## DEATH LIST DUE TO POISONOUS WHISKEY IS STILL MOUNTING

**Heads of 'Wood Alcohol'  
Gang Arrested in N. Y.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Federal agents last tonight arrested five men whom they claimed to be the heads of an organized band which has been responsible for the recent widespread sale of wood alcohol concoctions through five states. One of the men arrested was described by the government agents as "the king pin of the ring." Two of the men in custody were described as New York business men.

For ten days, since the first fatalities were reported from wood alcohol poisoning, Colonel Daniel L. Porter, supervising revenue agent for New York, and H. B. Dobbs, special federal agent, have been working on the theory which has caused scores of deaths throughout New England and New York originated in this city. The arrests tonight were made in widely separated parts of the city.

**Many Arrests Made in East  
Federal Officials Start  
Investigation.**

**CHARGES OF MURDER  
IN SEVERAL CASES**

**Additional Deaths Occur at  
Chicopee, Holyoke and  
Other Places.**

CHICOPPEE, Mass., Dec. 28.—United States Marshal Edward J. Leyden today arrested four men on federal warrants two charging violation of the war time prohibition act and two illegal transportation of liquor from state to state. The arrests resulted from his investigation into the deaths of more than 50 persons in the Connecticut valley since Christmas from drinking wood alcohol contained in a mixture sold by bootleggers.

Four more deaths had resulted since early this morning from alcohol poisoning, three in Holyoke and one in Chicopee, bringing the total for the Connecticut valley, not including Hartford, to 52, divided as follows:

Chicopee, 36; including two women; Holyoke, nine; Springfield, four, including one woman; Greenfield, one and Thompsonville, Conn., two.

Those under arrest on federal warrants are John Nasawski, of Chicopee and Harry Shapiro, of Springfield, truck drivers, who are charged with bringing the liquor to the valley; Adam Ostrowski and John W. Starayk, both of Holyoke, charged with violation of the war-time prohibition act. They will be arraigned before a United States commissioner Monday morning. All were released under \$500 bonds.

Marshal Alfred Caron, of the Chicopee police, last afternoon for New Haven, Conn., with warrants charging murder against four men who have been arrested in that city. The warrants were sworn out, the police say, on information given by William Baker, of this town, who is held on a manslaughter charge, and Harry Shapiro, of Springfield.

Although several new cases of the poisoning were reported today in the valley, the number decreased considerably over Friday and Saturday. The number increased in Holyoke, giving the impression that some of the liquor brought in that city may have been captured since Friday, when the first signs of the poisoning became evident.

## GUARANTEE PRICE PLAN IS ON TRIAL

**Commission to Feel Out  
Sentiment on System.**

**Complaints Say Plan Tends  
to Prevent Decrease  
in the H. C. L.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Business labor unions and the public generally are to be sounded out as to the sentiment in regard to the guarantee against price decline system, said to be in use by many manufacturers and wholesalers in the sale of goods, the federal trade commission announcing tonight that it had sent out several thousand letters inquiring as to the opinion of the plan.

The guaranteed price plan, which amounts to a guarantee by manufacturers and wholesalers in selling goods that should decline in price, occur before delivery of the goods to the buyer shall benefit by the decline but if the market should rise before delivery the manufacturer or wholesaler would assume the loss.

Complaints lodged with the commission assert that working out of the plan to prevent a decrease in the cost of living. The commission in a letter to boards of trade, civic bodies, trade organs and papers, labor groups and farmers associations, made public today says:

"The question of guarantee against price decline has been the subject of so many complaints before the commission seems to be so diverse that the commission has determined to go into the whole matter thoroughly."

"As a basis for the necessary expenditures attending upon such an inquiry, such formal complaints have been issued presenting various phases of the subject. To the end that every citizen today may be fully represented, the commission is inviting, generally, producers, manufacturers, merchants (wholesale and retail) and consumers to declare their interest so that the commission may know what parties should be represented."

"The commission is asking you, therefore, to communicate as speedily and as widely as possible, with your membership advising them of the inquiry and to notify the commission of the nature of their interest in the subject, if any."

As soon as this list of parties at interest in the matter can be compiled, it is the purpose of the commission to invite each of any of them to submit his observations in writing. This follows the custom of the commission in numerous other similar cases.

A reasonable time limit for the filing of written statements will be given, after which the list will be compiled and as far as possible classified and each correspondent will be furnished with a copy of the whole document.

As soon thereafter as it is possible, it is the purpose of the commission to call a general hearing at Washington at which parties at interest may be present in person, by representative or by counsel, and an orderly method for hearing the matter will be laid out."

Members of the commission said the proposed hearing probably would be held about the middle of March.

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## UNTOWARD INCIDENTS

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Several untoward incidents are reported from Ireland by the Sunday Evening Telegram. A daring attempt was made to assassinate a constable at Ballybofey, Co. Down last night. A constable, who was sitting with his family in a bed room, was struck a bed a few inches from the head of the bed by a band of men raised a farmer's house at Victoria Bridge and carried off rifles. At Killarney, a constable was shot and wounded Christmas eve, while assisting other constables to quell a rough and tumble fight between soldiers and civilians.

It is reported that 20,000 rounds of ammunition have been stolen from the Danvers railway station. The constable, it is believed, was intended for the military authorities.

## GENERAL W. R. COX BURIED AT RALEIGH

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 28.—Confederate veterans and Masons of North Carolina united today in paying last honors to General W. R. Cox, one of the ranking officers of the Confederate army, who died in Richmond, Friday night. The funeral took place at Christ Episcopal church this afternoon at 3 o'clock and the burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

The grand lodge of North Carolina Masons met in special communication just prior to the funeral service and took charge of the burial after the completion of the rites of the Episcopal church. In the absence of the grandmaster, Mr. R. J. Noble, Past Grandmaster, of Selma, N. C., acted as grandmaster.

The active pall bearers were members of the William O. Hill Lodge No. 214, of Raleigh, of which General Cox was senior pastmaster, and all but two were pastmasters, these being respectively master and senior warden.

**RALEY SIGNS UP**

KEWANEE, Ill., Dec. 28.—Ray Baker, formerly catcher with the Philadelphia Athletics, has signed to play with the Milwaukee club in the American Association.

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"Such deeds put to open shame our boasted white civilization and make the name of southern chivalry a byword and a reproach. It is true that the crime committed was an atrocious one, for he shot down without cause and without provocation one of the best citizens of Franklin. This naturally aroused great indignation, but it affords no semblance of excuse for a mob taking the law into its own hands."

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## CITY OF ODESSA BEING EVACUATED

**LONDON, Dec. 28.—Odessa is being evacuated by the civilian population owing to the rapid advance of the bolsheviks in southern Russia, according to a Constantinople dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.**

## Sees 'Danger Signal' In Wood Alcohol Fatalities

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Deaths throughout the United States due to the drinking of wood alcohol will prove a "danger signal" to the people of the country, according to E. H. Cherrington, secretary of the Anti-Saloon league of America. It will lead them to be more careful of what they drink, whether intoxicating or non-intoxicating," he said.

"I believe that the large number of fatalities will lead to a wide-spread investigation and remedial legislation affecting poisons which are now readily obtainable and which are most injurious to the public at large."

"The number of deaths also, while recently large is by no means nearly so many as were caused by alcohol in a similar period under the old regime."

## MAKING 'PERFUME'

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Investigation by the police of numerous deaths attributed to wood alcohol poisoning revealed tonight that in the last three months, federal permits to manufacture perfume have been issued to approximately 2,000 persons, of whom, it is said, not more than 50 are legitimate manufacturers of perfumes.

## ANOTHER DEATH

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Another man was reported dead today as a result of drinking wood alcohol. If authenticated as a poison liquor death, Chicago's total of Christmas poisonings to date number nine, or 25 since July 1. Today's victim was 73 years old.

Employers were asked today by Coroner Hoffman to address their workers tomorrow and warn them against the use of wood alcohol and other questionable substitutes for whiskey. The coroner and members of his staff also will make a tour of industrial plants issuing warnings against poisonous liquors.

Many of the deaths occurred among laboring men whom the community

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