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SHERIFF POSITIVE
MRS. GUNNESS DIED

Smutzer Says Autopsy Report Shows Body Found in Ruins
Is That of Famous Woman Murderer--That's
Why He Leaves All Suspects Alone

LOCKS OF HAIR WERE THOSE OF RAY LAMPHERE

County Council, However, Not Convinced That Proof of
Death Has Been Established, Will Offer Reward for
Widow Belle--Morbidity Crowd Sunday

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Laporte, Ind., May 11.—Mrs. Belle Gunness is dead. It is her body which was found, with those of her children, in the ruins of the house where she murdered probably a score of men and women. We have known this for days. On one of the fingers of the body was a gold ring which was identified as one Mrs. Gunness wore. Her keys lay in the cinders beside the body. We are sure she is dead.

This is the declaration of Sheriff Smutzer, which, made today, shows why the authorities of Laporte, or at least some of them, have not entered into the search for the Indiana murderess with any great enthusiasm. New and significant evidence which would seem to indicate that Mrs. Gunness may have perished by the hand of an accomplice has come to light with the discovery that Andrew Heldgren fought a terrible hand-to-hand battle for life before he was overcome and buried beside the other victims of Mrs. Gunness is furnished today in an official report of Dr. J. H. W. Meyer to the coroner, describing a lock of brown hair clasped in the dead man's hand.

This is the important new evidence in the hands of State's Attorney R. N. Smith which, he today stated positively would send Lamphere to the gallows. Here is the official wording of the autopsy report:

"The hand is closed. On opening the hand it is found to grasp short soft curly brown hair."

Ray Lamphere has hair the exact color of that found, and it is of the same length and texture. The county council is to meet here Friday. It will undoubtedly offer a reward for the capture of Mrs. Gunness. Several members of the council favor making the reward \$5,000, and this will probably be done, though the others would prefer \$10,000. Sheriff Smutzer is still so sure Mrs. Gunness is dead that he is against offering any reward at all, but his wishes will not be considered in the matter.

At present the Gunness place is so overrun by people drawn there solely by the notoriety the farm has achieved that no methodical search can be carried on. Yesterday being the first Sunday since the authorities began making the ghastly discoveries, the crowds broke all records. Throngs began to flock out from town along the McClung road as early as 6 o'clock. A delegation of 500 arrived from South Bend. An excursion was run from Chicago and other hundreds were picked up all along the route. Add to these the Laporte residents who succumbed to curiosity and it is clear that no fewer than 10,000 persons visited the murder farm yesterday afternoon.

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OLD BALL STICK
SAVES TIERNAN

"Silent Mike," Grasping Good
Bat of Other Days, Lays
Out Five

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, May 11.—With the same old trusty old bat that saved many a close game at the Polo grounds when he was one of the star hitters of the New Yorks, "Silent Mike" Tierman saved another game, which involved the life of his son, William, when a group of ruffians known as the Canary Island band last night attacked his saloon on Fifth avenue.

"Mike" Tierman, who was in his home at No. 4 East 135th street, just across the way, heard the tumult. He made a dash inside the saloon and pulled from the wall the old bat. At the moment his son William was in a hard fight, with the odds against him, but Mike stretched, five of the dozen assailants on the floor.

Meanwhile someone had called for the police, who, after a fight, made five arrests, the other men fleeing before the onslaught of the night sticks. The prisoners were held in \$500 bail each.

(Special to Evening Times.)

Durham, N. C., May 11.—The woman's home mission convention of the North Carolina conference, which has been in session here, has chosen Mrs. R. B. John, of Raleigh, president, and selected Louisville for the next meeting place.

ALICE WILL NOT
STUMP, AFTER ALL

Notoriety Bothers President's
Daughter and Cole Must Look
Out for Himself

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Bellevue, O., May 11.—Because of the publicity given the proposed contest, Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth has reconsidered her determination to make stump speeches against the Countess of Warwick in the eighth Ohio congressional district, and neither she nor her husband will aid in Congressman Ralph D. Cole's fight for reelection.

The Countess of Warwick, who was the famous "babbling brook" in the baccarat scandal which caused King Edward so much annoyance about fifteen years ago, has not changed her plans to come to Ohio and make the campaign of E. C. Warren, of Kenton, the socialist candidate for congress.

Already she has arranged to address a mass meeting of 15,000 negroes in the eighth district and urge them to support the socialist. The Countess, who is a socialist in England, hopes to land a socialist in congress.

Frenchman Can't Wrestle.

New York, May 11.—The wrestling match between Cazeaux and Jenkins, scheduled to take place at Madison Square Garden, has been declared off. Last night P. T. Powers said he had received a telegram from Cazeaux announcing that the Frenchman would not wrestle.

One Night in Limbo Enough
For Rich Man.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Bellevue, Ill., May 11.—One night in jail was enough for Edward Siebert, Bellevue's \$60,000 bachelor. Rather than pay a fine of \$10 and costs assessed on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, Siebert, who is 60 years old, declared he would work it out in the county workhouse. After spending Saturday night in a cell he paid the fine.

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WHITE HOUSE IS
ALL READY FOR
THE GOVERNORS

President Will Talk to State Ex-
ecutives Wednesday and
Dine Them Tuesday.

BRIGHT TALKERS SLATED

For Addresses on Subjects That
Demand Attention of
American People.

BRYAN WILL BE THERE

And So Will John Mitchell and
Andrew Carnegie and
James J. Hill

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, May 11.—President Roosevelt has finished his program and is now ready for the meeting of governors of states he has invited to confer with him on the needs of the various states. The conference will open Wednesday and continue three days.

Forty-four governors have accepted the president's invitation to attend this notable conference. Three of them are here. They are Joseph H. Kibbey, of Arizona; Walter Frear, of Hawaii; and X. O. Pindall, of Arkansas. This is the first time in the history of the country that a president has held such a conference. Five of the governors, in all probability, will be absent. These are the chief executives of California, Oregon, Georgia, Massachusetts and Texas.

There will be present the governors of all the territories except the Philippines, the cabinet members, justices of the supreme court, and senators and representatives.

Among the noted speakers to attend will be William J. Bryan, James J. Hill, John Mitchell and Andrew Carnegie.

The meetings will be held in the east room of the white house. This room will have on the walls great maps of the United States to illustrate points made by the speakers, and colored transparencies will be used.

Secretary Loeb announces the white house will be closed to the general public during the conference.

Tuesday night the president will give a dinner to the governors at the white house.

Justices of the supreme court, Secretaries Garfield and Wilson, the inland waterways commissioners, W. J. Bryan, John Mitchell, James J. Hill and Andrew Carnegie complete the list of guests for the dinner. A reception will be held Thursday evening by Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, for all the members of the conference and for a number of senators and representatives specially invited.

President Roosevelt will open the conference Wednesday with an address. John Mitchell is to speak on the subject of coal mining, its difficulties, and the laws relating thereto.

It is possible that among the subjects to be considered will be a plan for universal divorce laws and the classification of offenses for which divorce may be granted; a plan for the extradition of criminals from one state to another upon telegraphic demand of governors; a plan for a universal agreement regarding the treatment of tuberculosis in cattle; plans for the care and segregation of the victims of consumption, to prevent the spread of the disease; a plan for the better supervision and observance of the quarantine regulations; plans for the cooperation of adjoining states for the better protection of interstate parks and forest reserves.

London Bar Silver.

(By Cable to The Times.)

London, May 11.—Bar silver today quoted at 24 3-16d, advance 1-8d.

FIREBUG LEAPS
OUT OF BUILDING

Man Who May be Responsible
for Incendiary Blazes
Eludes Detective

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, May 11.—Three daring attempts were made within a few hours to set fire to the five-story apartment house, No. 140 West 29th street, occupied by ten wealthy Greek families, and an attempt to set fire to the big double apartment at 124 West 27th street, also occupied by Greeks, led the police to believe that members of the band responsible for the slaying of Tavshanjian, the rug manufacturer, by the Hunchakists, were again at work.

The latest attempt to fire the house on West 29th street was the most daring. It was made while Detective Kleffer, of the West Thirtieth street or Tenderloin station, was on the third floor of the building investigating a blaze that had just been put out by firemen.

Kleffer was standing in the third floor hallway when he saw a bundle of paper slowly descending from a skylight in the roof. He could see the outlines of a man's body reflected on the stained glass. He fired a shot from his revolver at the reflection and then leaped up the steps, two at a time. No trace of anyone could be found, but he discovered the trapdoor leading to the house was open.

STROUD SHOTS
MAN, NOT WOMAN

Bullet Goes Wide of Intended
Mark and Lee Shaw
is Dead

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Durham, May 11.—Horace Stroud, a notorious negro horse trader, while attempting to kill a woman with whom he had become enraged, accidentally shot Lee Shaw, another member of his race, and inflicted a dangerous wound that afterwards resulted in the death of Shaw at the Lincoln hospital. The shooting occurred Saturday and Shaw died yesterday morning.

Immediately after he had committed the deed Stroud slipped out and was later located in Richmond, where he was placed under arrest. He will be brought back to Durham this afternoon.

TAFT SAILS FOR
N. Y. TOMORROW

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Panama, May 11.—Secretary Taft expects to sail for New York on Tuesday morning. He closed today his conference with President Arango, Secretary Arias, Senator Arango, the Panama minister to the United States, Mr. Squires, American ambassador to Panama, and William Nelson Cromwell, legal adviser of the Panama Canal Commission. A tentative accord has been reached, it is said, upon important points, and the decision on others only awaits the results of special inquiries now being made.

Panama has agreed to do nothing about Columbia's seizure of the border town of Jurado until Secretary Taft has had a talk with President Roosevelt and Secretary Root.

NEW HOUSE BURNS DOWN;

OCCUPANTS LOSE THEIR ALL.

(Special to The Times.)

Concord, May 11.—Mr. Whit Sloop's new house on North Union street burned down Saturday night between 2 and 2:30 o'clock. The fire had done its work before the fire apparatus arrived on the scene. The occupants of the house were aroused just in time to get out without saving anything. The house was insured.

NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF
FULL TWENTY COUNTRIES

STILL MYSTERY
ABOUT GROVER

Former President Has Comfort-
able Night, But Stomach
Trouble's Rumored

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, May 11.—Grover Cleveland, who is suffering from a severe sickness, the nature of which has not been divulged, but is said unofficially to be stomach trouble, and is confined to his room at the Lakewood hotel, passed a restless night, according to information given out by the assistant manager today.

Every available source of official information insists that the condition of the ex-president continues steadily to improve.

Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, his physician, however, has not realized his vigil, nor has the staff of nurses been reduced. The continued attendance, too, of Dr. G. Rowe Lockwood, the celebrated stomach specialist of New York, is considered puzzling in view of the optimistic bulletins issued daily. According to one report, Mr. Cleveland will be convalescent enough to be taken home to Princeton in a special train some time this week.

Mrs. Cleveland, for the first time in many days, left the hotel yesterday and went to church. After lunch she took a short stroll in the grounds.

New York Bar Silver.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, May 11.—Commercial bar silver this morning 52 1/2, advanced 1/4. Mexican dollars 47c.

Swell Breeze as New Building
of American Bureau of
Republics Is Started

ROOSEVELT AND ROOT

Lay the Cornerstone in Pres-
ence of Large and Distin-
guished Gathering

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, May 11.—Everything is in readiness for the laying of the cornerstone of the new building of the international bureau of American Republics, which takes place this afternoon, and the ceremonies attending which will probably be as elaborate as anything of its kind, while the assembly will be beyond doubt one of the most brilliant ever gathered in this city.

Andrew Carnegie, the steel magnate, whose gift of \$750,000 did much toward making the movement a success, reached the city last night. One feature of the program this afternoon will be the playing of the national anthems of the countries of America, and as each in turn is played the flags of that country will be unfurled.

Secretary Root, chairman of the governing board of the international bureau, is the presiding officer of the day.

The cornerstone will be laid by President Roosevelt, assisted by Secretary of State Root, director of the bureau of American republics, Mr. Barrett, and the Brazilian ambassador, Joaquin Nabuco, the participation of the latter falling to him as the ranking member of the Latin-American corps.

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STATE CONVENTIONS OF BOTH PARTIES FOR
PRESENT WEEK

Washington, May 11.—Most spectacular of the political events of the present week is the convention of the "red card" party, the socialists, in Chicago. According to Washington reports, Eugene V. Debs has voluntarily withdrawn from the position of perpetual candidate of the socialists, and William D. Haywood, former secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, will be the presidential nominee. About 218 delegates will represent the 40,000 members of the party in the Chicago convention. The socialists' national organization has recently established a daily paper in New York and is preparing to carry on a spirited campaign.

While the congress of governors and other distinguished men called by President Roosevelt to discuss methods of conserving the nation's natural resources, will have no direct political bearing, it will probably not be without its effect upon the fortunes of the republican presidential candidates. It is understood that both Secretary Taft and Gov. Hughes will be in attendance at the conference, and there can hardly fail to be comparisons. William Jennings Bryan has also been invited by President Roosevelt. Governors from many states will be here, and a large number of congressmen will take part in the deliberations of the congress. The first session will be held Wednesday and the meeting will continue through Thursday and Friday.

Republican state conventions will be held in a number of states, including Louisiana, Michigan, Idaho, Montana, California, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, Georgia, Texas and Virginia.

The first state convention of the week will be that of the "illy white" republicans of Louisiana, to be held in New Orleans. Delegates pledged to Taft will be chosen. The "black and tan" or negro faction will also send delegates to Chicago, but the whites control the situation and have the official sanction of the state.

Michigan republicans will hold their state convention in Grand Rapids Tuesday. The state is apparently lined up in the Taft column and there will probably be no opposition to his endorsement. The same condition, in regard to presidential preference, is reported to exist in Idaho, which will hold its republican state convention in Wallace next week.

Thursday will be a field day for the Taft boomers. The state conventions of North Dakota, at Minot; Montana, at Butte; California, at Sacramento; Oregon, at Portland; and Washington, at Spokane, are all expected to instruct their delegates for Taft. The Georgia convention, to be held at Macon, will likely be marked by a struggle between the white and negro factions. A convention of Virginia negroes will be held in Richmond to choose anti-Taft delegates, which will contest for seats in the Chicago convention with the Taft delegates already selected.

Texas republicans will get into the ring Friday, when the two opposing factions will hold state conventions in different cities. The regular republican organization which favors the nomination of Taft, will meet in Fort Worth, while the reorganized faction, composed mainly of negroes, will hold its state and district conventions in Waco.

The most important democratic gathering of the coming week will be the Minnesota state convention, to be held in St. Paul Thursday. It is considered certain that Gov. Johnson will be endorsed by the convention and that delegates pledged to support his candidacy will be sent to Denver.