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WOMAN REVEALS MASTER SWINDLE

Mrs. Hagan, Arrested in Richmond, Makes Confession Swindling Scheme

A MILLION INVOLVED

Mrs. Hagan Names Dr. R. C. Flower, ex-clergyman, Lawyer and Mining Promoter as the Swindler. Dr. Flower is Believed to be in Hiding in Richmond—Woman is the Widow of a New York Millionaire Who Died Mysteriously at the Waldorf-Astoria.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Richmond, Va., Sept. 11.—Declaring she is Mrs. Theodora Hagan, widow of the rich bucketshop man who died under mysterious circumstances at the Waldorf-Astoria, a woman in whose possession thousands of dollars in jewels have been found, has disclosed a swindle of more than \$1,000,000 to the police of this city and she has named Dr. R. C. Flower, ex-clergyman, lawyer and mining promoter, as the swindler.

Her remarkable recital has led to a renewed search for Dr. Flower, who is believed to be in hiding in this city.

In her confession to the police, Mrs. Hagan, who has been known since her arrival here as Mrs. H. F. Lindsay, says she has lent Dr. Flower more than \$500,000 and has turned over to him jewels and property worth many thousands more. The balance of her fortune of more than \$1,000,000 which she inherited upon the death of her husband eight years ago, she declares, has been dissipated by Dr. Flower through investment made for her.

The name Flower assumed for his role in the various ventures, the woman declares, was Horace R. Courtlandt. It is a man of this name that the police are searching for as the head of the boldest band of swindlers and trunk robbers that ever have come to the notice of authorities in this state.

Another woman, who said she was the wife of Horace R. Courtlandt (or Flower) was arrested for the non-payment of a board bill and it was this arrest that led to the startling disclosures.

Mrs. Hagan, in the astonishing confession she made to Chief of Police Werner, says:

"I came to this city from New York in May of this year. I first went to the Hotel Guerrant, where I remained for three weeks, then coming to this place (Eleventh and Marshall streets.) I have not gone out any since I have been here. I spent the winter and spring in the city of Philadelphia. While I was there Mr. Courtlandt came to see me frequently. I first met him in New York soon after the death of my husband, Theodore Hagan, who was killed in the Waldorf-Astoria.

"My relations with the man were confidential. They began soon after the death of my husband. I knew he had been in trouble and I knew he was innocent of the charges made against him. I had a fortune of about \$1,000,000 when I first met him. He interested me in some of the gold mining schemes which he had on hand and as I knew nothing of business and believing that the investments would prove to be paying, I gave him money from time to time. I suppose that I have given him at least half a million dollars in various ways and at different times.

"Where is Mr. Courtlandt now?" she was asked.

"I do not know. He was in to see me Monday and said nothing about going away. I expect that he will come back to see me. He often goes away for two or three days at a time and as soon as he gets back here he comes to see me.

"When I was in Philadelphia Mr. Courtlandt told me that there were some important suits on in New York in which I was a party, that so long as I remained out of the state the paper could not be served on me. He then said that the cases had been sent to the federal courts. I think he said federal, and that it would be better for us to come south and pass the time away until the limit of the suit would expire. We came to this city. We first went to Norfolk and then came right on here without stopping to see anything of that city." (Continued on Page Seven.)

HARRIMAN TALKS OF PROSPERITY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Sept. 11.—Edward H. Harriman, accompanied by his wife arrived in Chicago today in a special car attached to the Chicago & Northwestern train from Omaha. After a conference with the officials of the Illinois Central Railroad, Mr. Harriman and his wife left for New York on a five car special train via the Lakeshore railroad.

"My trip through the west," said Mr. Harriman, "has further convinced me that the prosperity of this country is as great as it ever was. The crops from coast to coast seem remarkable. Business is getting better everywhere and there seems to me to be no reason to think that the presidential election will have any detrimental effect upon business. I am pleased and satisfied with the outlook."

FIRES THREATEN A SMALL TOWN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Lexington, Ky., Sept. 11.—A forest fire in Garrard county is causing great anxiety. Pain Lick, a small town twelve miles from Lancaster, is in danger of being wiped out. Communication with the town has been cut off but before the wires were lost reports were received that a number of business buildings, including a hotel, a bank and the warehouse of the American Tobacco Company had been destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at \$100,000.

TWO GEORGIAN ARE KILLED AND ROBBED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cuthbert, Ga., Sept. 11.—Henry and Turner Blus, sons of John Blus, a wealthy farmer, were found dead in the public highway this morning. They had been shot. The young men yesterday sold some cotton and were returning home with several hundred dollars in their pockets. The sheriff with bloodhounds has gone to the scene of the tragedy.

YOUNG LADY DISTURBED SHOTS INTO A CROWD.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cripple Creek, Col., Sept. 11.—Angered because a crowd of men disturbed her sleep last night, Miss Annie Coplan seized a rifle and fired as rapidly as she could into the group. A bullet struck Robert C. Young above the right eye and he will die. Several others were slightly wounded. The young woman was arrested and will be arraigned today.

Receipts of Gans-Nelson Fight.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) San Francisco, Sept. 11.—The receipts of the Gans-Nelson fight were slightly in excess of \$18,000, of which Nelson received \$7,500 and Gans \$5,045. The gate money was not up to expectations, and it is believed the Moran-Atell contest two days before had something to do with the falling off.

Commercial Bar Silver.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 11.—Commercial bar silver, 51%; Mexican dollars, 45.

PAPKE AND KETCHELL WILL FIGHT AGAIN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 11.—Another fight has been arranged between Billy Papke, middleweight champion, and Stanley Ketchell, from whom he took the title. They will fight twenty-five rounds on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, at Jack Gleason's club. Practically the same conditions govern the match as were employed in the Los Angeles fight. The men are to weigh 155 pounds three hours before they enter the ring. The winner gets sixty per cent of the gate receipts. Papke gets a bonus of ten per cent, win or lose.

BIG FINANCIERS BURY THE HATCH

Belmont, Ryan and Undermyer Come Over From Europe in Same Ship

BELMONT WANTED PEACE

Most Distinguished List of Passengers on Lusitania That Ever Came Over on Single Trip—Belmont Was Anxious for Trip With Ryan to Talk Over Manhattan Traction Matters and Believed These Gentlemen Will Unite on Plan to Reconstruct Traction Properties.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 11.—When the Cunarder Lusitania docked today astonishment was great in financial and traction circles at the news that besides August Belmont, Thomas F. Ryan and Samuel Undermyer were among the passengers that made up probably the most distinguished list that ever came over on a single trip.

Surprise was still greater when it was rumored that Ryan and Belmont had buried the hatchet, put their heads together and evolved from the scapling. Mr. Ryan is credited with having so adroitly administered a short time ago in financial matters, and this is an intimation that within a few days a scheme may be announced by which these able gentlemen expect to rescue the traction properties from their financial dilemma.

Samuel Undermyer has long been one of the most prominent lawyers connected with the traction interests and no doubt partly to his good offices may be due the peace between Ryan and Belmont.

According to one report Mr. Belmont's main object in returning from France, where he has been taking a rest cure, was to make the trip as a fellow passenger with Mr. Ryan and talk things over far from the maddening crowd. It is understood he may not remain more than a month; that his next stay in Europe will be prolonged, etc.

The Ryan-Belmont feud extended further than to the traction fight, according to report. Mr. Ryan is said to have done much in his modest, unassuming way, to kill race track betting in the state which hit Mr. Belmont's racing interests such a welch below the belt. But, anyway, Wall street is anxiously waiting the next move of the financiers since they have "made up" and returned together to the scenes of their past conquests.

IOWA LEGISLATURE COMES TO A CLOSE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 11.—The extra session of the thirty-third general assembly adjourned at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, "without selecting a United States senator to fill the unexpired term of Senator Allison.

The resolution for adjournment provides that the legislature convene November 14, after the election, and elect to the senate the person receiving the largest vote at the primary.

Adjournment was brought about by Governor Cummins, who asked his friends to cease urging his election for the short term, and declared that he "waived his own interests to the interest of party harmony."

AMERICAN FLEET REACHES ALBANY

Reached Harbor This Morning Just in Time to Escape a Heavy Blow

STOOD THE TRIP WELL

Three Colliers Await Fleet and Two to Come—Feared the Fifth May Not Reach Albany in Time For Fleet—Ships Are Coaling in the Inner Harbor—Voyage Welcome to Men After Melbourne Festivities, Which Taxed Their Endurance. Elaborate Entertainment Program.

(By Cable to The Times.) Albany, Sept. 11.—The American fleet anchored outside Albany harbor at 7 o'clock this morning, having reached King George's Sound just in time to avoid a heavy blow outside. They found only three colliers waiting, although five were chartered to deliver coal here. A fourth is expected soon.

The long distances and the short time allowed in the Pacific cruise have caused one collier to miss the fleet at Honolulu, three at Auckland and probably one here, which emphasizes the need of large and fast naval colliers.

The swell at the anchorage was too heavy for safe coaling and three ships will be ordered to coal in the inner harbor.

The sea voyage was welcome to the sailors after the Melbourne festivities, which taxed the endurance of officers and men.

Despite the unprecedented lavishness of the entertainment the personnel of the fleet demonstrated its true American adaptability by resuming the routine drills and discipline without a hitch.

Gunnery officers welcomed the opportunity for Morris tube practice, range finding exercises and the development of the fire control in preparation for the battle target practice in Manila Bay, which will be the most important gunnery test of the year.

Rear Admiral Sperry ordered daily evolutions in simulation of battle conditions during the passage across the great Australian blight. A favorable characteristic of the sea was the long swell which caused all the vessels to roll continually, exposing a broad expanse of armor belt.

Albany has 3,900 residents and 2,000 visitors are already here with 10,000 more expected.

GEORGIA LAWMAKERS USING THEIR FISTS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 11.—The feeling over the deadlock in the legislature on the convict question has become so bitter that members have begun to use their fists to emphasize their views. Representatives Jackson and Cullom fought several rounds yesterday in the fiercest sort of fashion and both were bloody when separated.

Jackson, who favors the abolition of the lease system, made some remarks reflecting on those who favor its retention despite the revelations of cruelty and grafting. Cullom returned Jackson's insinuation and in an instant the two were fighting furiously.

The legislature has been in extra session three weeks on the convict question at a cost of \$2,000 a day.

FIRES ARE STILL BURNING TODAY

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 11.—The 200 inhabitants of Fobboro, a small Wisconsin village, twelve miles from here, are battling for their lives with forest fires which completely surround the village and are rapidly eating their way toward the town.

Reports from Cooke and Lake counties state that the flames are still spreading and that an immense quantity of timber has been destroyed. Damage to the extent of \$100,000 has been done at Washburn, Wis., where a whole block in the business section succumbed to the flames.

CARNEGIE LOANED BANK \$2,000,000

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 11.—Bankers of this city learned with much interest today what the item "United States Steel bonds account \$2,000,000," in the last statement of the Carnegie Trust Company to the state banking department meant. The story also explains how it was that the bank was able to withstand the run resulting from the recent financial stringency when the Knickerbocker and the Trust Company of America and several other banking institutions were forced to suspend.

THE GREENSBORO CENTENNIAL Association to Manage it Incorporated Today.

The Greensboro Centennial Association was today granted a charter. The object of this organization is to "devise, promote and manage a public celebration in honor of the centennial of the city of Greensboro."

There is no capital stock and participation in the affairs of the corporation will be by individual membership, each member having one vote. The incorporators are among the most prominent men of Greensboro.

PENNSYLVANIA ROAD INCREASES WORKING HOURS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Altoona, Pa., Sept. 11.—Orders were posted at the Pennsylvania Railroad shops yesterday increasing the working time to 50 hours a week. The order takes effect today and affects 10,000 employes, most of whom have been working only 36 hours a week since last November. For some weeks the company has been taking back suspended shopmen and restoring trainmen and engine men to their former positions.

GREAT DAMAGE FROM FIRE IN CALIFORNIA

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 11.—Great damage to timber and ranch property has been done by a brush fire which was started yesterday by a rancher attempting to burn some brush. Already thirteen square miles of territory have been swept away by the flames, and a number of residences near LaCrescenta have been burned. A large number of men are fighting to prevent the destruction of the town itself. The San Gabriel forest reserves have suffered heavily from the ravages of the flames.

WHOLE FAMILY IS WIPED OUT

By Volume of Escaping Gas Touched By Lighted Match

THRILLING RESCUES

Three Are Dead and Many Injured. The Explosion Came Just as Preacher Was Fixing to Retire for the Night—He Entered His Room, Struck a Match and This Was Followed by a Blinding Flash as the Gas Which Had Collected in the Room Ignited.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 11.—A volcano of escaping gas, touched off by the careless striking of a match, nearly wiped out the family of Rev. George Misquel, pastor of St. George's Syrian Greek church on Seventh avenue, collapsed an adjoining dwelling, burying its inmates under the debris of falling walls and kindled a fire that threatened an entire block on Bedford avenue near Washington street at 9:30 last night.

The dead: Mrs. George Misquel, aged 32, 922 Bedford avenue, found in upper room burned to a crisp; Jacob, her son, 4 years old, died at Passavant Hospital; Annie Magel, 17, servant at the Misquel home, died at 1:15 a. m. at hospital.

The injured: Rev. George Misquel, 35, burned about head and arms, thought to have inflated flames; condition serious; Isaac Misquel, aged 11, burned about face and arms; Amelia Misquel, 6, legs and arms badly burned; eighteen months old babe of the Misquels, scorched in its cradle, overlooked by rescuers, but carried out of all, practically uninjured; Margaret and Mary McKenna, of 920 Bedford avenue, caught in bed under collapsing roof and debris, dragged out by firemen; legs and back sprained; Mrs. Mary Mulligan, 920 Bedford avenue, face cut and back injured; Policeman Peter Handah, hands and face burned in rescue work; Policeman W. H. Larkin, hands burned, wrist cut.

IRON MASTERS GIVE DINNER TO JUDGE GARY

(By Cable to The Times.) London, Sept. 11.—The Iron and steel masters, representing Great Britain, Germany and France, and one or two other countries met at the Reform Club today. The occasion was a dinner given by the iron and steel institute of Great Britain to Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation and president of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

Judge Gary has been in Europe most of the summer and has just returned to the Hotel Ritz after an automobile tour of 5,000 miles.

Escaping Gas Kills Two.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Sept. 11.—The bodies of two men whose names the police were unable to learn, were found in a room at 639 North Ashland avenue today. The room was full of gas and the jet open.