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ERB POISONED IS NOW BELIEVED

A Secret Autopsy Shows That Deadly Drug Was Administered

ALARMED AT DELAY

Conspirators Becoming Alarmed at Delay in Drug Taking Effect and Hearing That Erb Would Grow Suspicious, Shot Him—Poison Was Administered in a Highball—Plans Went Astray for Erb Did Tell That He Had Been Poisoned and That His Wife and Sister-in-Law Were Trying to Kill Him.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 13—A secret autopsy has revealed that Captain Clayton Erb, was shot and killed in his home, Red Gables, was poisoned before the bullets which ended his life were fired at him. The poison was administered in a highball which was handed to Erb before he was shot.

To confirm this belief in the poison theory, the police turned over to Dr. Meeker, of the Medico-Chirurgical College, the stomach and intestines of the dead man for chemical analysis. They now are convinced that a sufficient quantity of a deadly drug was administered to have killed Erb even if not shots had been fired.

It is the theory of the police that after the poison was administered it failed to take effect as rapidly as had been anticipated, and that seeing that Erb had become suspicious, it was necessary to kill him in order that he might not disclose his suspicion. If this was the intent of the murderers their plan went astray because Captain Erb did tell his coachman and bodyguard, Eugene Foulson, that he had been poisoned and that his wife and his sister-in-law were trying to kill him.

Both women, who are in cells in the jail at Media, refuse to add to their statements that the shots were fired at Captain Erb in self defense, and because Mrs. Katherine Beisel had been threatened by Erb with a pistol.

"Last Tuesday night," said Poulson's wife, "was not the first time Captain Erb was shot at in his own home. Mrs. Erb slept with a revolver under her pillow and often threatened to use it. She pointed it at my husband one day and threatened to kill him. She threatened to kill him again the day Captain Erb said he was poisoned by the highball his wife prepared. Captain Erb begged my husband not to leave him that day and Poulson stayed, although Mrs. Erb ordered him from the house. The captain was groaning in agony on a couch while his wife was trying to get rid of my husband. Mrs. Erb made things hot for us finally that my husband left the house. He was taking lessons in automobile driving and was to have been chauffeur for Captain Erb this week.

Captain Erb expected to have a new machine by this time and to have his wife out of Red Gables for good."

Additional evidence has been discovered in Red Gables. It consists of bloodstains in the hall, near the door of his private bathroom. The stairs are eight feet from the spot where, last Tuesday night, the body was found. It is the opinion of the detectives that Erb was not killed by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Katherine Beisel, in the place described by her and her sister.

They hope to show the man was shot down without having a chance for his life, and that the shooting was done immediately on his appearance from his own suite, instead of after a rush by him toward Mrs. Beisel with a pistol in his hand, as the women assert. The politician's sister-in-law and widow says Mrs. Beisel wrested from Erb the weapon with which she shot him. Self-preservation is the defense, the women alleging Erb tried to murder Mrs. Beisel.

JACOBSEN NOT A CITIZEN.

Governor Johnson's Opponent Not a Naturalized Citizen.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 13—Governor John A. Johnson may have little or no opposition in his candidacy for the governorship if a report from Madison, Minn., the home of Jacob F. Jacobson, the republican candidate, has any foundation. It is claimed there that Mr. Jacobson has not been properly naturalized, and not being a citizen of the United States, cannot run for office.

Mr. Jacobson was born in Norway and moved to this country with his parents. Inquiry shows Mr. Jacobson has never taken out naturalization papers, and inquiry fails to establish that his father did. The matter is being investigated by the republican state central committee.

Mother Finds Kidnapped Daughter.



To the left is shown Mrs. Flor Avery, of Spearfish, South Dakota, to the right her daughter Myrtle, who was stolen from her mother 14 years ago by Mrs. Avery's divorced husband, Charles Stafford. Mrs. Avery found her daughter in the Catholic Protectors, New York City.

HEIRESS IS KIDNAPPED HEIR TO A MILLIONAIRE

Eight-Year-Old Girl Carried Fortune Comes to a Glove Off From Home Filter

While Out Walking Child is Picked Up by Party in Automobile and Carried Away—Two Women and Three Men in Party.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, Oct. 13—While she was walking beside her grandmother yesterday afternoon, Margaret Frances Mitchell, an eight-year-old heiress to \$200,000, was seized by kidnapers. They threw her into an automobile and drove through the streets of the city and the surrounding country towns for four hours before they finally disappeared, taking the child with them.

In the car, besides the chauffeur, were two women and three men. Robert C. Mitchell, father of the child, an employee of the city law department, believes that one of the women was his wife from whom he separated three months ago. The other persons are believed to be friends of hers.

The three male passengers alone were visible to persons on the sidewalk at the time the seizure was made and it is thought that the women hid themselves in the bottom of the tonneau when they feared they might be recognized.

The entire police force of the city has been called into the case.

OUTLOOK STILL SERIOUS.

Indicated by Rate Lloyds Are Charging to Insure Against War.

(By Cable to The Times.)

London, Oct. 13—The best evidence that notwithstanding most hopeful outlook, the outlook is still considered serious is the fact that Lloyds is charging 25 guineas percent to insure against the risk of war between Bulgaria and Turkey, or on or before December 31 and 15 guineas percent against war between Austria and Serbia during the ensuing month. Commercial circles at present are not inclined to regard the hopeful declaration of statesmen as more than pious wishes.

Inheritance the Old Story of Long Lost Nephew and Sick Uncle—Fortune Had Been Waiting For Him For Years.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, Oct. 13—Heir to a fortune of more than a million dollars, but uncertain if he really can afford to accept the heritage on account of the happiness of his family, is the strange position of Emil Ascher, a retailer of men's gloves, who lives contentedly with his wife and eight children in a Prairie avenue flat.

His inheritance is the old story of the long lost nephew and the rich uncle. In the case of Ascher his uncle died twenty years ago in London after accumulating a fortune of great magnitude. For these twenty years the search for Ascher has been almost world-wide and it was only by a chance that he came to know of his heritage.

Six months ago Mrs. Ascher received a letter from a friend in Germany near the place where she was born, saying that a family of the name of Ascher had fallen heir to a large fortune and that the names of the members of the family were wanted by a London law firm. Mrs. Ascher had little idea that her husband was among those to become beneficiaries.

She wrote back, however, to a cousin in Berlin, asking him to look into the report. Mrs. Ascher received a letter, in which it was stated that her husband was certain to share to the extent of at least a million dollars in the Joseph Ascher estate.

Falling heir to a million, however, did not seem to produce the thrill in Mrs. Ascher or her family that might be expected in these mercenary times. She found cause displeasure instead of joy and feared that so much money in her family might disrupt the prevailing general happiness in her little fireside.

Lemans, France, Oct. 13—Wilbur Wright announced today that in the near future he will sail his aeroplane at a height of from 2,000 to 4,000 feet, using only sails as motive power.

BIG CROWD SEES OPENING OF FAIR

With Parade and Address by Dr. Dixon Great Fair is Opened

MANY VISITORS HERE

Parade, Headed by Third Regiment Band, Forms up Town and Proceeds to Fair Grounds, Where Fair is Formally Declared Open, Following Address by Dr. Dixon—Every Booth in Floral Hall Taken. The Midway a Place of Great Interest—Tomorrow's Race Program.

Ever since Sunday visitors have been arriving in the city to attend the greatest State Fair that has ever been held. The week has opened with fair weather and everything promised to make the fair a great success.

During the week several excursion trains will be run into Raleigh from the surrounding territory, allowing all to pay the fair a visit. This morning promptly at 11 o'clock the parade was formed in front of the Yarroworth Hotel, headed by the Third Regiment Band and Chief Marshal O'Berry and his aids. Following the chief marshal were carriages which carried all the representative citizens, among those being Dr. B. F. Dixon, who made the opening address at the fair grounds.

The parade proceeded up Fayetteville street to Morgan, down Morgan to Salisbury and up to Hillsboro and thence to the grounds. Reaching the grounds at 12 o'clock, the opening address was made by Dr. Dixon in the floral hall.

President J. H. Currie, of the Fair Association, introduced the speaker, who dealt along the agricultural products of the state and showing, in many respects, where the state's products could be greatly improved and a more extensive export business carried on. In closing his speech Dr. Dixon said he had been invited to open the fair, and if it was not open it was not his fault; "when you approach the big doors of the building and if they are not open to you, then take an ax and knock them down and walk in."

One of the largest crowds that ever attended the State Fair was present at the opening this morning. All up and down the midway the people had begun to move along and the many attractions were well in readiness to entertain the spectators.

The Floral Hall.

Every available space in the floral hall has been taken, and the exhibits here will be something never equalled before.

The local merchants, as well as a number of foreign enterprises, have their wares here on exhibit.

As customary throughout the floral hall a number of spaces have been let to foreigners who have here for sale a number of their foreign goods and wares.

Some of the women's societies of Raleigh have lunch stands throughout the building. The Evening Times has prepared a booth where they extend an invitation to all, and especially the ladies, to come and rest themselves when worn or tired out. The booth will be in charge of a personal representative of the Times, and guessing contests will be on, which will be of great interest.

The Midway.

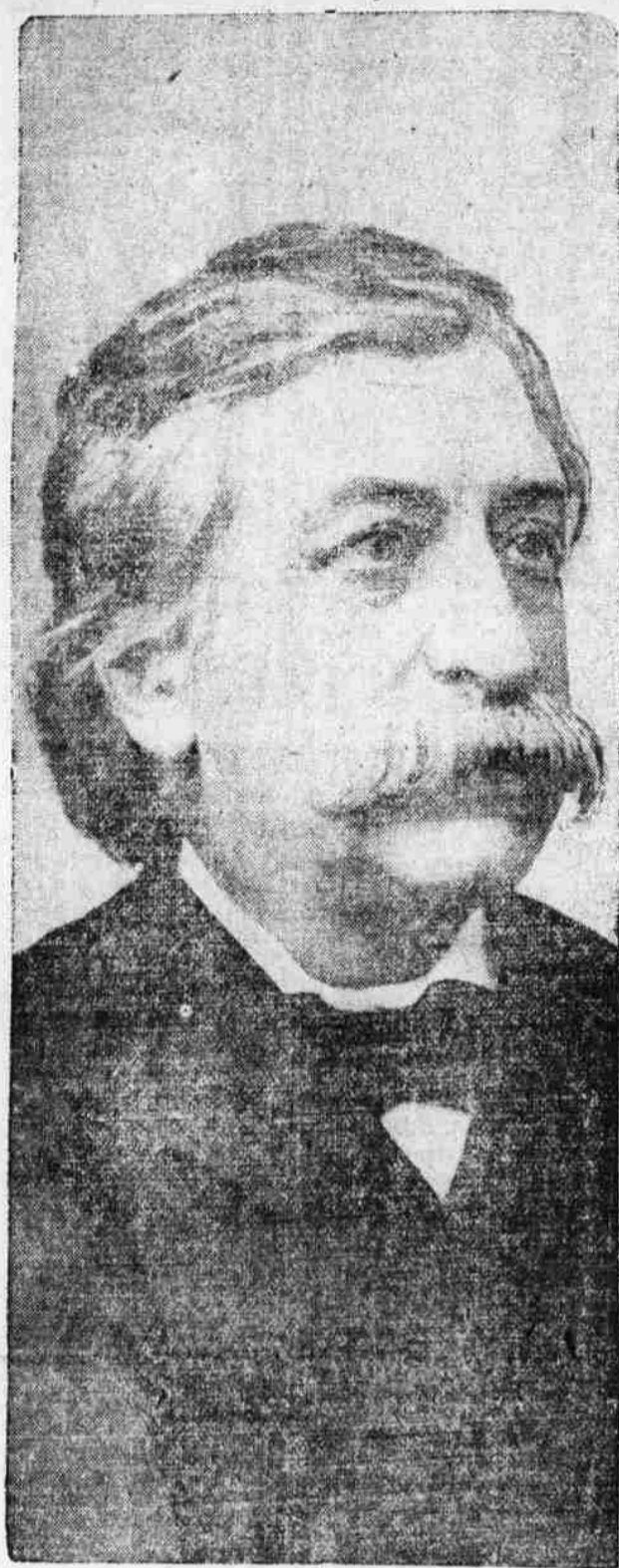
The Pike, the Pike, they are all there, from the merry-go-round and the little man to the big fat lady. Never before has the fair had such a large variety of attractions along the midway as they have this year.

Beginning at the floral hall, and extending up to and beyond the grand stand, there the attractions are arranged for both young and old. One idea, and one that meets with the approval of all the fair visitors, is the discontinuance of the ever annoying whips—where nobody gets mad but old maids and school-teachers, and as it will be this year, they themselves will not have that opportunity.

This week at the fair grounds is going to be one of the most glorious in its history.

Directly opposite the grandstand and in view of all the free attractions will be given daily. The high dive, the high wire walkers and the (Continued on Fifth Page.)

Chief Justice Molville W. Fuller.



Molville W. Fuller, Chief Justice of Supreme Court of the U. S., who has just been re-elected President of the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund of \$2,500,000.

PROBABLY BROWN AGAINST DONOVAN

Chance Announces Brown to Twirl But Jennings Is Silent As a Clam

DETROIT NOW A FACTOR

Chance Threw Down the Gauntlet When he Announced Last Night that Brown Would go in Against the Tigers Today, but Jennings Did Not Take it Up—Is Jennings Game Enough to Send His Star Twirler Against the Mighty Brown?—Does He Think Him Great Enough?

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 13.—The Detroit Tigers and the Chicago Cubs were whirled into this city on special trains early today to meet in the fourth battle of the world's championship campaign at Bennett Park this afternoon. It took three days to develop a contest in being serious, but that is what it is now. After playing like bush leaguers for two days, the Tigers finally caught their great rival off guard and reversed the situation. It was the Tigers that looked like world's champions in the pinch yesterday and the Cubs that blew up.

That each team now takes the other seriously was plain from the moment Cubs died impotently in the struggle yesterday. Since then the talk of both teams has been of pitchers.

What man will Jennings use tomorrow if Chance uses so and so today? If Jennings sends in Donovan, will Chance use Brown or will Jennings risk Donovan against Brown?

And so on. The fans of two cities were watching for Jennings to show his hand in the pitchers in today's game, but he refused to commit himself. Chance threw down the gauntlet when he announced last night that Brown would go in against the Tigers today, but Jennings did not take it up. Now they are waiting to see if the leader of the Tigers is game enough to send his own star twirler to a duel with the mighty Brown—if he thinks him great enough to meet the pride of the westside fans and beat him.

It will be either Donovan or Summers today, and the choice will depend on how much Jennings wants a stand-up and knock-down fight. If he intends shoving his stack to the centre and back Donovan to wipe Brown out of the series, it will be a great pitchers' battle today.

If he declines the challenge and plays safe, taking an almost certain chance of losing today with Summers in the equally good chance of beating the Cubs with Donovan tomorrow the series will be played out further than was thought possible 24 hours ago.

Much will depend on Jennings' decision.

The Tigers now have a good long chance to win out. They are a game behind and that is a good deal in a seven-game series. They have their best pitcher ready for action, but so have the Cubs; so that it is an even break. But, better than this, they played all round the world's champions yesterday in spite of the fact that they got a bad start, or rather slowed up badly in the middle section of the game.

With the fans who saw the battle at the westside grounds yesterday it is no longer "Jennings and his Tigers." It is "Ty Cobb and the Tigers." This young man from the cotton states was the whole game. There is no doubt but that the shake-up in the field which eliminated Downs, put Schaefer back at second and brought Coughlin into the game at third base had much to do with the improvement of the defense and the morale of the team, both in attack and defense. Jennings must be given full credit for that, but Cobb was what we used to call out home "the life of the party."

Chance admitted it smilingly after the game. "It is the first one we have lost in eight games at the finish of a hard season and the boys just had to get it out of their systems," he said. "I could feel it coming, and I am glad that it is over. We will be all right in the next game."

They certainly got a whole bunch (Continued on Page Three.)

ELECTRIC CHAIR NOW IN VOGUE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Richmond, Va., Oct. 13—Virginia's new electric chair, the permanent successor of the gibbet in the Old Dominion, this morning claimed its first victim when Henry Smith, alias Oscar Perry, alias John Williams, a negro rapist, went to his death at 7:30 o'clock.

The law substituting death by electricity for the "hempen cravat" in cases of capital punishment strictly forbids the publication of details connected with such executions, suffice it to say that the new chair did its work with terrific precision and that the prisoner seemingly was dead in less than thirty seconds after the switch had been turned on.

Smith was convicted in Portsmouth at the September term of court for an unspeakable crime, of which an aged white woman was the victim.

UNION FIGHTING OVER POLITICS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 13—Highland Lodge, Amalgamated Iron and Steel Workers, by a practically unanimous vote, withdrew from the central labor union because the central body had decided to be sponsor for a Gompers meeting here Saturday, arranged by the democratic national committee.

Michael Casey, one of the steel workers' delegates to the central union, was elected vice-president but refused the office, saying it was given to him as a compromise to placate republicans. Philip Davis was expelled as a vice-president because of alleged intimacy with the chairman of the republican county committee, as was also Recording Secretary Burns, but President McGinnis is actively associated with democrats and was on the committee of resolution for Mr. Bryan. The result is likely to be the disruption of the central body.

NARROW ESCAPE OF BALLOONISTS

(By Cable to The Times.)

Berlin, Oct. 13.—N. H. Arnold, pilot of the St. Louis entry in the international balloon races and his assistant, H. J. Hewal, had a very narrow escape from drowning last night in the North Sea, when their balloon collapsed, allowing them to fall into the water at a point about thirty miles from shore. They were picked up at the point of drowning by a German steamship, and further delay in rescue would have meant their doom.

This is the second sensational accident to befall the American entrants in the great race. Shortly after the start of the race Augustus Post and A. H. Forbes fell 4,000 feet, having a miraculous escape from death.

UNCLE JOE IS SELLING LAND

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 13—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, speaker of the house, is evidently hard up. He has just sold \$40,000 worth of his Nebraska farm lands and is offering for sale still other property he owns in eastern Nebraska. The farm Cannon has just sold contains 700 acres, and sold for \$70 an acre. The market price for lands of the same class in the vicinity is \$75 to \$80.

Mr. Cannon purchased this land years ago when lands were going at a song. He is reported to own thousands of acres of land in eastern Nebraska, right in the heart of corn and wheat belt.