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MRS. MARTIN ARRESTED IN SNEAD CASE

More Than 100 "Suicide Letters" are Found Among Her Effects

WOMAN ARRAIGNED

Mother of the Dead Woman Under Arrest Charged Jointly With Her Sister With Having Committed the Murder—Was Arrested at One O'clock This Morning—Was in State of Collapse When the Times Came for Taking Her to the Police Station to be Arraigned—Suicide Notes Were Addressed in Various Ways.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 16—More than 100 "suicide letters," purporting to have been written by Mrs. Ocey Snead, the East Orange bath tub mystery victim, were found today among the effects of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, Ocey's mother, who is under arrest, charged jointly with Miss Virginia Wardlaw, her sister, with having killed Mrs. Snead.

A great many of the letters were addressed to prominent New York women among them being Mrs. Russell Sage, Mrs. Clarence Burns, a well known club woman, and Mrs. Belle DeRiviera, also a club woman. Mrs. Martin, who was arrested at 1 o'clock this morning at the Hotel Bayard, was taken to the Tombs police court today for arraignment, after having spent the early morning hours under the care of the matron at the Mercer street police station. The aged woman sat in a cell at the police station heavily veiled. When it was time to take her to the police court she was in a state of collapse, and had to be assisted to a vehicle. A crowd of more than 200 persons stood outside, expecting to get a glimpse at the features of the strange old woman, but they were disappointed, for she still wore her veil.

Of the "suicide notes" found among Mrs. Martin's belongings at the Hotel Bayard, three were almost identical in their wording and appearance, with the note found pinned to the clothing of Ocey Snead when her body was discovered in a bath tub in the unfurnished house at East Orange on November 29.

The others appeared to be in the same handwriting as the original "suicide notes" but nearly all of them were unsigned. Some of them were addressed as follows: "To my kindred: To chosen friends, to whoever finds this. To any of my relatives. To any of my family."

The movements of Mrs. Martin since she disappeared just before the body of Mrs. Snead was found, were traced today. On November 29, the day the tragedy was discovered, she registered at the Martha Washington Hotel. From there she went to the Hotel Aldine, and thence to the Hotel Bayard.

New York, Dec. 16—Mrs. Mary Snead, mother-in-law of the bath tub mystery victim, Mrs. Ocey W. M. Snead, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of murder. Shortly before the arrest Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of Mrs. Ocey W. M. Snead, who was arrested at the Hotel Bayard early this morning, where she had been in hiding since the death of her daughter, was arraigned before Magistrate Kernochan in the Tombs police court and held without bail until Saturday on an affidavit charging her with being a fugitive from justice. She was then taken to the Tombs prison. The old woman was so feeble that she could hardly stand up in court, but despite that fact she had thoroughly baffled the detectives who put her through the third degree before her arraignment.

While Mrs. Martin was being questioned a search of her rooms revealed a bottle of poison and one hundred "suicide letters" purporting to have been written by Ocey Snead. The bottle was inside a tin box. The poison was of the deadliest kind.

A chemist at Newark is now making an analysis of certain of the organs of Mrs. Snead's body for traces of poison.

New Factory at Gary.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Gary, Ind., Dec. 16—The city of Gary has been handed a Christmas gift in the form of a new \$4,500,000

factory to be constructed just as soon as the weather will permit on the property reserved by the United States Steel Corporation in this city. The new plant will be the western branch of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company and will employ 2,000 skilled laborers. The site comprises 500 acres on the shores of Lake Michigan.

MARRIAGE IS POSTPONED.

Daughter of Admiral Swift Was to Have Married An Atlanta Man.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Boston, Mass., Dec. 16—Deep mystery today surrounds the postponement of the marriage of Miss Madeline Gray Swift, daughter of Rear Admiral Swift, and Harry Duer Storer, of Atlanta. Although Miss Swift was in good health Tuesday, illness was given by Admiral Swift as the reason for the postponement of the ceremony, which was set for next Saturday. Six hundred invitations had been sent out to the leaders of Boston society, civilian, army and navy.

The bridegroom-to-be learned of the delay by telephone when he called up Admiral Swift, who is commandant of the Charlestown navy yard, from Pittsburgh, on his way to Boston from Atlanta. Admiral Swift today declared that his daughter's condition had given him much alarm. "She is suffering from a nervous disorder," he said. "The wedding was put off indefinitely."

ANOTHER ARREST IN SUGAR FRAUDS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 16—Following the shake-up in the trust caused by the exposure of the American Sugar Refining Company's customs frauds, another man, said to be a prominent official of the sugar trust, was reported to have been arrested today on a federal indictment and released on \$10,000 bail. His name was kept secret and special prosecutor Stimson denied the report.

It was declared that the arrest was the result of damaging testimony given by a trust clerk named Thompson, in which the higher officials of the trust were implicated in the customs frauds.

This move came after the resignation of Parsons, Clason and McVaine as general counsel of the trust and the appointment of James M. Beck, formerly assistant attorney of the United States. The retirement of John E. Parsons, one of the firm that is now out of the case, was a surprise which it is said is to be followed by others equally startling. Parsons was associated with the Havermeyers before the trust was put together, and has been one of the most prominent of the lesser figures.

FRENCH WOMAN KILLED IN TRAIN

(By Cable to The Times.)
Paris, Dec. 16—Mme. Gouin, widow of the president of the Bank of France, was murdered late last night in a railroad train from Fontainebleau. The crime was discovered when the train arrived at the Gare De Lyon. The woman's body, mutilated and showing signs of a terrible struggle, was found near the tracks at Fontainebleau. The crime, which is one of the most brutal, daring and mysterious that has shocked France in months, threw the police into great activity. The railroad carriage and the scene where the body was found were carefully searched by the most astute detectives of the government and the municipality, but few clues were found. When the train arrived at the Paris station, a porter discovered the traces of the crime in the locked compartment which Mme. Gouin entered at Fontainebleau. The compartment, first class, was in disorder, and there were signs of a terrific struggle. A handful of her lettings hair, to which a portion of the scalp still clung, showing that it had been torn by main force, was found. Bits of clothing were scattered about the compartment; a broken comb lay on the floor, and a broken gold locket. In one corner, crumpled and torn, was discovered a ticket from Fontainebleau to Paris.

Blood was spattered about the ceiling compartment, staining the floor and cushions, and there were other indications which led the police to believe that the woman was killed before her body was thrown from the speeding train.

Mme. Gouin, after the death of her first husband, the banker, married the manager of a locomotive construction concern at Ratiqnelles. Mrs. Burbank Dead.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 16—Mrs. Olive Burbank, mother of Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, is dead here after an illness of a week. Mrs. Burbank was ninety-six years of age and her death was caused by a general breakdown.

NICARAGUA APOLOGIZED TO A SAILOR

Was Pushed Off Sidewalk by Nicaraguan Sentry and Reported the Matter

REQUESTS EXPRESSED

Messenger from the Cruiser Albany Forced Off the Sidewalk by a Nicaraguan Sentry—Commandant of Post Humbly Apologizes to Commander Oliver of the Albany—Situation Quieter Today—Ammunition Hoists of the Albany Prepared for Instant Service—Albany's Men Have Been Ordered to Keep to Their Quarters at Night.

(By Cable to The Times)
Corinto, Dec. 16—The Nicaraguan government today apologized to an American bluejacket. It apologized humbly, and the regrets were accepted by Commander Oliver, of the cruiser Albany. While a brawl was on last night, a ship's messenger from the Albany was forced off the sidewalk by a Nicaraguan sentry, at the point of a bayonet. The messenger reported the matter, and the incident reached the ears of the commandant of the port, who today called on Commander Oliver and expressed his regrets.

The situation was quieter today. The ammunition hoists of the Albany are prepared for instant service. The Albany's men have been ordered to keep to their quarters at night. The report that Rama had been captured by the government troops and General Estrada routed was proven absolutely without foundation today when communication between Managua and Rama was again established. The expected battle had not begun.

The situation in the capital today was critical. The wholesale arrests made by the police which continued today, inflamed the populace and the spirit of revolt against Zelaya is reported to be gaining ground constantly. One of those arrested was the mayor, who was later released.

Congress is already riven by the fight, and the partisans of the rebels are reported to be making headway. Several anti-Zelaya addresses have been delivered amid scenes of disorder, and other speakers have urged armed resistance to the United States.

THE NICARAGUAN SITUATION.

Senate Committee May Ask Secretary Knox to Appear Before It.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, Dec. 16—Unless the Nicaraguan situation becomes more settled within the next few days it is probable that the senate committee on foreign relations will ask Secretary Knox to appear before it and throw further light upon the general conditions. The Rayner resolution authorizing the president to take steps for the punishment of President Zelaya is still pending before the committee, but before taking action upon it the committee will desire to hear the secretary of state and learn what he has to recommend.

It was only the fact that Senator Cullom, the chairman of the committee, had a talk with Secretary Knox and reported his statements to the committee that prevented it from asking the secretary to appear when it met yesterday. Secretary Knox believes conditions may adjust themselves soon so that congressional action may be unnecessary, but in case they do not the senate is anxious to hear from the state department as to what course may be advisable to pursue. A sudden serious turn of affairs in Nicaragua would mean that Mr. Knox would immediately be called before the committee.

A Remarkable Operation.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, Dec. 16—Dr. E. P. Magruder, superintendent of Emergency Hospital, yesterday performed a remarkable operation on the knee of Toward Matthews, of Prince George county, Md. The man's knee cap was sawed in half, and Dr. Magruder succeeded in grafting a portion of the bone to the cap, thus enabling the patient to enjoy the use of his limb. The operation is rare in medical annals.

CORONER'S REPORT

On Causes of Deaths From Southern Railway Wreck

Coroner's Jury Find That Death Were Caused by Breaking of Defective Rail Immediately Over a Defective Cross-tie—One More Dies in Hospital, Making Twelfth Victim—Thought That All Bodies Have Been Recovered.

(Special to The Times)

Greensboro, Dec. 16—The report of the coroner's jury filed at noon on the causes of deaths in the Southern Railway wreck at Reedy Fork, near here yesterday, places the cause as "from the breaking of a defective rail immediately over a defective cross-tie, the two defects being at the same place," etc.

All trains resumed regular schedules last night. A large force is at work clearing the debris at the scene of the wreck. Chairman Franklin McNeill and other members of the state corporation commission have arrived from Raleigh, leaving on a special train for the purpose of inspecting the condition of the track, having first obtained a copy of the coroner's jury report.

H. L. Stribling, traveling salesman of Atlanta, resident of Deatur, Ala., who was among the injured taken to the hospital, died this morning, making the twelfth victim of the wreck. F. Smith, of Spencer, who has a fractured skull, is thought to be dying.

All others among the injured were reported at noon to be doing well, with no prospects of further fatalities. Several were sufficiently recovered to leave the hospital this morning, there being only 15 there now.

The unidentified man among the dead proved to be Charles T. Broadfield, of Americus, Ga., resident of Richmond, but who was going to Winston to accept a position as representative of the Carolina Chemical Company.

No other bodies have been found in the wreck this morning, and the list of killed and wounded is now considered complete.

MORE OF PHOENIX COMPANY'S TROUBLE

New York, Dec. 16—Henry Evans, chairman of the executive committee of the Phoenix Life Insurance Company in a statement today declared that the company was secured against loss through the alleged \$50,000 shortage in the Atlanta, Ga., office by the transfer of the company of the Atlanta residence and other property of the former manager there, Harry Stockell, aggregating in value from \$30,000 to \$60,000. The statement follows, in part:

"We have known of the Stockwell shortage from the time I came into the situation, and the company has been secured to the extent that seems feasible at this time by Mr. Stockwell's signing over to it his residence and such other property as he has. The value of this property has not yet been determined. It may be \$20,000 and again it may be \$60,000, this being the extreme of the estimates we have had. "Without any credit for the value of the property turned over to us I still believe that the Phoenix Company has, besides its large reserves, for unearned premiums and other liabilities, fully stated, a capital intact of \$15,500,000, and a net surplus of \$500,000 and I am willing to buy the stock of the company on that basis."

THE WEATHER.

Forecast Till P. M. Friday.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Friday, warmer Friday.

For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Friday, warmer Friday; moderate west winds becoming variable.

The pressure is low over the New England states, the lake region, and upper Mississippi valley, where the temperatures are below freezing and light snow is falling. The pressure continues high over the northwest, and the temperature has changed only slightly; light snow is reported from the eastern slope of the Rockies. In the south the weather is clear and the temperatures are from five to 15 degrees below the seasonal average.

With the easterly movement of the Minnesota depression we may expect generally fair weather tonight and Friday in this vicinity with rising temperature Friday.
C. H. RICHARDSON,
Acting Section Director.

DEPARTMENT IS MOVING WITH CARE

Playing For Time in the Nicaragua Situation is the Order

KNOX IS GOING SLOW

Administration is Anxious to Stave Off Taking Drastic Action in Nicaraguan Affairs—Every Opportunity Being Given the Revolutionists to Defeat the Zelayan Government and Thus Avoid the Necessity for the United States Landing Forces and Possibly Marching on Managua—Crowds Today Fill the Streets at Managua.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Dec. 16—"Mark time," is the order in administration circles for the present, concerning the Nicaraguan situation as day succeeds day without decisive action being taken by the state department in the matter of calling President Zelaya to account for the execution of Grece and Cannon and other indignities to which Americans and American interests have been subjected by him, it is plainly apparent that the administration is anxious to "stave off" drastic action in the case of Nicaragua, action which might have far-reaching and most important results, as long as may be possible.

Every opportunity is being given the revolutionists to defeat the Zelayan government completely and in this way avoiding the necessity of the United States landing forces and possibly marching on Managua, the capital. It is believed that such action might have the effect of exciting ill feeling towards this government on the part of other Central American governments to say nothing of the view which Mexico might take of such a decided step, for without doubt the Zelayans and their friends are not only in Nicaragua, but in other nearby republics would do all in their power to bring about a united feeling against what would be regarded by some of the Central American governments as a manifest intention of the United States government to repeat its policy in the case of Cuba and of Colombia.

For that reason, if for no other, the administration is "going slow." The cruiser Prairie which was announced would sail from League Island navy yard last Tuesday, with a large detachment of marines for Nicaragua or Colon was still at the yard this morning. The battleship Missouri, which it was reported Tuesday would leave Hampton Roads for Bluefields Wednesday had not sailed up to this morning, and there is no knowing when she will leave, if at all. On the other hand, today's dispatches from Managua tell of members of congress have openly attacked Zelaya in speeches while crowds are reported to have filled the streets and gathered in front of American legation cheering for the United States and for the Estrada revolutionists. It is regarded as strange that if Zelaya is the dictator, the tyrant and murderer that dispatches from Nicaragua have reported him to be, has not used his troops to suppress such open demonstrations and take vengeance upon those who are openly defying him, for even the president's enemies do not deny that Zelaya is no coward and never hesitates to take drastic action when he believes the situation justifies his doing so.

In other words, the belief is growing here that there is another side to the Nicaraguan situation which has not yet been fully presented to the American people and that much of the unfriendly news which is sent out from Nicaragua comes from those who are avowed enemies of Zelaya and are only anxious to gain power that they may take advantage of the spoils of office. That the Washington administration is privately fully aware of this, and for this reason, if for no other, is determined to move without precipitation is daily growing in public opinion.

YOUNG GIRL SHOT.

Used Hallways and Vestibules As a Place to Meet Her Lover.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New Orleans, La., Dec. 16—While using the vestibule of the apartment at 1122 Annunciation street as a trysting place with her admirer, Miss Lizzie McLaughlin, a seventeen-year-old factory girl, was shot by Mrs. Susan Campbell, owner of the building, John Brown, former secretary of the Cotton Lard Mens' Association, her companion fled.

Miss McLaughlin, in a dying statement at the Charity Hospital declared that she had become acquainted with Brown seventeen months ago

and that they had met almost every morning since in the hallways and vestibules of residences along the route the girl followed from her home to the Maginnis Cotton Mills. The girl said she always left her home before daylight in order that passers-by would not detect her and Brown in their amours. Mrs. Campbell was held without bail. She said she had been annoyed by the love-making of the couple.

Brown was arrested later and held as a material witness. His wife visited the police station and arranged bail.

THREE KINDS OF LIES.

One of Them Being Statistics—Durand to the Supervisors.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Cincinnati, O., Dec. 16—"There are three kinds of lies—plain lies, damn lies, and statistics," said Census Director E. Dana Durand, addressing the census supervisors of Ohio, Kentucky, and southern Indiana at the Sinton Hotel today. Now we don't want the census of 1910 to come in this classification. We want the exact number of people in this country and a few facts about each one. I want you to do your best to get them, and get them straight. These lies I have spoken of must be dealt with in a peculiar manner. The plain lies can be seen; the damn lies are a bit harder to get after, but the statistics ought not to have a single flaw."

PRARIE OFF AGAIN FOR NICARAGUA

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16—The auxiliary cruiser Prairie, carrying 700 marines who expect to see service in Nicaragua, sailed from the League Island navy yard at 7:12 o'clock this morning. She safely passed the Bulkhead Shoals, where she went around two weeks ago when sailing with the first detachment of marines for the south.

The departure from the navy yard was marked by the enthusiasm of the marines and sign of disappointment by Uncle Sam's fighting men left behind. The second draft of 700 marines watched the course of the vessel with anxiety till the Pea Patch, where the Prairie shoved her nose in the Delaware river mud at her first attempt to get off for Colon, was passed when the Prairie was safely by the dangerous spot there was a cheer. The Prairie was in readiness, with steam up, all yesterday, but was held at her dock by orders from Washington that postponed the time of departure until today.

STEAMER ASHORE CREW MAROONED

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Little Current, Ont., Dec. 16—The Anchor Line is ashore on one of the big steel steamer Wissachigon, of the outer deck islands of Lake Huron. The crew of 24 are marooned on the island and have had no food since Sunday. For three days they have been buffeted by a terrific storm, cut off from the world and absolutely without supplies. The steamer was driven ashore Sunday night and the crew reached shore with difficulty, it is reported. The lower decks and the stern of the vessel were submerged today, and she was hanging on to the rocks by her nose.

WANTS AN AEROPLANE.

Department Store Will Put One in Use Delivering Goods.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Providence, R. I., Dec. 16—John A. Sheppard, Jr., proprietor of the largest department store in the city, and treasurer of the Sheppard-Norwell Company, of Boston, is negotiating with the Wright brothers for the purchase of an aeroplane. He wants it to cover daily the 12 miles between Chapinville, Conn., and the golf links.

On account of the delay in having an aeroplane made for him he offered \$5,000 cash for the biplane with which Curtiss won the international championship at Rheims, France, and which has been on exhibition at the 1915 exposition here.

Big Wagon Plant Burned.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 16—The big Farmers Handy Wagon Company plant, with the exception of one warehouse, was burned to the ground last night. The loss will fully \$250,000. The factory had only recently been stocked to its capacity.

Greater Birmingham a Reality.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16—Greater Birmingham became a reality today when the supreme court declared the Greater Birmingham bill constitutional. The new city will have a population of 150,000.

IMPORTANT WITNESS HAS DISAPPEARED

One of Mrs. Brokaw's Material Witnesses Reported to Have Gone to Europe

EVASIVE ANSWERS

Walter Byford, Secretary of Wealthy Defendant, Whose Testimony Would be of Great Value to Mrs. Brokaw Cannot be Found—Reported That He Has Gone to Europe—Telegraph Officials Introduced Attempts to Show That Mrs. Brokaw is Evasive in Her Answers When Under Cross-examination.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 16—The report that one of the witnesses in the suit of Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw against W. Gould Brokaw, the millionaire, for separation, was missing, and that sensational developments would follow, drew an unusually large crowd to the Mineola, L. I., court house today. It was said that the testimony of Walter Byford, secretary to the wealthy defendant, would be of great value to Mrs. Brokaw's case. Byford, however, is said to have gone to Europe, and the plaintiff wants him to return.

To insure the introduction as evidence of 487 messages that passed between the principals, Attorney Arthur Baldwin, for Mrs. Brokaw, subpoenaed officials of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Byford's testimony would have made it possible for the telegram to be introduced without summoning the telegraph officials.

In an attempt to show that Mrs. Brokaw, in her testimony, had been evasive, Attorney Edward Weiss, for the defendant, gave out, just before the opening of the session, this list of her answers on the stand which he thought disingenuous:

"I can't remember, 293 times; I can't tell, 118 times; I don't know, 137 times; I don't believe, 81 times; I don't know, 184 times; I think so, 125 times; I believe, 198 times; I thought, 63 times; I won't swear, 49 times. Total, 1,248.

In regard to Mrs. Brokaw having heard her husband speak in an undertone across a fifteen foot table, Mr. McIntyre had to ask 69 questions before the witness admitted that she did not hear him clearly.

Twelve times he framed questions before Mrs. Brokaw finally admitted that her husband told her it was not refined, genteel, or lady-like to smoke cigarettes.

RAY OF HOPE FOR KING LEOPOLD

(By Cable to The Times)
Brussels, Dec. 16—A ray of hope for the life of King Leopold came today for the first time since he was operated upon. His condition this morning was stated in the doctor's bulletin to be normal, and the pain which for days racked him to the point of desperation was somewhat ameliorated. Nevertheless, the physicians were still pessimistic. The king's age, his weakened constitution and reported complications have from the first been taken as fatal factors.

On his sick bed, Leopold, never popular with his subjects, has not been spared by the people. There is no note of genuine mourning. All the gossip and scandals of the last thirty or more years have been revived, and except officially, the aged monarch has not been regarded with veneration. His reported persistent refusals, even in his extremity, to receive the daughters he has held in disfavor, Princess Stephanie and Princess Louise, have done much to further cut him off from the pity of the masses. On top of this, the presence near his sick bed of the Countess of Vaughan who has been for some time the closest friend, had done much to revive the scandals which have been associated with Leopold's name. Countess Vaughan, who will probably be escorted to the Belgium border if robbed by death of the king's favor, has attempted many times daily to reach him. She resumed these trials today, but was refused. No one, indeed, has been allowed in the sick room except the doctors and nurses. Another conference of physicians was held this morning.