

# Charlie Webb Awaits Report Of Chemists

But Whether That Report Justifies or Disproves Suspicion That He Poisoned Wife He'll Have to Fight for Two Million Dollar Inheritance

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New York, Oct. 1.—Charles Webb, the young New Yorker, who waited ten years for wealthy Gertie Gorman to say "yes" to his ardent suit, today found himself the central figure in an official inquiry into his wife's death ten months after she had yielded to his importunities for

Charlie Webb was waiting again today, waiting for the delayed report of the chemists who are analyzing the contents of Mrs. Webb's stomach to see whether or not there is any truth in the charges of her relatives that she was done to death through the administration of a slow poison—probably bichloride of mercury.

The friends of the husband say he is stunned by the suspicions as to the manner of his wife's death but is calmly as confident that the chemists will sweep away all of the mystery and show that Mrs. Webb, twice a millionaire, died of natural causes.

It was disclosed today that back of the inquiry are some of the most powerful influences in this city. In the forefront of those who have demanded that some action be taken to clear up the case is Justice John F. McIntyre, of the court of general sessions. Judge and Mrs. McIntyre, old friends of Mrs. Webb, were with her when she died. Judge McIntyre held a long conversation with the dying woman and has said that she told him that "a certain portion of her life" had been a great disillusionment. Although a judge himself, Judge McIntyre said he was not competent to say whether his recital of Mrs. Webb's last words could be accepted in a court of law as her post-mortem statement.

Mrs. Webb's friends always have contended that Gertie Gorman, as they knew her was not "a man's woman." She had not cared for the companionship of men and had waited until she was nearly 40 years of age before she consented to matrimony. Webb's persistence, extending over a decade, broke down her natural aversion to wedlock.

Gertie's friends were so surprised at her announcement that she was to wed Webb that they openly avowed that some unusually strong influence must have been brought to bear upon the woman who they had come to recognize as a confirmed spinster. Some of the friends were so frank in their comments that they became estranged. Mrs. Webb's relatives, especially her aunt, Mrs. Wm. T. Hunter, of Deven, Pennsylvania, were nonplussed. Naturally these relatives and friends never had a kindly feeling toward Webb. They had known him as Gertie's persistent but unsuccessful suitor for a great many years, had known that he had advised with Mrs. S. Jennings Gorman, her mother, about real estate matters, but they regarded him as having been definitely placed on the plane of a friend of the family. They suspected no change of status even after Mrs. Gorman died some two years ago.

But there was a change. Gertie was left alone with her father. Webb pressed his advantage after the mother died and eventually broke down his sweetheart's resistance.

That Mrs. Webb should have died a little more than ten months after her marriage, that she should have executed a ten line will leaving all her estate to the husband, that the dying woman should have expressed misgivings as to the nature of her fatal illness, that she should have made deathbed statements to friends of her recent unhappiness, and that Webb should have remained strictly out of the sick room during the last ten days of his wife's illness—all these facts and circumstances led her friends and relatives into a hysterical outbreak of suspicions and accusations.

Still living in his father-in-law's palatial Madison Avenue home, Webb complained today that he had been shunned at the funeral Saturday. He was not surprised, however, to get a request to confer with the New York authorities who desire to question him as to his married life and his knowledge of the various illnesses which led to his wife's death. The authorities admit that in the absence of a definite report from the chemists they have nothing upon which to proceed. In view of the suspicions expressed so freely by her friends and relatives, however, they were certain Webb would want to tell his side of the story.

The chemists report may not be ready for several days yet but meanwhile the relatives who were made the main beneficiaries of Gertie Gorman's \$2,000,000 estate under a will signed prior to her marriage have come to New York to make war against any part of the estate passing to Webb.

Webb is fighting singlehanded against those who would tear him down. The few friends he had, he says, seem to have deserted him. Only his counsel remain true and steadfast. The relatives say that even if Mrs. Webb died an entirely natural death, her statements as to her married life were sufficient to warrant a contest of the will, giving all of her property into the hands of her husband.

In all its aspects the case promises to become one of the most noted in this city of manifold mysteries.

Harry Lamiter returned Sunday from a visit to Sunbury.

## Frontiers Of Help To The Criminals

Increased Crime Caused by Ease With Which Criminals Can Skip From Country to Another

Vienna, Oct. 2.—The many frontiers of central Europe, in some cases no farther apart than state lines in America, are a great help to criminals, and much of the recent increase in a certain type of crime in this part of the world is laid to the ease with which a forehanded offender can skip into another country and claim sanctuary.

This aspect of things has been brought out clearly at the International Police Congress that has just come to an end in Vienna. It would appear that defraudations, forgeries, embezzlements and thefts are committed with relative immunity, granted the criminal has a valid passport in his pocket, and gets a start of a few hours on the police. False passports sometimes serve just as well as legitimate ones. The pursuing police often as not are unprepared to follow, and must go through the slow channels of diplomacy to get permission to cross a nearby frontier.

Criminality has assumed vast proportions since the close of the war. Vienna is on the crossroads leading to many countries, and has become the sporting ground of innumerable bands of international thieves and adventurers. The Vienna police admit that the city is overrun with foreign criminals from all parts of the world, and every day discloses new methods of operation. In 1919, of 193 persons implicated in the forging of currency, only 15 were foreigners. In 1921 the ratio of foreigners was 303 out of 486. There are issuers of false checks, pickpockets, hotel and railroad thieves, burglars, safe-crackers, adventurers, and imposters without number. In nine cases out of ten they make good their escape because of the inability of the criminal officers to follow them up beyond the frontiers of their own country, and because of the time that is invariably lost before proof of identity and the circumstances of the crime can be placed in the hands of the police authorities of the new place of sojourn of the malefactor.

The criminal has the advantage of the police at every turn, it would appear from the discussions before the congress. He takes advantage of every improvement in traveling conditions, and every new conquest of science. Not so the police, who are local in their activities and have no international character. Many existing formalities must be swept aside before the police can even hope successfully to cope with their astute opponents.

To this end a resolution aimed at better international police organization and intercourse was accepted by the congress. It will later be submitted to a plenary session and, if acceptable, then go to the various governments concerned for ratification.

In the meantime the field for the malefactor is open, and the "crime wave" is rolling on, increasing as it travels.

## LINCOLN CARS ON DISPLAY AT FAIR

Lincoln motor cars will be represented in the exhibit of the Auto & Gas Engine Works, local Ford dealers, at the Albemarle District Fair.

"Arrangements have been made to display a Lincoln," says C. W. Galther, president of the Auto & Gas Engine Works, "and Fair visitors interested in high quality cars will find in this showing the distinct individuality which characterizes the Lincoln as presenting the utmost in automobile design and construction."

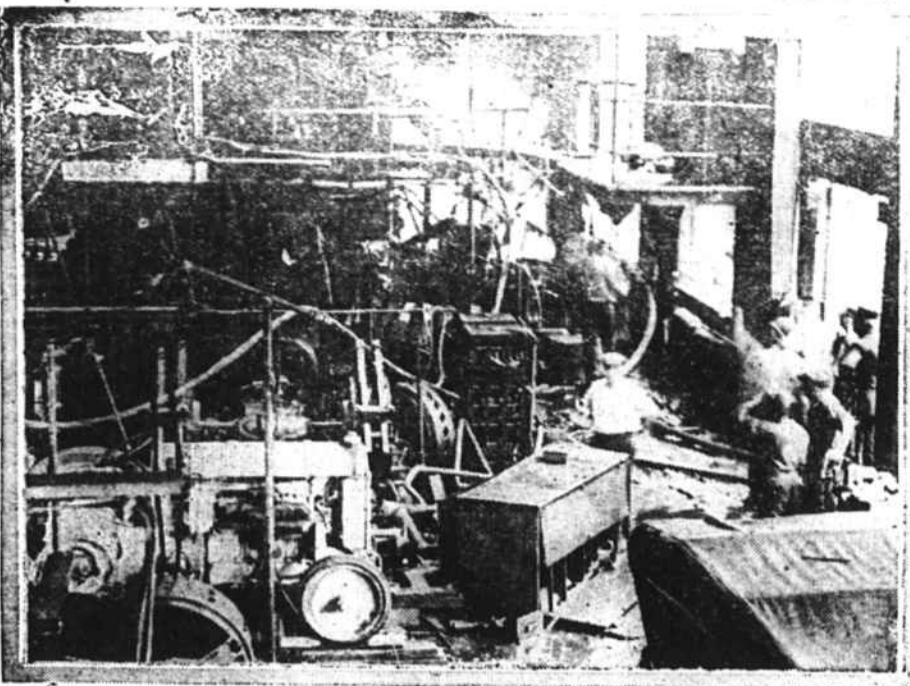
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## MEN VIOLATED THE STATE GAME LAWS

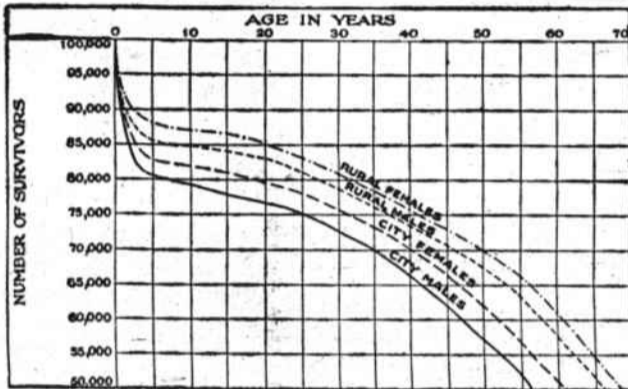
New Bern, Oct. 2.—Charged with violating the State's game laws by hunting deer out of season, four men have been arrested by Game Warden G. K. Hancock, near Havelock, Craven County. The men are J. W. Cobb, Spring Garden, J. A. Hughes, Streets Ferry; E. L. Arthur, Pollocksville; and a man giving his name as Hensley and his home as New Bern. One of the members of the party had a young fawn on his back when arrested, the game warden reported.

## SCENE OF EXPLOSION IN LABORATORY AT WASHINGTON.



A short circuit igniting gasoline vapor in a test room of the bureau of standards at Washington, D. C., caused an explosion which shattered ten inch walls of concrete, hurled automobiles and heavy airplane motors into the air and buried ten employees under the debris. A student, Logan L. Lauer of Salem, Ohio, was killed.

## American Women Outlive Men Is Fact Shown by New Survey



THE average woman of America outlives the man.

And if she happens to dwell on the farm she is good for more years of life than her city sister.

These are the unusual, but irrefutable facts borne out by statistics now in the possession of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.

The above graph, which deals with units of city males, rural males, city females and rural females, each numbering 100,000, tells its own story.

The graduations down the side indicate the reduction of survivors at the rate of 5,000 for each line. Across the top is a scale of years, and the curving lines indicate the way in which we males and fe-

males die off. All that is necessary is to follow a downward line until it hits one of the arcs and then run your eye over to the total of survivors at that point. For example, at the age of fifty, there are 70,000 of the original 100,000 rural females surviving; about 68,000 rural males surviving; about 63,000 city females surviving, and about 57,000 city males surviving.

City dwellers die faster in the first five years of life, and the advantages of country life in those years are never overcome, as the graph shows. From the age of thirty-five to fifty the mortality among city males and females runs in parallel and at a slightly faster rate than the mortality of their country cousins.

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## Fine Representative of Pasquotank County

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Miss James and Miss Ora Jennings were the winners in the bread contest of Pasquotank County, but Miss Jennings was unable to go to Washington on account of illness in her family.

Miss James entered the contest Thursday morning, made her bread, set it to rise, and in the afternoon baked it. She won high praise for her work and was declared to be a fine representative of the County. The winners will not be known in several days. Indeed, it was extremely difficult to decide upon the winners because the club girls all made such excellent records.

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