

YOUNG GIRL SLAYER MAKES A CONFESSION

SLAYING OF YOUNG GIRL SEEMS LIKE A DREAM, SAYS COCCHI—LOVED RUTH CRUGER, BUT SHE DID NOT RETURN IT—HE MAY BE RETURNED

Interrogation of Alfredo Cocchi, self-confessed slayer of Ruth Cruger, is kept a secret by law in Italy until just before trial when counsel is allowed to examine the result of investigations made both by the police and judge. According to unofficial information Cocchi recounted to Judge Zucconi his history in America. He said:

"I had never seen Ruth Cruger before she came to my shop to have her skates sharpened. From the very beginning Ruth did all in her power to attract my attention. I felt something strange when her dark penetrating eyes fixed on mine.

"I was still more disconcerted when she came again February 13, to get her skates. An overpowering attraction for the young woman seized me. What happened afterward seems like a dream. My memory at this point fails me utterly.

"In view of the facts which have been presented it must be true I attacked and killed her. But God help me I didn't mean to. My will power could not resist any more. When I turned home I was like a person in a trance. I remember speaking of this peculiar mental condition and thought I was ill.

"I began to realize the gravity of my position the morning of February 15, when newspaper reporters came to my shop to make inquiries and police questioned me. I felt then as if I were lost. My only anxiety was to escape. I secured a passport which I kept among papers and succeeded in reaching Italy. On my arrival I was overcome by remorse. I cannot myself believe that my hitherto unblemished life has been destroyed for ever. This is my first offense but it is of such a nature that I cannot believe it to be true. The great punishment is to think what suffering and agony my wife and children are undergoing as notwithstanding our misunderstandings we loved each other most tenderly."

Papers required for the extradition application to bring Alfredo Cocchi, self-confessed slayer of Ruth Cruger from Bologna Italy, where he fled when he feared he was suspected, were completed by Edward Swann, district attorney. In the opinion of Mr. Swann and lawyers conversant with Italian law, the present friendly relations between Italy and the United States was expected to cause the Italian government to stretch a point by not insisting upon observance of its penal code, which prohibits the extradition of Italian citizens taking precedence over its treaty providing for reciprocal extradition.

With records of the police activities in the Cruger case before him Leonard M. Wallstein, city commissioner of accounts, today resumed his inquiry ordered by Mayor Mitchell to place responsibility for the failure of the fourth branch detective bureau to solve the mystery of the missing girl.

Although detectives working on the case of Ruth Cruger conducted a search for Cocchi after the man had fled, they sought him as a "missing person" rather than as a criminal, and closed the case so far as he was concerned as soon as they ascertained that he was in Bologna, Italy, according to records examined by Mr. Wallstein. The principal witness called today was Henry D. Cruger, father of the victim. It is expected that he will be under examination all day.

Official records were being searched here today to determine whether Cocchi is a citizen of the United States or of Italy. An inquiry on this point by Secretary of State Lansing was received from Governor Whitman today by District Attorney Swann.

It is believed here that Cocchi took out his first papers, but never applied for the second and is therefore still a subject of Italy. Cocchi once applied for enlistment in the Italian army through the consulate here—Bologna Special.

Wireless Telephony

Experiments with wireless telephony have proved its practical value to such an extent that it will be used by the navy in its war operations along with wireless telegraphy. A statement issued by the public information committee says that engineers and scientists working with officials of the navy in developing the wireless telephone have made "important progress," but does not go into details. The national research council, and the naval consulting board have devoted much attention to the subject, working on telephone communication with aeroplanes, new wireless methods and apparatus for detecting the presence of submarines.

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NO STATE LAWS FOR SANITARY HANDLING OF ICE

The attention of the State Board of Health has been called to the careless handling of ice from a sanitary point of view, particularly about stations and for train purposes. Recently a porter employed by one of the largest railroads operating within the State was observed packing down bottles of coca-cola in a large tub with pieces of ice picked up from the station platform. The coca-cola or "dope" as the porter called it, was to be sold to the passengers on the train.

This practice, as it came to the eyes of the observer, was a very insanitary one, and a very direct means of carrying the filth of the platform and the streets and possibly some disease infection, straight to individuals. He asks: "Do your rules prohibit the handling of ice this way? My experience has been that few if any of these coca-cola bottles are washed or otherwise cleaned before they are served to the customer."

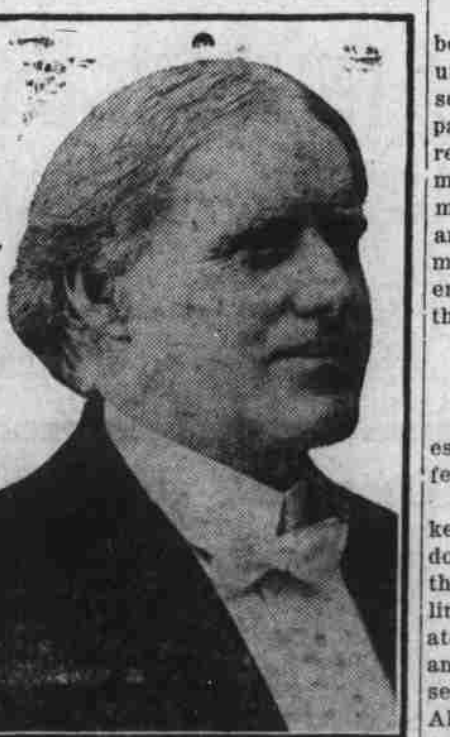
Just what rules and regulations railroads in the State have in regard to the sanitary handling of ice, the Board is endeavoring to find out, and while many good State laws do exist for protecting the health of passengers on the train, there does not exist any rules or regulations controlling the handling of ice, as dangerous as this practice can be made, not only for train purposes but in almost every instance where it is handled for use of the public.



ALEXANDER VON SKIBINSKY.

During the past three years Mr. Skibinsky, a Russian by birth and training, has been making a wonderful record in this country as a violinist of unusual merit. Since his original engagement he has averaged 300 concerts a year, or Sundays omitted, practically a concert every day. Last winter when at the Chautauqua Institution in New York he created quite a sensation with his wonderful work as a fancy skater on Chautauqua lake. His ability in this athletic sport attracted very nearly as much attention as did his wonderful skill with the violin. During the greater part of an entire week Mr. Skibinsky was the principal attraction of the Parent Chautauqua Institution.

He is one of the progressives of the aristocracy of Russia, having renounced the title of count when he came to America to become an American citizen. He was out of sympathy with the corrupt government of his native land and participated in the movement which finally evolved into the recent Russian revolution.



ALBERT H. MEADER.

The part of the quaint New England character, Josh Whitcomb, in Denman Thompson's famous play, "The Old Homestead," is to be taken by Albert H. Meader, who for years had made a specialty of comedy parts of this type. He has been connected with Chautauqua work for several years, mostly as a reader, carrying programs of monologues made up largely from comedy parts.

Josh Whitcomb as stage character is known only second to the famous Rip Van Winkle of Joseph Jefferson.

Governor Adolph O. Eberhart of Minnesota says: "If I had the choice of being the founder of any great movement the world has ever known I would choose the Chautauqua movement."

THE NEWS IN BRIEF SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

Democratic Leader Kitchin predicted adjournment of Congress by August 1, or August 15, in announcing he would ask for three-day adjournments until the Senate passed some of the House Legislation.

More than a dozen suffragists were arrested by the police when they marched in front of the White House lined up against the fence and unfurled suffrage banners. A crowd of hundreds watched the arrests but there was no disorder.

Chester Sawyer, a negro, accused of attacking a white woman was taken from jail at Galveston, Texas, and hanged near the city limits. The mob, composed of only a few men, entered the jail by a ruse and then overpowered the jailer.

The American legation at Peking reported that the note of the United States in which hope was expressed of an amicable settlement to all China's affairs has had a beneficial effect, and that the different factions appeared disposed to compromise.

Apparently living a life of pauperism, investigation after the death of Mrs. Mary A. John, revealed that she had \$1,329 in a Raleigh Bank besides \$24 in dollar bills found sewed up in the bed mattress in the home in which she died a few days ago.

Successful raids carried out Sunday night by the British gave them 400 yards of trenches in the woods at the western outskirts of Lens while Monday's operations brought them further progress along both banks of the Souchez river on a front of about a mile and a half southwest of the town.

The First National Bank of New York led the great campaign for the Liberty Loan Bonds, taking one-tenth of New York's quota. This bank subscribed \$25,000,000 on its own account, and then worked for subscriptions from its resourceful customers, the wind-up showing a total for this bank of \$110,000,000.

Fourteen national guardsmen have been arrested at the camp near Ridgecrest by Lieutenant Trescott for alleged connection with the escape of three soldiers from the jail at Black Mountain Saturday. The three men who escaped were recaptured and placed in jail at Asheville in default of bond of \$300 each. Their trials are expected to begin at the next term of Superior Court.

The month of May 1917 with the Ford Motor Company, topped all records both for daily and monthly production. On Saturday, May 19, the output was 3,496 cars, and for the entire month the aggregate production was 83,616 cars, and still the demand for this popular motor car continues far ahead of production. Certainly from all indications the much feared period of "saturation" is still far distant to the automobile industry.

By the narrow margin of less than 20 feet, an American trans-Atlantic liner, proceeding from an American to an English port, escaped being struck by a torpedo aimed at her by a German submarine. American gunners on board the liner sighted and fired upon the U-boat, but whether their shells reached the target could not be ascertained. Only the quick and skillful maneuvering of the liner saved her from destruction.

The Durham Hosiery Mills have been awarded a contract for the manufacture of 300,000 pairs of cotton socks. The contract price for each pair is 17 cents—the total investment representing \$51,000. The Durham mills are utilizing their resources in manufacturing government orders, and the Southern industry is commanding recognition along with Northern mills in the competitive bids of the navy and army departments.

Physicians at War

Reports indicate that heaviest losses in the present war have been suffered by the Medical Corps.

In former wars, physicians were kept in the rear, but not so now. Four doctors accompany each regiment and three of these are sent to the firing line with the troops to give immediate aid to the wounded. Without arms and with no way of protecting themselves, these men are mowed down. Already 60,000 have been killed. In a recent engagement 257 were killed in an hour; in another engagement 400 were killed. An ambulance driver temporarily called from his post returned to find only 12 persons left out of the 165 on duty when he went away.

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NORTH CAROLINA LEADS IN JR. O. U. A. M. GAINS

The Junior Order has the largest membership of any secret order in North Carolina. All other local councils are prosperous and are showing a steady growth. It will be interesting to the Reidsville Juniors to learn that North Carolina now stands third in the membership column. It lead every other State in the Union in gain of members the past year.

The leading State is Pennsylvania, where the order was organized and Ohio, where the Junior Orphan's home is located, is second. North Carolina made a gain of over ten per cent during the past year, getting 4,000 new members and bringing the number up to 40,000 in the State. Pennsylvania gained 3,400 new members and Ohio's membership was boosted by 3,100 new Juniors.

W. A. Cooper, of Raleigh, the State councilor, received great praise for his work at the first session of the present national council, in session at Asheville last week.

The Junior Order takes a great interest in education, and Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of public instruction, speaks commendably of Mr. Cooper and the North Carolina councils.

A proclamation was issued by the State Councilor during the past year for the observance of a day known as Junior Order or Service day. Scores of school houses were repainted and repaired; aged and poor were visited and orphans and widows ministered to. In Wake county, the members of the order painted more than forty school houses.

CHAUTAQUA PATRONS OFFERED RARE MUSICAL PROGRAM

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According to Dr. Paul M. Pearson, director of the Swarthmore Chautauqua Association Circuit Chautauquas, the A circuit, of which the local Chautauqua is a part, will this year enjoy the strongest musical program ever offered. Dr. Pearson's statement to the local guarantors follows:

"Knowing that it is increasingly difficult to meet the requirements of the discriminating Chautauqua audience, I have given much time to the musical programs. I am proud of what we present this year, and I confidently believe these will be voted the best we have offered.

"We repeat the popular McKinlie Operatic Company in new programs. Hear Skibinsky, the wizard violinist. Don't miss the Jolly 'Old Homestead' Male Quartet. A great program of classical and popular music will be given by the Symphonic Orchestral Club, with Madam Shannon contralto, success in Europe and America. The success of 'The Mikado' last year necessitated another light opera, which we present. The favorite 'Chimes of Normandy,' so popular on the other circuit, given with full cast, chorus and orchestra. Special on the last afternoon is the great program for children, 'The Village of Ding-Dong-Bell.'"

2,200 Pounds of Tobacco to the Acre

An eleven-year test to determine the difference in yielding capacities of well selected tobacco seed finds the advantages sixty per cent greater than those obtaining under faulty methods. Pervis Tilley, a miller and progressive farmer of Durham county, conducted the experiments and he finds that the average yield of tobacco on an acre in the county is only 700 pounds. He has demonstrated the merits of proper seed selection in the quantity of pounds of tobacco produced. He holds the record in this State for the number of pounds to the acre—2,200. Low production of the weed in the tobacco producing States he largely attributes to faulty seed. Durham Cor.



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