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## DESCRIBES MURDER OF GIRL

### CHUNG SING TELLS POLICE HOW ELSIE SIGEL WAS SLAIN.

#### Friend of Alleged Slayer Given "Third Degree" by Police and Makes Confession.

New York.—Having learned Tuesday through the statement of Chung Sing, who, forced by the terrible "third degree" for which the New York police are notorious, that Leon Ling killed Elsie Sigel, the detective department is working with renewed energy to find the Chinese murderer.

Under the terrific pressure of the "third degree," the little Chinaman admitted that he had seen the body in Leon Ling's room, that he had touched it while it was still warm, that he had smelled drugs and had watched Leon Ling's preparations for placing the body in the trunk where it was found last Friday night.

Chung Sing, in fact, if what was learned at the original courts building is correct, described almost everything concerning the murder of Maj. Gen. Franz Sigel's granddaughter, except the actual commission of the crime. He denied any implication in it and protested stoutly that he was ignorant of the whereabouts of Ling, the supposed murderer. After the inquisition he was taken before Coroner Harburger and held in \$10,000 bail in the house of detention to await the inquest.

New York.—If the statement made by Chung Sing, accusing Leon Ling of having killed Elsie Sigel has given the authorities any tangible clue to the hiding place of Leon the police have not made it known, and it resulted in no arrest Wednesday.

One report says Ling escaped by donning woman's garb, using part of Elsie Sigel's clothing.

The discovery that Leon was bred an actor and the knowledge that all Chinese actors are trained to take female parts did not, on second thought, greatly impress the police with the idea that he would so disguise himself. It is much more probable, the police believe, that their man either took ship as a sailor or cook, or has worked his way south into some of the obscure colonies on the outskirts of New Orleans, Baltimore, or Galveston.

Lydia Moffett, pretty and 17, was rescued Wednesday afternoon from a flat above a chop suey restaurant at 776 Eighth avenue, only a few doors from where Elsie Sigel was slain. Lydia had been lured by a Chinaman and held a prisoner six days by a middle-aged white man, the latter an opium fiend. The drug fiend gave the name of George Tracey.

## BARE FRENCH NAVY SCANDAL.

### Fleet Costing \$700,000,000 Would Be Without Coal in Six Hours, Says Report.

Paris.—The report of the parliamentary commission which investigated the naval scandals in France has been turned in. It is a scathing condemnation of the naval administration for the last ten years, and it makes an astounding exposure of the deplorable condition of the fleet for which France has spent \$700,000,000 since 1899.

The 350 pages of the report are filled with details of the inefficiency resulting from confusion and red tape, conditions that make French naval construction cost 25 per cent. more than English or German.

Perhaps the gravest feature of the exposure is the lack of reserve coal and ammunition supplies at the various ports and arsenals. One officer testified before the commission that at the end of a naval battle of six hours the ships would find it impossible to replenish and would be virtually out of commission.

## EARTHQUAKE SHAKES WEST.

### District, Supposedly Out of Zone of Seismic Disturbances, Feels Terrible Tremor of Ground.

Grass Valley, Cal.—An earthquake, the most severe shock experienced here in several years, occurred in this vicinity. A second and lighter shock came at 11:49 p. m.

Reports from Marysville, Nevada City, Chico and Colfax say that those towns were also shaken.

Reno, N. M.—An earthquake shock was felt here. While it was one of the heaviest experienced here, no damage was done. This section of the country has heretofore been considered as being out of the earthquake zone.

## Illinois Lawyers Meet at Peoria.

Peoria, Ill.—The thirty-third annual meeting of the Illinois State Bar association and the largest in the history of that organization, opened here Thursday. Many interesting topics were discussed before the adjournment Friday evening, among them a "Decalogue for Lawyers," prepared by Elmer E. Rogers of Chicago.

## Priest Drowned in Florida.

St. Augustine, Fla.—Rev. Father Buckley, assistant rector of the cathedral in this city, was drowned at South Beach while in surf bathing. Rev. Ray of Tampa, who went to his assistance, was rescued.

## Cow Causes Pistol Duel.

Athens, Ga.—James F. Booth, a farmer living three miles from Stateham, was fatally wounded in a pistol duel with his neighbor, B. A. Boyd, resulting from a quarrel over a cow. Boyd was uninjured.

## Church Bars Vote of Minors.

Milwaukee.—Resolutions providing that henceforth the privilege of voting on church matters shall be confined to men and women of legal age were adopted by the English Evangelical Lutheran synod of the northwest.

# EXPLOSION KILLS 17

## SIXTEEN OTHERS BADLY INJURED IN PENNSYLVANIA MINE CRASH.

### GAS IS IGNITED BY A LAMP

#### Women Volunteer for Rescue Work When Report Spreads That Sixty-Five Are Entombed—Official Says All Bodies Are Found.

Wehrum, Pa.—Further search for bodies was made Thursday in mine No. 4 of the Lackawanna Coal & Coke Company where 17 men were killed and 16 injured Wednesday by the explosion of gas. It was believed that all the bodies had been taken out and that first reports of 65 being entombed were exaggerated. Only one American was killed.

Inspector Joseph Williams of Altoona with a party entered the mine shortly after eight o'clock at night to ascertain whether anyone was yet entombed.

All but two rooms of the mine were thoroughly searched and it was announced that it was thought no more bodies were in the mine. Coroner Hammers has not yet set the date of an investigation of the explosion.

Superintendent A. M. Johnson said that while the mine has always been regarded as non-gaseous, the explosion was due to the ignition of a pocket of gas by the open lamp of a miner.

"The mine has been so free from gas for the last six years," said the superintendent, "that the state inspectors have permitted the use of open lamps. With 17 dead and 16 injured, I am of the opinion that every one has been accounted for who entered the mine."

The mine has only been operating two days each week, Tuesday and Friday. Those in the mine had allowed the shaft for their daily allowance of coal for family use.

Grouped about the slope entrance of the mine just below the explosion were several Italians. When the terrific subterranean upheaval of rock and deadly gas spouted skyward these Italians were caught. Terribly burned and maimed, they rushed about the settlement crying for aid. The cries and sound of hissing mine gas at the entrance of the mine brought the entire town to the scene.

Superintendent W. N. Johnson, backed by the office force of the company, stood at the mine entrance and held back the frantic women whose relatives were entombed.

The first man to reach the surface was A. L. Johnson, son of the superintendent. Young Johnson had been in a lower heading. There were burns on his arms, body and neck, and it was stated he had inhaled flame.

Following the superintendent's son came two Italians, their faces burned to a crisp. They were attended by the mine physician.

Superintendent Johnson called for volunteers to enter the mine. In the volunteer ranks stood several women. These were ordered back. With wet handkerchiefs tied over their faces, the first squad of the relief party started down the shaft. Of the eight who started, four came back with their senses. The others, overcome with blackdamp, were pulled to the surface with ropes.

Oxygen, sent by the Cambria steel works, aided the searchers and with safety helmets, a fourth rescue party succeeded in bringing 12 bodies to the surface. Late in the afternoon five more bodies were recovered.

## NINE TOURISTS DROWNED.

### Five Americans and Four English Perish in Killarney Lake—Two Boatmen Loss Lives.

Killarney, Ireland.—A large row-boat carrying five American and four English tourists and four Irish boatmen, was swamped in a gale while crossing Lower Killarney lake Wednesday afternoon. All of the tourists and two of the boatmen were drowned.

The victims were: Mrs. A. A. Hill-ton and son of Tacoma, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Loughhead of Boston, Miss M. H. Catum of Massachusetts, (town not known); Rev. B. Barton and sister of London and Miss Florence Wilkinson and cousin of Brentwood, Essex; Boatman Con Tooney and Con Gleeson.

Mrs. Roosevelt Off for Italy. New York.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt sailed Saturday on the White Star liner Celtic for Gibraltar and Naples. With her were three of her children, Ethel, Archie and Quentin. They will spend the entire summer on the continent, first visiting Miss Carow. Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, at her villa near Rome and later going to France. Mrs. Roosevelt and her children will sail for America about November 1, having abandoned the previously arranged plan of remaining in Europe through next winter and journeying up the Nile in the spring to meet Col. Roosevelt.

## "Black Hand" Man Deported.

Duluth, Minn.—Francisco Tine, believed to be an organizer of the "Black Hand" society, was deported by Immigration Inspector Dean to France, where he is wanted on charges of blackmail and intimidation.

## Former Land Register Arrested.

Denver, Col.—Mark Woodruff, former register of lands of Colorado, was arrested under an indictment charging him with the embezzlement of funds from the sale of school lands amounting to about \$15,000.

## Johnson Calls Off Fight.

Boston.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, has called off his match with Tony Ross at Pittsburg and will go from Boston to the Pacific coast. Johnson is anxious to clinch a match with Al. Kaufman before Ketchel accepts Kaufman's terms.

## Grand Jury Indicts J. J. Ryan.

Cincinnati.—John J. Ryan, the well-known sporting man, was indicted on a charge of operating a bucket shop by the county grand jury.

# LOOK AT THIS AND LOOK AT THAT.



## TAX MEASURE IS ADOPTED

### TAFT AND PARTY LEADERS AGREE ON CORPORATION TAX.

#### Law Will Provide Levy of Two Per Cent. on All Earnings in Excess of \$5,000.

Washington.—Details of the proposed measure for the taxation of net earnings of corporations were arranged Tuesday night at the most important conference that has been held at the White House since Mr. Taft assumed the presidency.

There were present as the president's guests at dinner Attorney General Wickersham and Senator Root, who are charged with the task of drafting the measure; Secretary of State Knox, Senators Aldrich, Burrows, Hale, Cullom, Flint, Smoot, McCumber and Lodge, constituting the Republican membership of the senate finance committee; Speaker Cannon, Representative Payne, chairman of the house committee on ways and means, and Representative John Dwight of New York, the Republican whip of the house.

The terms of the measure as finally agreed upon, although not yet whipped into form, provide that all corporations having capital stock and organized for profit shall pay a tax of two per cent. on their net earnings. Corporations coming within that designation will be compelled to make returns to specially named agents of the bureau of internal revenue of the treasury department, giving the amount of their gross receipts, capital stock, bonded indebtedness and all other visible debts.

Separated from these returns the corporations will be compelled to report the amount of their net receipts, after deducting their general and ordinary running expenses, interest on bonds up to the amount of the capital stock of the corporation, interest on notes and other forms of tangible indebtedness, and any actual loss that may have been incurred in business, which loss was not made up by insurance, salvage or other form of return. The tax will not be collected except upon earnings in excess of \$5,000.

## CROWN POINT QUIET AGAIN

### City Resumes Even Tenor After Big Auto Races—Chevrolet and Matson Wins.

Crown Point, Ind.—This city and vicinity has settled down to the even tenor of its way after the exciting scenes of Friday and Saturday when the automobile races, the first won by Joe Matson in the Chalmers-Detroit car, and the second by Louis Chevrolet in the Buick, were held.

Out of a field of twelve speed demons L. Chevrolet on Saturday afternoon won the Cobe cup race—the Buick's premier auto prize—driving his Buick car over 395.6 miles on the Crown Point-Lowell course in 8:01:39, or at the rate of 49.3 miles an hour.

Matson piloted a Chalmers-Detroit "Blue Bird" to a brilliant victory over 15 rivals in the 233-mile contest Friday.

Bomb Perils Railroad Chief. Boone, Ia.—Miss Marie Whalen received word Tuesday that the residence of her father, W. H. Whalen, at Tucson, Ariz., was completely wrecked by a dynamite bomb thrown in through a window. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen escaped unhurt. No reason is known for the outrage. Mr. Whalen was formerly superintendent for the Iowa division of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad and is widely known in railroad circles.

## Kermitt Kills Biggest Lion.

Nalvasba, British East Africa.—All the members of the Roosevelt expedition, at present in camp on the Lolotta plains, in the South district, are in excellent health. Theodore Roosevelt has shot another lion, while a very large tawny-maned lion has fallen before the rifle of his son Kermitt. This animal holds the record for size on the present expedition. Kermitt also has killed two cheetahs. In addition, the party has secured three giraffes, two eland, six topi and a large number of minor antelope.

## Fitzsimmons Back; Seeks Fight.

New York.—Bob Fitzsimmons, who says he is still undisputed middleweight and light heavyweight champion of the world, has come back from Europe. He says he will fight anybody, at any time and anywhere. Most especially is he after Johnson.

## Pioneer American Brewer Dead.

Sacramento, Cal.—Albert Ziegel of Buffalo, N. Y., one of the pioneer brewers of America, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herman Gran of this city, aged 91.

## Husband and Wife Assassinated.

Adrian, Ga.—George Howell and his wife, highly respected people of this place, were shot and instantly killed by Robert Jenkins. Jenkins was pursued by a large posse with blood hounds.

## Taft Commutes Death Sentence.

Washington.—President Taft commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death imposed on Henry L. Schrifogio, alias "Ducky" Holmes, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Mary A. Hamilton November 26, 1907.

## London Wins First Polo Match.

London.—The Meadowbrook (L. I.) polo team won the first match played at Hurlingham for the American polo cup, scoring nine goals to five for the English team.

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# WOMAN IS SLAIN

## Wife of Wealthy California Automobile Dealer.

### NUDE BODY FOUND IN RIVER

#### Was Weighted Down With Iron Pot—Newspaper Man, Charged With Crime, Is Captured—He Was "Writing Up" the Murder.

St. Michaels, Md., June 25.—Practically the entire eastern shore of Maryland is aroused over the brutal murder of Mrs. Edith May Woodhill, wife of Gilbert Woodhill, an automobile dealer of Los Angeles, Cal., whose nude body, the skull crushed in from a blow apparently delivered from behind, the face horribly disfigured, the entire body swollen from the effects of several days immersion and weighted with an iron pot containing half a dozen bricks, was discovered by boys who were crabbing in Back creek, a tributary of Choptank river, not far from the home of Mrs. Woodhill's foster father, Capt. Charles H. Thompson, a few miles from here.

John T. Roberts, a newspaper man, was with Mrs. Woodhill when she was seen for the last known time and he is accused of having committed the murder. The motive for the crime is 50 years old, five feet six inches tall, stout, smooth shaven, with abundant, bushy hair, and a ruddy complexion. He limps and wears a brace on one leg. He claims to be a magazine writer and general correspondent of newspapers. He is even said to have declared that he returned to this locality after a short absence for the express purpose of writing up the murder of which he is now accused of committing.

## MEETS JOURNALIST.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodhill came here early this month. During that time Mrs. Woodhill and Roberts are said to have seen much of each other. Last Saturday Mrs. Woodhill went to Easton to have some dental work done and it had been arranged that Roberts should meet her at Royal Oak and return with her to her home. Roberts missed the train for Royal Oak and drove there, met Mrs. Woodhill and drove with her back here to the landing where his launch was moored. They entered the launch and Mrs. Woodhill has not been seen since so far as has been learned.

## ROBERTS CAPTURED.

St. Michaels, June 25.—At 11 o'clock last night word reached here that J. T. Roberts, charged with Mrs. Woodhill's murder, had been surrounded in the house of John B. McQuay at Coxman, seven miles from here, and about half a mile from the bungalow where the murder was committed. A posse left here in an automobile in the early morning. Roberts is believed to be heavily armed.

McQuay noticed a skulker near his home and called to him. He came to the house and asked for water. Recognizing him as Roberts, McQuay invited him into the house and notified the authorities.

## CORNELL HEADS ATTORNEYS

### Ottumwa Lawyer is Elected Over Nominating Committee's Man at Marshalltown.

Marshalltown, Iowa, June 25.—The County Attorneys' Association of Iowa elected Seneca Cornell, Ottumwa, president; Bradford Knapp, Clarion, vice president; W. C. Edison, Storm Lake, secretary-treasurer. The convention turned down the nominating committee's report, which slated I. S. Pepper, Muscatine, president, and L. J. Dickinson, Algona, vice president. The convention adopted a resolution asking the legislature to furnish county attorneys copies of all new laws within thirty days after the general assembly adjourns.

The state bar association was welcomed by Judge J. M. Parker of the Seventh district bench, and the response was by Hazen I. Sawyer of Keokuk.

## New Medical Officers.

Iowa City, Iowa, June 25.—New officers of the Iowa Union Medical society were elected as follows: President, Dr. A. Crawford of Mount Vernon; vice president, Dr. J. B. Kessler of Iowa City; secretary, Dr. C. E. Murray of Cedar Rapids; treasurer, Dr. George P. Carpenter of Cedar Rapids.

## Mine Cage Drops 60 Feet.

Terre Haute, Ind., June 25.—The cage in the Klondike mine No. 4 at Clifton dropped sixty feet while taking twelve men down to work. One man's back was broken, five men's legs were broken and all the other men were seriously injured.

## W. J. Bryan, Jr. Weds in Colorado.

Grand Lake, Colo., June 25.—William Jennings Bryan, Jr., and Miss Helen Virginia Berger of Milwaukee were married at Kinnikinnick Lodge, the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Levering, on the west shore of Grand Lake.

## Train Dispatching by Phone.

Detroit, Mich., June 25.—Train dispatching by telephone was the main subject under discussion at the convention of the Association of Railway Telegraph Superintendents.

## Woman is High Gun.

Chicago, June 25.—Mrs. A. Topperwein, the only woman shooting the preliminaries of the grand American handicap at the Chicago Gun club, made the high professional average with a score of 79 out of a possible 80.

## Lackawanna Will Advance Wages.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 25.—The Lackawanna Steel company has announced that on July 1, it will advance the wages of all its employees ten per cent.

# NEVER DONE.



## SORE EYES CURED.

Eyes-Balls and Lids Became Terribly Inflamed—Was Unable to Go About—All Other Treatments Failed, But Cuticura Proved Successful.

"About two years ago my eyes got in such a condition that I was unable to go about. They were terribly inflamed, both the balls and lids. I tried home remedies without relief. Then I decided to go to our family physician, but he didn't help them. Then I tried two more of our most prominent physicians, but my eyes grew continually worse. At this time a friend of mine advised me to try Cuticura Ointment, and after using it about one week my eyes were considerably improved, and in two weeks they were almost well. They have never given me any trouble since and I am now sixty-five years old. I shall always praise Cuticura. G. B. Halsey, Mouth of Wilson, Va., Box 4, 1908, Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

## A Rich Error.

"Printers' errors are always funny," said Gen. P. P. Parker of the Arizona G. A. R., "and I'll never forget one that was made over a Memorial day sermon some years ago in Phoenix. 'The Monday morning report of this sermon began: 'The Rev. Dr. John Blank greased the pulpit on the occasion'—and so on. 'Greased,' of course, is what was meant."

## Use Allen's Foot-Powder.

It is the only relief for Swollen Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Powder, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. Cures while you walk. At all Drug-stores and Shoe Stores. See Allen's address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

## He Spoke Better.

"I never spoke a cross word to my wife but once." "Honest?" "Honest. Once was enough for mine, thank you."—Cleveland Leader.

## Be promoted!

Real Wrigley's Spearmint with a spear on it promotes digestion and sweetens breath.

## Economy.

Some women's idea of economy is doing without the things that her husband likes best to eat.

The imitations cost you just as much as real Wrigley's Spearmint with a spear on it!

## Without Saying Anything.

They always talk who never think.—Pope.

## Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, cures wind colic. Dose a teacupful.

It's a great comfort to a woman to believe that her husband is lonesome when she is away.

Dishonest but industrious! Cheat dealers find it terribly hard work to sell imitations of Wrigley's Spearmint.

## A youngster describes heathens as "folks who don't fight over religion."

Nothing so good as the new RUSSELL BLUE Delights the laundress. Refuse imitations.

A homely truth is better than a handsome lie.

Help yourself. Wrigley's Spearmint helps digestion.

And occasionally a man tells lies by keeping his mouth shut.

# THIRD OPERATION PREVENTED

## By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Chicago, Ill.—"I want to tell you what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for me. I was so sick that two of the best doctors in Chicago said I would die if I did not have an operation. I had already had two operations, and they wanted me to go through a third one. I suffered day and night from inflammation and a small tumor, and never thought of seeing a well day again. A friend told me how Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had helped her, and I tried it and after the third bottle was cured."—Mrs. ALBERT SPRITZING, 11 Langdon Street, Chicago, Ill.

If you are ill do not drag along at home or in your place of employment until an operation is necessary, but build up the feminine system, and remove the cause of those distressing aches and pains by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs.

For thirty years it has been the standard remedy for female ill, and has positively restored the health of thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

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