

## MRS BONINE ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Young Washington Woman Who Shot and Killed James Seymour Ayres, Jr., at a Fashionable Boarding House, the Kenmore, on Capitol Hill, Faces a Justice to Plead to the Charge of Murder—Claims Self-Defense.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Nov. 22.—The trial of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine on the charge of killing James Seymour Ayres, Jr., has been fairly launched. The preliminary presentation of the case on behalf of the government was made by Assistant District Attorney Hugh L. Taggart, and after he had concluded a number of witnesses were heard. Mr. Taggart's statement consumed

the morning of May 15, 1901. His room was on the fourth floor. The door was locked on the inside, and had to be forced. The body, clothed only in an undershirt, lay on the floor. There was a bullet wound near the heart that had caused death, and two other wounds, one through the leg and one through the arm, indicating that the young man had not committed suicide. A revolver with three chambers empty lay on the floor. A fire escape led from the window to the ground.



MRS. LOLA IDA BONINE.

only about an hour and a quarter and consisted for the most part of a review of the circumstances connected with the tragedy. Mr. Taggart stated the theory of the prosecution to be that Ayres was murdered by Mrs. Bonine, and that she gained admission to his room in the hotel through a window, reaching that by means of the fire escape. He attempted to show that she was piqued by his non-attention to her.

Mrs. Bonine apparently was unmoved by his representations. The witnesses of the day did not throw any new light on the killing. The case has many remarkable features, and although the prisoner has made a "confession," general doubt of the ability of the government to obtain a conviction is expressed.

James Seymour Ayres was a clerk in the census office, and was 21 years old. He had been appointed from Michigan, where his aged father lives, and while attending to his duties at the census office in the daytime, studied dentistry at a night school. He was a young man of pleasant appearance, and a great favorite with women.

He lived at the Kenmore, a large boarding house on Capitol Hill. In this boarding house also lived a large number of other government clerks, both men and women; and also Robert Bonine, his wife and their two small sons. Ayres was found dead in his room on

It was evident that murder had been committed, but for six days the case was a deep mystery. All the inmates of the house were questioned and watched. Several of them were under suspicion of knowing more about the case than they were willing to admit. Miss Mary E. Minas, who is a census office clerk, had a room adjoining Ayres'. She had not given the alarm, although she admitted that she had heard the shots. Her explanation of her silence was that she had been terrified and was afraid to leave her room.

Mrs. Bonine Showed Sympathy. Mrs. Bonine had been picked out by the father of the dead man as the most intelligent person in the house and the one most likely to aid in ferreting out the crime. She displayed great sympathy and offered many suggestions. Her husband is a traveling salesman, and was away from Washington at the time of the tragedy.

While Mrs. Bonine was comforting the distressed father of the murdered man the detectives were weaving a web of evidence around her. They discovered that she had been very friendly with young Ayres. A chambermaid said that she had seen Mrs. Bonine in Ayres' room. On one occasion, while she was putting the room in order, Mrs. Bonine had entered, and Ayres had asked the chambermaid to withdraw.

The detective watched Mrs. Bonine. They summoned her before the coroner's inquest. Just before she was to go on the stand she went to lunch with one of the detectives and intimated that she could tell something, but objected to telling, "because it would reflect on the dead." She was pressed, and finally made a "confession" to the detective, which she repeated to the district attorney.

### Minister Receives Students.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Nov. 22.—A St. Petersburg correspondent says the minister of education, M. Vannosky, in receiving a deputation of Moscow students, who stated their grievances, refused to discuss the request that Hebrews be admitted on a more liberal scale. He took this attitude, he said, because the question was a political one. He also refused to grant greater freedom of meeting. The vast majority of Russian students, says the correspondent, believe that General Vannosky wants to remove their grievances. The agitation is now ended.

### Reaching a Settlement.

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Nov. 22.—Count von Hatzfeld, who a few days ago retired from the post of German ambassador to Great Britain, died at the embassy this morning.

### Insurgents Can Resist Attack.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Nov. 22.—A dispatch from Colon says that Leugo, is on his way to Colon from Chorrera, to take charge of the campaign. Colonel Barrera says the insurgents can resist any attack by government troops.

## CONSIDINE IS FREE

ACQUITTED OF MURDER OF CHIEF POLICE MEREDITH.

JURY WAS OUT THREE HOURS

Members of Body That Decided the Defendant's Fate Are Very Close Mouted as to Their Deliberations.

(By Associated Press.)  
Seattle, Wash., Nov. 22.—John W. Considine left the King county courthouse shortly before 6 o'clock this evening a free man. According to the verdict Considine is



JOHN CONSIDINE.

not guilty of the murder of ex-Chief of Police William L. Meredith. The verdict was read in the courtroom at 5:35, exactly three hours from the time the jurymen were locked up for deliberation. It was received by the defendant, his family, friends and counsel, with every evidence of joy and relief. There was no demonstration of any kind from the big audience, the only movement being toward the doors.

The members of the jury are reticent concerning what went on behind the doors of their room. One and all decline to say how they stood on the first ballot or to give the number of ballots taken; no explanation was offered for the long delay. As one jurymen expressed it: "We expect considerable adverse criticism and a good deal of the other kind; so we have agreed not to say anything about how we reached the verdict."

### Jury Out Three Hours.

The three hours of retirement was not the only indication that something of a struggle took place in the jury room. When the jury retired at 2:35 a brisk buzz of conversation started up in the courtroom which continued until about 4 o'clock. At this time the waiting crowd was startled by loud knocking on the jury room door.

The jury desired to have the full text of Judge Emory's charge. At 5:30 came again the knocking on the

door. After inquiry the bailiff announced that the jury had agreed.

The jury seated, Foreman Burns handed the verdict to the bailiff, who, in turn, handed it to Judge Emory. The judge inspected it briefly and gave it to the clerk to read. John Considine leaned forward over the table, his eyes squinted almost shut and the muscles of his face slightly twitching.

### Verdict of Not Guilty.

The whole purport of the paper was in its two last words. As the clerk impassively dropped the words "Not Guilty," the prisoner gave a gasp that embraced the whole vicinity of the Considine family.

John half rose from his chair, and his wife's arms were instantly about his neck. Tom's nerves gave way and he burst into tears at the same time throwing his arms about John from behind. The old father looked quietly at the jury without moving and tears rolled down his cheeks; he had been supremely confident of the result. John whispered to Tom and both rose and began grasping the hands of the jurymen who were at this time filing from the jury box. There was a general shaking of hands about the Considine table for a time; then the court was gradually cleared. The long trial was over. It is not thought likely that Tom Considine, who is also charged with the Meredith murder, will be brought to trial at all, though the prosecuting attorney would give no statement to this effect.

### Hungarian Artist Arrives.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Nov. 22.—Arthur de Forasse, Hungarian artist, has arrived here with his family on the steamer Fuerst Blamarck. This is his third visit to America. He has painted portraits of many of the nobility in Berlin and Vienna and among the French. He has painted portraits of the German emperor five times, being upon direct orders from the emperor, who gave him many sittings, and he has painted several portraits of the Austrian emperor.

### Enlisting Boers.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Nov. 22.—According to a London correspondent, there is authority for the statement that General Andrier Cronje, a brother of the famous Boer leader, now a prisoner in St. Helena, is among the ex-Burgers who are enlisting men against the Boers and who are taking up arms against their former comrades in arms and in favor of the British.

### On the Road to Mandalay.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Nov. 22.—Lord Curzon, the viceroy of India, crossed the frontier of Burma, says a dispatch from Rangoon. He will arrive at Mandalay next Tuesday.

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## FORMED IN DAWSON

REVOLT OF KLONDIKERS AGAINST CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.

"ORDER OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN"

American Fenians Said to Be Responsible for the Alaskan Conspiracy to Shake Off the Burdens of Governmental Control.

(By Associated Press.)  
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 22.—James Seelye of the secret service of the Yukon territory, who is here, says the conspiracy formed in Dawson was discovered by the police there in September. It was an organization known as "The Order of the Midnight Sun," founded at Dawson by some American Fenians, and a branch was formed at Skagway, but the order did not extend south.

The plans were for the conspirators in Dawson to rise when the word was given, after the Yukon had become unfit for travel, seize the barracks of the Northwest mounted police, while their Skagway confederates, after cutting the wires, were to surprise the mounted police patrols along the Yukon.

There are about 250 mounted police scattered through the district, and as there are few in Dawson, the scheme was thought to be feasible. The papers of the association were seized at Skagway.

way, but the seizure being made in United States territory, are held by the American officers. The secretary of the order has fled to Seattle.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 22.—A dispatch from Valparaiso, Chile, says, in discussing the alarmist rumors from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, regarding the pathways in the territory under dispute between the republic and Chile that the Mercurio asserts editorially that the controversy is amicably and calmly reaching a settlement and that the rumors are without foundation. The Argentine minister of foreign affairs has assured the Chilean government that troops of Argentina neither occupied the disputed territory nor invaded Chile.

### Big Crowd at Stock Show.

(By Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Nov. 22.—Officials of the National Live Stock Exposition say they expect half a million visitors will attend the show at the stock yards week after next. Members of the citizens' committee are making arrangements based on this condition. On December 2, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson will deliver an address, and on the 3d will speak before the National Live Stock association. Chairman Martin B. Madden has announced committee and arrangements are about completed.

### Strike Being Organized.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Nov. 22.—Secretary Jacob Solomons, of the Ladies Shirt Waist Makers union, is authority for the statement that a great strike for union wages of shirt makers, involving 40,000 men and girls is being prepared by the organization.

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