

GIRL HELD AS POISONER OF HER MOTHER

Katharine Richardson, of Boston, Says She Is Innocent, but Court Fixes Bail in \$12,000 After Hearing Evidence.

FATHER DIED STRANGELY.

She Is Pretty, Educated and Points to Her Past Life as a Reason for Disproving the Charges.

(Special to The Evening World.) BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Miss Katharine Richardson was brought before Judge Alfred D. Bosson, in the Chelsea Police Court this morning, charged with attempted poisoning of her mother, Mrs. Harley Richardson, at the Morrison House, Wilson Square, Revere Beach.

Miss Richardson pleaded not guilty and was held in \$12,000 until Jan. 5, to which date the case was continued. She went to jail.

Miss Richardson, who is a rather pretty young woman, of blond complexion, seemed very languid, and acted as though she was under the influence of some drug.

She did not follow the proceedings with any very evident interest, except when engaged in discussing the matter with the Judge. She was dressed in black, and wore a dark veil. She wears glasses also.

Miss Richardson's father, Harley Richardson, a hotel proprietor, died suddenly two years ago after drinking a glass of water which, it is said, his daughter had handed him. He left \$12,000, which was to be divided between his widow, son and daughter. To evade the settlement of debts the mother and son transferred their shares of the estate to the daughter.

Ten days ago Harry Richardson demanded his share of the estate from his sister. The next day he fell ill. Then the physician who was attending him, Richardson, for indignation declared her patient showed symptoms of arsenical poisoning.

Climax Came. The girl's arrest was brought about by Dr. Eunice M. Kinney, who has been attending her mother. The woman doctor told the police she was positive the means she prescribed for her patient was thrown away and poisons containing arsenic substituted.

Quarrels over money were frequent in the little family, mother and son siding against the daughter, who was withholding her share of Mr. Richardson's estate. Ten days ago a climax came when Harry Richardson made a formal demand on his sister for his share of the money. The next day he fell ill and has since been confined to bed.

About the same time Dr. Kinney, who had been treating Mrs. Richardson for some days for indigestion, noticed that her patient was losing ground.

Watching her closely she detected after a few days what she thought were symptoms of arsenical poisoning. To make sure she took some of the medicine which she found in a glass, and she experienced the effects of arsenical poisoning. Her careful questioning of her patient she became convinced that what medicine was being substituted for what she had prescribed. Then she informed the police.

The physician's affidavit and the fact that Harry Richardson had become ill the day after he demanded money from his sister together with the suspicious circumstances of the father's death led the police to arrest Miss Richardson. They found Catherine Richardson in bed. She said that she was too ill to go to jail and a policeman was left in charge of her.

Mrs. Richardson, who is still at the Morrison House, is greatly excited over her daughter's arrest. She protests the girl is innocent.

"This is all a falsehood," cried the over-wrought woman discussing the matter. "You are a newspaper reporter. Tell the public that the charge is false. It is a miserable lie. Tell every one that my daughter is the victim of circumstances. Tell the police to release her, as I am her mother. She is innocent."

Her Father's Death. The death of Miss Richardson's father was very dramatic. Miss Elizabeth Cheney, of Littleton, N. H., who witnessed it, told it to-day to The Evening World correspondent.

"I saw Catherine give him the water," said Miss Cheney to-day. "He took the glass in his hand, took several sallows of it, and fell unconscious. A minute later I saw him gasp, and for the first time in my life I saw a man breathe his last. I do not know that there was anything foreign in the water, but I do know that Mr. Richardson fell dead almost immediately on touching his lips to the liquid. I don't believe that Catherine could be guilty of any wrongdoing."

BETH ISRAEL FAIR.

Gov. Odell Is Scheduled to Open it with an Address. The annual fair and festival of the Beth Israel Hospital will be held in Madison Square Garden on Saturday evening, Jan. 2, Gov. Odell will open the fair with an address. Mayor Low is Chairman of the Reception Committee.

More than one hundred prominent charitable societies were laboring to make this fair a success. It is hoped to raise \$40,000 for the maintenance of the new hospital. The festival will end on Jan. 10.

ELOPEMENT OF CROWN PRINCESS IS INVESTIGATED BY THE POPE.



SHOT WOMAN WHO EMPLOYED WIFE

Johann Leithmann Confesses in Court He Fired Three Bullets Into Mrs. Kaufman and Is Sorry She Isn't Dead.

FORGOT TO KILL HIMSELF.

Johann Leithmann, a wood carver and engraver, made a surprising confession in the Harlem Court to-day of his plans and their probably successful execution to kill Mrs. Charlotte Kaufman, whom he believed was keeping his wife from returning to him.

Mrs. Kaufman, a widow, fifty years old, was in her home at No. 115 East Ninety-sixth street, Wednesday, when a man dashed into the house, pursued her to the parlor, firing three shots at her. One of the shots penetrated her breast and she is now at the Presbyterian Hospital. The doctors say she may die.

Leithmann was arrested in his room at No. 301 East First street, by Detectives Lake and Stewart. When arraigned in court to-day he said:

Admits He Shot Her. "Yes, I shot her, and I'm sorry she isn't dead. I intended to kill myself, also, but I couldn't get myself to that point. I may do so yet, however."

"Our neighbors made my wife think I was crazy and caused her to leave me. I found out that she was working for Mrs. Kaufman, who was paying her \$12 a month, and that she often slept there. I went to Mrs. Kaufman's house three times before Wednesday and each time when I asked for my wife I was told to get out or I would be thrown out."

"Last Tuesday night I decided I would kill Mrs. Kaufman because she would not let my wife come home to me. I bought a revolver and a box of cartridges and got them ready that night. The next morning I went up to Mrs. Kaufman's and she opened the door herself. When she saw me she ran into the front room, but I fired before she could turn, and after that I fired two more shots to make certain."

Forgot to Kill Himself. "I was pretty certain I had killed her, as she fell down screaming. But in the excitement I forgot to kill myself. The first thing I knew I was running down the street. Then I thought of putting a bullet in my own head, but there were lots of people around and I thought I would put it off until I got back to my room. Since then I have been trying to summon enough courage to do the act, but somehow I couldn't do it."

The officers got into Leithmann's room when he was reloading the revolver. This belief they reached him just in time to keep him from killing himself. Without a word he opened the door and went out until Sunday, when a definite report is expected from the hospital as to Mrs. Kaufman's condition.

Mrs. Leithmann, firmly convinced that her husband was insane and would soon be committed to the insane asylum, since then she had been rooming with Mrs. Straub, at No. 110 West Seventy-third street, and had been doing day's work. Four times she has worked for Mrs. Kaufman, receiving \$125 for each day.

RING GONE, SO HAS FRIEND ARRESTED.

Mount Vernon Social Circles Stirred by Charge Made Against a Young Jeweller.

(Special to The Evening World.) MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Harry P. Kane, who was a member of the Seventy-first Regiment during the Spanish-American war, has been arrested and held in \$1,000 bail by Justice Karback, of North Pelham, on a charge of grand larceny preferred against him by Cord Walz, son of the President of the Hotel-Keepers' Protective Association, who lives on Pelham Heights.

Kane pleaded not guilty. As the prisoner was unable to furnish the bail he was locked up in the Town Hall in North Pelham pending a hearing to-night.

Young Kane, who is about twenty-seven years old, is a Jeweller, and up to a few weeks ago conducted a store in New Rochelle. He and Cordy Walz, the complainant, were the best of friends and both moved in the best society in Mount Vernon.

The authorities are taking minute precautions against suicide, a doctor being a member of the party which will escort the prisoners here.

It is said that Walz left a diamond ring valued at \$125 with Kane to be fixed while he is in the jewelry business in New Rochelle, and in the mean time Kane failed and did not return Walz's ring. Walz was indignant and swore out the warrant for Kane's arrest.

There is a stir in Mount Vernon social circles over the affair.

ROYAL ORDER NOT TO RETURN. HOME WRECKED BY BUSINESS.

London Hears that Efforts of the Pope to Reconcile Crown Prince and Princess of Saxony Will Fail.

BREACH CANNOT BE HEALED.

Fears of Being Locked Up for Insanity Will Keep the Recreant Wife Away from Her Austrian Home.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs that as an outcome of negotiations with the Saxon court the Pope has sent a prelate to Geneva to inquire into the circumstances of the flight of the Crown Princess of Saxony with a view to arranging a reconciliation.

From a dispatch received here from Geneva, however, it is not believed that the efforts of the aged pontiff will be successful. It is reported there that the Princess is determined never to return to her royal husband. She insists that she will not submit to the overtures for reconciliation with the man who, she declares, has so cruelly subjected her to other cruel humiliations.

At present she seems perfectly happy and contented, and whenever she appears in public with Prof. Giron, the man with whom she eloped, it is evident from her actions that she is thoroughly in love with him. Yesterday she promenaded the principal streets of the Swiss capital arm in arm and seemed as light-hearted as school children.

"There has been some talk of them going to America, but this is regarded as mere gossip. But it is accepted as true that she will not return to Dresden nor go to Vienna, where, she says, they would seek to have her secluded on a charge of insanity."

The Crown Princess has been in Geneva now for more than a week. She fled from Dresden on the night of Dec. 11, leaving behind a note, which read: "I renounce all rights due me through my relationship to Frederick August, Crown Prince of Saxony."

Three days later this announcement was made officially by the Saxon Court: "The Princess, in a state of intense mental excitement, suddenly deserted her family at Salzbach and went abroad. The Saxon court functions for the winter, including the New Year's reception, have been cancelled."

News of the Elopement. That was the first intimation to the world of the royal escapade. Then it became known that on the night of Dec. 11 the Princess appeared to be unusually tranquil and went to her apartments after the music in the salon before 12 o'clock.

Three hours later, when a maid looked into the Princess's bedroom, the assurance of the bed prompted her to examine it. Instead of the Princess the maid saw a dummy figure.

The maid awakened the lady-in-waiting, and the latter, with other members of the Princess's suite, searched all the neighboring apartments, then the castle and finally the castle grounds, but found no trace of the missing woman.

At daylight the Salzbach police were informed of the disappearance, and inquiries were made throughout the whole countryside, but with no result.

By the end of the day the inquiries had extended to all parts of the kingdom of Saxony, and on the second day to all Europe.

The theory of suicide was suggested, and a fruitless search for the Princess's body was made. All the ponds and other pieces of water in the neighborhood were dragged without result.

Hand and Thrashed by Brother. With a day it became known that the Crown Princess was in Geneva, whither she had fled with Prof. Giron. The Princess, it is believed, fled to Dresden. Accompanying them was the Archduke Leopold of Austria, a brother of the eloping woman. With him was a beautiful actress.

Stories were at once circulated showing that the Crown Prince and his wife had been at odds for a long time. He was said to have estranged her by his public adoration of the actress. Baste, an actress, and had struck his wife, in return for which he was soundly thrashed by the Archduke. After her flight the Crown Princess wrote a letter from Geneva to an intimate friend in Munich, supposedly the Princess Theresa, daughter of the regent of Bavaria, explaining her flight from her husband and the intolerant treatment to which she was subjected by the court.

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In Dresden of her relation with the tutor, Giron, is incorrect, but she declines to rebut the gossip. She says she sympathizes acutely with her children, but would rather submit to everything than return to her husband.

"It does not seem," she adds indignantly, "that they are yearning for me at home."

HORNED MEN IN HER ROOM. Prepossessing Young Woman with Visions Sent to Bellevue. A prepossessing woman who gave her name as Minnie Barlow, forty-four years old, living at No. 101 Leroy street, was arrested by the Charles street station-house this morning and told the sergeant that two men with horns were in her room, moving pictures with electric lights and were about to pack her in a big box which she escaped.

When arraigned before Magistrate Deuel in Jefferson Market court to-day Mrs. Barlow said she had lived in the rooms with her ancient husband, who was now dead and with a woman who was committed to Bellevue.

He Will Be Received by the Emperor of China. PEKING, Dec. 25.—Lieut.-Gen. Miles arrived here to-day on a short visit. He will be received in audience by the Emperor and will review the Chinese troops to-morrow.

ZELIE DE LUSSAN, PRIMA DONNA, TO WED AND LIVE IN NEW YORK.



LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 25.—Mlle. Zelle de Lussan, the prima donna, announced to-day in Lincoln that she would marry Henrique Robledo, of Brazil, and leave the stage. The marriage will take place some time in April, 1903, in New York City, where they will live.

NEW GOVERNOR FINDS HER BABY LAUGHS AT LOVE. BURNED TO CRISP.

Kansas's Executive Will Not Carry Out His Pre-Election Promise to Take Unto Himself a Wife.

SPURNS SCORES OF OFFERS. CLASPS BODY IN HER ARMS.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 25.—Gov. Bailey, of Kansas, who promised that he would marry if elected, has been stunned into inaction by the wealth of female loveliness which has been offering itself to him. He confesses his inability to choose a wife from among the hundreds of fair women who have expressed their willingness to sew on his buttons and prelude over the Executive mansion.

Soon after Mr. Bailey's election offers began to pour in upon him. There was an overwhelming response from self-sacrificing maidens and widows. New York led with sixty-seven. Illinois came second with forty-seven. School teachers, stenographers, dressmakers, manicures, clerks, actresses, doctors and just plain women without vocations hastened to put themselves on record as being willing to double up with the rising young man.

They sent photographs of all sorts and sizes, and the Governor-elect spent hours in studying the outlined faces, trying to pick out the one that suited him best. Gossip said once that Miss Clara Williams, of Seneca, Kan., was the winner, and she was the only one who had been elected denied it. He kept on studying, and as more photographs and letters came with each mail he got more and more confused, until he gave it up. He directed his private secretary to respond to all the offers, giving a polite refusal to accept on the ground that he is not prepared at present to make a choice.

Florence Flynn, the two-and-a-half-year-old daughter of Joseph Flynn, of No. 111 East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, was burned to death to-day. Her mother, who is the janitress in that building, went up stairs to clean the halls and left the child in the kitchen. By and by she smelled smoke, and going below found her child dead in front of the kitchen stove with her clothing burned from her charred body.

Policeman Brown, of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station, ran into the house. When he found out what the matter was he sent for a Harlem Hospital ambulance, but it was useless. The child was dead.

The little one is thought to have been looking under the wood in the stove to watch them blaze up. Several charred sticks were found by her side. When Mrs. Flynn saw her child on Christmas tree to-day. The three older children went into the country to spend Christmas Day with their grandmother. They are expected back this afternoon, and the tree was to have been lighted to-night.

United States Army Officer Dead. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Adj.-Gen. Corbin received a cable message to-day from Gen. Davis at Manila saying that Capt. Robert McGregor, corps of engineers, is dead at Manila of acute appendicitis. Capt. McGregor was a native of Michigan and was graduated at the Military Academy in June, 1888.

MRS. SERREE SET FREE IN COURT.

Manager Mathewson, of Touraine Apartment-House, Withdraws Charge of Disorderly Conduct Against Her.

SHE PLAYED CLEVER TRICK. Transferred Her Funds from One Safety Deposit Vault to Another to Prevent Its Being Seized on a Writ of Attachment.

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When the case was called to-day Mrs. Serree appeared very nervous as she stepped before the Magistrate with her attorney, John J. Scott. Magistrate Brann, who had been advised by representatives of Mr. Mathewson that Mrs. Serree had taken possession of the boarding-house, took possession of the boarding-house, which was paroled on condition that she would not go back there.

He told of the attachment and order of arrest that had been obtained and sent to the safe deposit vault. Mrs. Serree had withdrawn the money from the Lincoln Safe Deposit vault and transferred it to the vaults of the Amsterdam Bank. It had been recovered. An order was issued from the Supreme Court that he would dismiss the complaint.

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\$250,000 IF SON BE FOUND. Samuels Hears that Boy Who Ran Away Six Years Ago Is in Mobile.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 25.—George Samuels, a night inspector at the New York Barge Office, who is searching the United States over for his son, Sidney Samuels, in order that a fortune that was left to him by his father, which he had been divided, was written to the Chief of Police of this city that his boy had been seen here by a traveling man from New York. The latter recognized the boy, but he did not stop to tell him how he had been seen here. The boy is supposed to be still in the city, as he was traced to a boarding-house in the suburbs.

George Samuels received a letter last April from a Berlin lawyer informing him that a fortune of \$200,000 had been left to his children, and that the children appearing at the reading of the will, Sidney was the only child missing. This boy Samuels was formerly a keeper on Blackwell's Island.

ILL ON "L" DIES IN OFFICE. Morris Edinger, Wine Merchant, Succumbs to Apoplexy.

Morris B. Edinger, a wine merchant at Nos. 65 and 67 North Moore street, died of apoplexy in his office to-day. He got to his children, conditions on his first street. He started for business as usual to-day and was taken sick on an "L" car.

By the time he reached Franklin street he was unable to walk. He was carried upstairs by other passengers and taken in a carriage to his office, where physicians were sent for. He soon died.

Mr. Edinger was sixty-two years old. He came to this country from Woundt, Germany, when he was seventeen years old. He went into the wine business in New York City, and was connected to the end. He leaves no children.

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