

ARRESTS DUE AS SEQUEL TO DEATH OF MR. HAGAMAN.

Levy & Unger, Who Are Conducting the Fight for the Relatives of the Dead Millionaire, Have a Consultation with the District-Attorney and Tell Him Some Sensational Facts.

Remarkable Story of the Meeting of Hagaman with the Woman He Subsequently Wed, and Who Was Then the Wife of Plain William Smith, of East Haven, from Whom She Was Divorced.

Arrests, it is expected, will follow the visit of Lawyers Levy and Unger, representing the heirs of Theodore Hagaman, to District-Attorney Jerome's office to-day. They laid before him facts that promise sensational developments in the suit to recover the \$1,500,000 estate of the dead millionaire.

Mrs. Delabarre, who was Mrs. Hagaman, is supposed to have turned over a large portion of the estate to the "Rev." Dr. R. C. Flower.

The two lawyers went over the whole case with the District-Attorney, not only touching upon the suspicion that Hagaman had met with foul play while ill, but also with a view of beginning criminal proceedings against those who they believe are responsible for the disappearance of the fortune.

"We are certain that there has been a crime committed," said Mr. Unger, "and we have laid before the District-Attorney all the evidence in our possession. Mr. Jerome, after meeting us, expressed his interest in the matter and we went over the whole case at length with Mr. Garvan, one of his assistants. We submitted letters and affidavits to him. We did not apply for warrants. That is a matter which may grow out of the sitting of the evidence in the District-Attorney's office. The matter of exhuming Mr. Hagaman's body rests entirely with Mr. Jerome.

"It would be impossible for us at this stage to make public the facts with which we have acquainted the District-Attorney."

ROMANCE IN THE SECOND MARRIAGE OF MRS. HAGAMAN.

How the Former Wife of Plain William Smith Wedded Millionaire Broker, Who on His Dying Bed Gave Her \$1,500,000.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 26.—William Smith, the first husband of Mrs. Delabarre, lives at East Haven. He has married again and has a family. He is the ticket taker at the Grand Opera-House in New Haven, and his five or six years of married life with the now Mrs. Delabarre is a sealed book to him.

"I married her and tried to provide a good home for her," he said to-day. "We were divorced.

"She married Theodore Hagaman, who could give her the fine clothes and jewelry she wanted, and I closed her out of my life and memory. We had one child, Harry, who is still alive. She took him and he lives now somewhere in New York, I believe. I am happy with my family now and do not want to think of her or my early life with her."

From other people an Evening World reporter learned more of the early life of Mrs. Delabarre and her first marriage. Frances Lindsey was her maiden name. She was the daughter of Charles Lindsey, who in early life was a man of means. He was a Sunday school superintendent and a man of strong prejudices. He kept a tight rein over Frances and her brother Edward, who now lives somewhere in the West.

A brother of Mr. Lindsey lived in East Haven, and it was while Frances was on a visit to this uncle that she first met William Smith. He was a farmer's son, a strong young fellow. He lost his heart to her. She was a blonde, and very pretty, very fond of display and excitement. The courtship was not extended. William had some money, and they were married in New Haven.

This was thirty years ago. They had a pretty home in East Haven and William was very happy. The wife longed for excitement and when the baby was born a year after the wedding she longed to live in New York.

She wanted better clothes and as William's brother, James Smith, put it, "I knew one time when Will sold a pair of his father's sucking pigs to get her a pair of diamond earrings." They lived together about four years, when Theodore Hagaman appeared in East Haven. He had been a hotel-keeper in New York. He had money and he brought a string of fine horses to the old family home not far from where the Smiths lived.

Smith knew all about horses and on one occasion when Mr. Hagaman's pet trotter was sick he appealed to his neighbor. Smith doctored the horse and saved his life. Hagaman at this time saw Mrs. Smith. He openly declared his admiration for her. He complimented Smith on his beautiful wife. He flattered the husband and asked that he become a sort of superintendent of his stables, not a menial position, but to help him keep his trotters in condition. Hagaman drove continually and insisted often that Mrs. Smith be given a chance to get the air behind a fast team.

Later Mrs. Smith got a divorce. Then Hagaman married her and they lived in New Haven for several years, making their home first on Edward street and later on Orange street.

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DETECTIVES WATCH OVER ROOSEVELT.

President Arrived in This City This Afternoon and Was Met in Jersey City by Men from the Central Office.

ARE TAKING NO CHANCES.

Recent Anarchistic Display Gets the Authorities Busy—President to Speak at Wesley Celebration in Carnegie Hall To-Night.

President Roosevelt, who comes to attend the bicentennial celebration of the anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, to be held in Carnegie Hall to-night, arrived in the city this afternoon. He reached Jersey City at 4:30 o'clock.

The President was accompanied by Secretary Loeb, Capt. W. S. Cowles, his military aide, Stenographer Latta and his physician.

The President's train, consisting of two cars, was run as the second section of the regular Pennsylvania Railroad express. The party reached West Twenty-third street at 5 P. M. The President will dine at the residence of Samuel W. Bowne, No. 55 West Fifty-seventh street.

This evening President Roosevelt and party will attend the celebration in Carnegie Hall, where the President will be the principal orator. He will leave the hall immediately upon the conclusion of his speech to meet a private engagement at the University Club. The special train is expected to leave for Washington shortly after midnight, arriving here at 7:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Inspector Brooks, head of the Detective Bureau, who took an active interest in the arrest and detention of a young man who admitted that he believed in the principles of Anarchy and who was suspected of knowing something of a plot to annihilate European rulers, said this afternoon that great care would be taken to insure President Roosevelt's safety while he is in the city.

"The President will be protected by the police as long as he is in the city," said Inspector Brooks, "but as to the plans I have made to save the President from any possible harm it would be unwise for me to say."

Plans for the protection of President Roosevelt were considered by Police Commissioner Greene, Capt. Langan, of the Detective Bureau, and Inspector Brooks. The President was met in Jersey City by Central Office detectives.

NEW POST-OFFICE NOW ASSURED.

Senator Platt Gets Senate Committee to Act Favorably on \$2,000,000 Appropriation.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senators Platt and Dewey appeared before the Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds this morning and argued in favor of the new Post-Office plan for New York. The committee voted to report favorably on Senator Platt's amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, which appropriates \$2,000,000 for payment for the site for the branch post-office to be established at the new Pennsylvania terminal.

This means that the appropriation will be granted and the site secured at once. The appropriations for the building will be acted upon by the next Congress.

Senator Dewey presented to the Committee the New York Central's plan for enlarging its terminal and explained the three sites that are offered to the Government by the New York Central.

The provision made by the Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds for acquiring the New York Central post-office property to be used in connection with the Pennsylvania terminal site was substantially eliminated.

It was held that the bill of last year creating the uptown commission gave no authority for selecting an additional site and new legislation would be necessary for the purpose.

BURNING OF THE BIG ROOSEVELT BUILDING AT BROADWAY AND THIRTEENTH STREET TO-DAY.



THE STORY IN DETAIL WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 14.

FIVE MURDERS TOLD IN 10 LINES

Prisoner's Terse Confession Clears Mysteries in the Killing of Women Who Disappeared at Various Times.

ALL WERE SLAIN BY HIM.

HAMILTON, O., Feb. 26.—In a statement startlingly terse and revolting, that took only ten typewritten lines in the telling, Albert Knapp to-day confessed to the murders of five women.

Knapp was arrested yesterday, suspected of killing three of four wives he has had in eleven years. During the night he admitted killing his third wife, who was Hannah Goddard, of this city. To-day he supplemented that admission with this confession, which he made to Mayor Bosch:

"On Jan. 27, 1894, I killed Emma Littleman in a lumber yard in East street, Cincinnati. On Aug. 1, 1894, I killed May Eckert in Walnut street, opposite the Y. M. C. A., in Cincinnati. On Aug. 7, 1894, I killed my wife, Jennie Connors Knapp, under the canal bridge in Liberty street, Cincinnati, and threw her into the canal. In Indianapolis, in July, 1896, I killed Ida Gebhard. On Dec. 22, 1902, I killed my wife, Annie Knapp, at No. 339 South Fourth street, in Hamilton, and threw her into the river at Lindenwald. This is the truth."

(Signed) "ALBERT KNAPP." "I make this statement of my own free will, and not by the request of any officer or of any one else."

"ALBERT KNAPP." The confession was duly sworn to and will be used against the prisoner.

Knapp was arrested on information given by a convict, who said he had confessed while in prison on a charge of beating a woman that he had poisoned his wife and thrown her body into a canal. Knapp was taken in custody at the home of his bride, who was Anna May Garride, and whom he married some weeks ago.

After his confession Knapp admitted that he had repeatedly beaten women. He said: "I cannot tell what made me kill these people. I could not help it. Some kind of a desire to kill took hold of me and I could not resist the temptation to kill. I am sorry for my crimes, but now I hope they will be easy with me."

After the confessions a formal charge of murder in the first degree was filed.

A Cincinnati attorney was allowed to see Knapp and told him to make no further statement. Knapp was surprised that his people had secured a lawyer for him.

Knapp talks much of the Pearl River murder and is afraid of being lynched.

EDITOR ARGUED TWO HOURS TO DIE BY POISON.

In committing suicide Mansfield Allen, an editor in the employ of the Dodd-Mead Publishing Company, showed more concern for his wife and his Brooklyn home than he did for the house and comfort of the woman in whose home he roomed before his marriage. He picked out the room in which he had spent his bachelor days in New York to kill himself in.

Allen took 140 grains of chloral in Mrs. Schumann's boarding-house, at No. 28 West Eighteenth street, last night, after an argument with Edward Engel over a bottle containing chloral. The argument lasted two hours.

All of the friends of Allen agree that he was a brilliant man, and that he was suffering from chronic appendicitis. He lived at No. 638 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn. His wife before her marriage was prominent in literary circles. Allen worried about her.

Allen sent a telephone message to Engel yesterday, and Engel went to his room.

After an hour in Allen's room Engel went downstairs and told Mrs. Schumann that he was afraid his friend was going to "take something."

In a short time Engel came back. He found Allen dying. He hurried to a telephone and summoned an ambulance from New York Hospital. Dr. Mix, who arrived with the ambulance, said that Allen had swallowed enough chloral to kill a dozen men.

Editor Engel attracted the attention of the police by disappearing after he had announced the suicide of his friend. He went to his apartment in Madison Square Garden tower, where he told the facts of the suicide to his friend, Duffield Osborne, the author.

Mr. Engel reached the office of Dodd, Mead & Co. at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Two detectives from the Tenderloin Precinct were waiting for him. They took him away, giving him to understand that he was not in custody.

When Engel was taken to the Tenderloin station he told the following story:

"Yesterday I got a telephone message from Allen asking me to go immediately to his apartments at No. 28 West Eighteenth street. When I got there I found him sitting on the bed talking incoherently about some domestic trouble. It was hard to make out what he said. After a few minutes I saw that he had a small bottle in his hand, which he was clutching nervously. I discovered that it was a three-ounce bottle of medicine containing chloral, and I asked him to let me see it. He would not give it to me.

"At last I said, 'Well, if you will not give me the bottle I will go out and telephone to your brothers, and see what they can do. After telephoning I went back to his apartments and found him stretched out unconscious on the bed and the empty bottle lying on the floor.'"

Engel said at the police station that he had not been attempting to keep out of the way, as he was willing to do anything in his power for Allen's family. He said he had been a lifelong friend of the dead man and was deeply grieved at his death.

Engel made a statement before the coroner and was allowed to go.

DEVERY CALLED TO TESTIFY IN A "JOHN DOE" SUIT

Forty Subpoenas, One of Which Is for the Big Chief, Signed by Justice Mayer Late this Afternoon, in the Effort to Bring a "Man Higher Up" in the Police Department to Justice.

The District-Attorney's Office Has Been Busy Putting on the Rack Captains Who Formerly Served in the "Red Light" District When Inspector Adam Cross Was Captain in the Eldridge Street Station.

Forty subpoenas to a John Doe hearing, among them one for William S. Devery, were signed by Justice Mayer in Special Sessions late this afternoon on application of Assistant District-Attorney Morgan.

The utmost secrecy was preserved regarding the identity of the witnesses summoned and the objects of the inquiry. That it concerns the Police Department is certain, as other former and present officials of the department are known to have been named in the list of subpoenas.

The hearing is said to have been decided upon as an outgrowth of the information placed in District-Attorney Jerome's hands by former Wardman Bissert. The latter's confession of the methods employed in collecting blackmail in the "Red Light District" are said to have involved an inspector and two police captains.

Only a few days ago, Capt. Herlihy, who served under Inspector Cross as captain of the Eldridge street station—one of the two in the Red-Light District—was subjected to a three-hours' grilling by the District Attorney. It was intimated that Herlihy had given up information against his former superior, but he denied this. His examination was followed by a lengthy interview between the District Attorney and former Captain Churchill, also a Red-Light District captain, who openly charges that he was driven out of the police department by Inspector Cross.

Mr. Jerome and his assistant, Mr. Morgan, who had full charge of the investigation of Bissert's confession, said that they were in possession of facts which placed them closer than they had ever been on the track of the men "higher up" who profited by the collection of police blackmail.

The John Doe inquiry which the District Attorney is inaugurating is said to be for the purpose of establishing whether there is sufficient evidence to warrant him placing the matter of collecting "protection" money before the Grand Jury.

BOY'S MISTAKE COSTS HIS LIFE. LONG ICE TRIP TO SEE DYING PARENTS

Swallowed Acid for Cough Medicine and Died in Agony, Despite All Efforts to Save Him.

Two Young Women Lead Party Thirteen Miles Over Floes from Ship to Mainland.

John Carroll, sixteen years old, died in New York Hospital early this morning from carbolic acid poisoning. Carroll lived at No. 194 Seventh avenue with his parents. There are eleven other children and all live in four small rooms.

Carroll when a child fell downstairs one day and hurt his spine. Since that time he had been weak and delicate and had to be kept out of school most of the time. He did for a time work odd jobs, but finally his mother kept him home altogether and made him run errands, chop wood and do housework.

Last night while the family were seated in the kitchen Carroll arose from the table and went to a shelf where the family medicines were kept. He had had a cold and he took from the shelf what he supposed was the cough medicine. It was instead the carbolic acid. The boy swallowed the acid and then realized his mistake. He gave a scream and dropped at the feet of his mother. An ambulance was at once summoned, but all efforts to save his life were useless. He died soon afterward.

The neighbors say that the boy was a great cigarette smoker and some of them say they heard a quarrel in the apartments of the Carrolls just before the boy took the acid. The boy's mother, however, says that there was no quarrel and that his death was purely the result of an unfortunate mistake.

COLLIER ALEXANDER SAFE. Marine advices received here from Bermuda say that the collier Alexander was towed in there to-day by the Dutch steamer Beta.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 26.—Impelled by anxiety to reach their parents, who were ill in Boston, two young women led a party of seven persons over thirteen miles of ice floes from an iceberged steamer to Pictou Island and thence to the mainland.

The steamer Minto, which runs from Nova Scotia to Prince Edward Island, became ice-bound on Monday. Among the forty passengers on board were two young women who had received word that their parents were dying in Boston. When they realized the situation of the Minto they expressed determination to start out for the mainland on foot. Another young woman and four young men also were willing to join in the undertaking.

The party left the steamer shortly before noon on Monday. The sun's rays on the ice proved almost blinding, and after the party had struggled along for some miles one of the young women sank down from exhaustion. The balance of the distance, however, was finally covered, although the young women were obliged to constantly assist the exhausted man. They reached Pictou Island about 9 o'clock in the evening. The Boston women caught the train. Messengers of the party belonging in St. John reached here to-day, greatly exhausted.

WEATHER FORECAST. Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Friday for New York City and vicinity: Fair to-night; Friday increasing cloudiness, followed by rain at night; moderate temperatures; winds becoming easterly, light to fresh.

TWO PIERREPONT BOYS HAVE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED

Mrs. Loretta Pierrepont, of No. 175 East One Hundred and eleventh street, asked the sergeant at Police Headquarters if he would send out a general alarm for her two sons, Jerome and George, who disappeared from their home very mysteriously yesterday afternoon.

Jerome is ten years old and George is eight.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS:

Fifth Race—Delaga 1. Frank Rice 2. Albulu Imp 3. Sixth Race—Thane 1. Peat 2. Hluminate 3.