



Slain Woman in Red Identified as Mrs. Agnes Young Secret of Druce Grave Revealed; Claimants' Case Fails Rev. Cooke and Whaley Girl Located, Again Disappear

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WHALEY GIRL AND COOKE AGAIN GIVE POLICE THE SLIP

Eloping Heiress and Pastor From Hempstead, Located at Frisco, Admit Their Identity, Then Disappear as Home Is Watched.

LIVED IN A FLAT AND POSED AS MR. AND MRS. BALCOM.

Minister Supported Girl and Their Baby by Working as a Painter—He Declared They Were Happy and Could Not Be Separated.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Located in a flat in this city, after a search lasting eight months, Rev. Jere Knodle Cooke, who eloped with the girl heiress, Floretta Whaley, from Hempstead, L. I., neatly gave the police the slip to-day and are again among the missing.

Cooke was yesterday found with the girl and a baby born to them during their fugitive travels, living at No. 1199 Green street. He readily admitted their identity, said that nothing could part them and asked that they only be left alone. As the police of San Francisco had no real authority to arrest them, the pair were not taken into custody, although a detective was detailed to watch the flat.

Before dawn to-day in a pelting rain the couple managed to elude the officer and with their baby slipped from the house and disappeared. They took only such belongings as they could carry, although they left little behind, for the flat was only scantily furnished.

Until papers arrive from Long Island calling for Cooke's arrest, it is not probable the police will do much toward trying to trace the couple. The local force, however, have been given instructions to locate them if possible. The former minister and Miss Whaley left no clue as to their probable destination. Some occupants of the house on Green street saw them leave and heard a street car pass, but that is all.

During the eight months since his disappearance, while the police of the country were endeavoring to find him, Cooke had been living quietly in Los Angeles and San Francisco, working as a painter and decorator, and when circumstances were against him, doing the hardest kind of manual labor to eke out an existence for himself and the girl.

All the ambition, the strength of purpose which marked his early life and placed him in one of the most favored churches of the country, that of St. George's at Hempstead, L. I., had vanished.

He wanted nothing more than to work at his trade and to go home to the girl who tossed aside a life of ease to accompany the man she loved. His discovery was brought about by Capt. Cleary, of the Morse Patrol Agency.

Coming here from Los Angeles last June Cooke and the girl met Capt. Cleary. Yesterday the latter noticed that a photograph in a daily paper, labelled Floretta Whaley, was the picture of the wife of the painter and decorator, who were going under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Balcom. Cooke admitted his identity when confronted, "I threw away everything I had gained in years of struggle because of my love for Floretta Whaley, and all that I ask now of humanity is to be permitted to live in peace and support my wife and child by hard manual labor," he said. "Three days after my first marriage my wife told me frankly that she had married me simply because of her social ambitions.

"My nine years with her were years in hell. Then I met Floretta Whaley, learned what love was, and all else was forgotten. My wife and I both suffered, but all we ask is to be left alone."

Shortly after making this statement Rev. Mr. Cooke and the girl slipped away.

ROOSEVELT AND PARTY HEAD FOR WASHINGTON.

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt and party left North Garden late this afternoon for Washington on a special train. The private car Twilight reached North Garden early to-day, and at 11:30 A. M. conveyances left for Pine Knot to convey the party to the railway station. Heavy rains last night have made the roads

DIAMOND'S SONS FAIL TO SPARKLE FOR STEPMOTHER

She Tells Court Angelic Featured Youths Are Imps and Grinning Apes.

AND THEY CALL HER "IT"

Father Stands By the Boys and Speaks of His Wife as "Peevish."

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STEWARDS THINK STEEPLECHASER IS A "RINGER"

Suspicion That John Dillon Is a Horse Ruled Off Last Season.

"B. & O." STABLE SCORE

Estella C., at Odds, Is Opening Winner—Andes, at Long Price, Takes the Jump.

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IDENTIFIES WOMAN IN RED, VICTIM OF SWAMP MURDER, AS MRS. AGNES YOUNG

GRAVE OF DRUCE HELD BODY OF MAN, NOT ROLL OF LEAD

Claimants for Estate of Duke of Portland Utterly Routed by Evidence, and Story of Mock Funeral Told by Caldwell Proved Untrue.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The body of Thomas Charles Druce in Highgate Cemetery was exhumed to-day, just forty-three years to a day after its burial. The coffin was found to contain the remains of a human body, thus exploding the romantic tales told by Robert C. Caldwell and others, who swore during the recent hearing of the Druce perjury case that it contained a roll of lead.

The charge was made that the Duke of Portland had maintained a dual personality, he masquerading as Druce, a London merchant. Caldwell and other witnesses in the suit of the Druce descendants, who claimed the estate of the Duke of Portland as the rightful heirs, swore in court that the Duke, tiring of his dual life, had Druce announced as dead and held a mock funeral, a casket containing a quantity of lead being buried in the Druce plot.

The official statement given out by representatives of the Home Office to others who were officially present at the exhumation not only definitely disposes of the lead myth but seems effectively to confirm that the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce. The authorized statement follows:

"The coffin was opened and found to contain the body of an aged, bearded man; the plate on the coffin bore the name Thomas Charles Druce."

"The scene at Highgate Cemetery this morning when the vault was opened was remarkable. Constables seemed to spring from everywhere every bush and every tree apparently hid an officer of the law. All the entrances to the cemetery were surrounded by cordons of police. Only those persons who had passes from the Home Office were admitted to the grounds.

George Hollamby Druce, who claims he is the rightful heir to the Portland dukedom and his vast estate, tried twice to get into the cemetery, but was met with a stern refusal.

The operations began at daybreak with the removal of the topmost coffin in the vault, containing the bodies of the wife and a son of T. C. Druce. It was nearly 11.30 before the coffin, the contents of which have aroused the curiosity of the whole world, was brought up ready for opening and inspection.

The top was quickly unscrewed and the inner casket of lead cut open; there was no need for the dictum of the eminent surgeon, Augustus J. Pepper, who was appointed by the Home Office to carry out the exhumation, to assure all present that human remains lay in the coffin.

"The Druce vault, has thus given up its secret after ten years of legal proceedings which have cost, all told, a considerable fortune. A large part of this money was obtained from servant girls and other workers who were induced to procure the claims of George Hollamby Druce against the estate of the Duke of Portland."

The charge of perjury against Herbert Druce is effectively disposed of by the finding in the coffin instead of a human body have deposited to facts which now have been disproved, and they probably will have to take the consequence of their acts.

So far as the general public is concerned the entire long-drawn-out case of the Duke of Portland is closed.

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A Belleau Girl Art Calendar for 1908, in ten colors, distributed by The Sunday World on Jan. 5, 12 and 19. Greater New York only. Get the set. President Art Calendar of 1908.

Friend Who Last Saw Her Alive in Railroad Station on Christmas Says She Was on Way to Newark.

WITH SHORT, DARK MAN, DUE AT "HOUSEBOAT PARTY."

Formerly Employed as Bookkeeper in a Manhattan Hotel and Had \$300 and Diamond Ring, According to Mrs. Hull, Who Knew Her Well, She Declares.

The body of the victim of the Harrison, N. J., swamp murder was positively identified this afternoon as that of Mrs. Agnes Young, a "grass" widow, of this city, who was, up to three months ago, a bookkeeper at a west side hotel. The identification was made by Mrs. Hattie Hull, of No. 85 West One Hundred and Fourth street, who says she left Mrs. Young in the Pennsylvania station, in Jersey City, on Christmas morning, when Mrs. Young started for Newark with a man named Charles Meyers.

Mrs. Young and Meyers said they were going to a Christmas party on a houseboat at Newark.

According to Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Young had \$300 and a diamond ring when she left Jersey City. She had drawn the money from the bank two days before, with the intention of buying a laundry in West One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street.

Mrs. Hull is only seventeen years old. She said that she ran away from the home of her father, Dr. Womack, of Chattanooga, Tenn., two years ago, came to New York and was married to Frank Hull, a sign painter for the Ficker Drug Company. She first met Mrs. Young about a year ago, when she and her husband rented rooms from her at No. 310 West One Hundred and Eleventh street.

"Mrs. Young," said Mrs. Hull, "was thirty-six years old. She was married sixteen years ago and left her husband eight years ago. She is a retired civil engineer, fifty-seven years old.

"Mrs. Young did not have to work, but took several positions to occupy her time. Some three months ago her mother died, leaving her considerable money in banks and property on Long Island. After the death of her mother she went to live with a Mrs. King, in Melrose street, Brooklyn.

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BIG EARTHQUAKE AT MIDNIGHT OF HOUR'S DURATION

Washington Weather Bureau Gets Record of Shock at Distant Point.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A very heavy earthquake was recorded on the instruments at the Coast and Geodetic Survey Observatory at Cheltenham, Md., this morning. It commenced at 22 minutes past midnight and lasted two hours. The maximum displacement was 51 millimetres. The Weather Bureau to-day issued the following bulletin: "A distant earthquake of considerable intensity was recorded by the seismographs at the Weather Bureau this morning, commencing at 12:23 A. M. and lasting for over one hour. The preliminary tremors continued for four minutes and fifty-five seconds, and the strongest motion occurred at 12:45 A. M., at which time the actual movement of the ground at Washington was about five millimetres."

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Early this morning an earthquake of large proportions was recorded on the seismographs at the State Museum station in this city. The vibrations of the needles set up on both machines were severe, those of the north-south pendulum measuring two and a half inches in maximum amplitude. The disturbance began at 12:31-2 A. M., and it took an hour for it to pass through this region. The preliminary tremors lasted about eight and a half minutes. The earthquake appears to have occurred at about 400 miles from Albany, with the centre of the disturbance in the Cordilleran region of Central or South America, or else out in the Pacific Ocean, west of Mexico.

GIRL TOOK POISON ON STREET CAR, POLICE SAY.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 30.—Rose Rosensohn, twenty-three years old, whose home is said to be at No. 623 East Thirtieth street, New York City, is in St. Barnabas's Hospital suffering from the effects of tincture of iodine, which the police say, she took with suicidal intent.

DEMOCRATS MAY VOTE FOR HUGHES

Talking of an Independent Movement to Boost the Governor for President.

An Independent Democratic movement in support of Gov. Hughes's candidacy for President may grow out of the present attitude of the Woodruff-Parsons and the Hughes-Odell factions contrary, R. Fulton Cutting and Dr. E. R. L. Gould, former City Chamberlain, and Beth Lou declared themselves unequivocally to-day opposed to the side-tracking of Gov. Hughes.

Each declared that Gov. Hughes's record was such as practically to command his nomination by the Republican national delegation. Mr. Cutting and Dr. Gould spoke as Independent Democrats, and advocated if necessary the organization of an Independent Democratic Hughes movement.

Dr. Gould said: "I would cheerfully aid in such a movement in behalf of Gov. Hughes. There is no better Presidential timber than the Governor in sight. He is an ideal candidate, and I would be pleased to support him. I am a Democrat, but my vote will go to the Governor if he is nominated. His nomination is demanded by the voters at large, who recognize his ability, fearlessness and absolute honesty."

OBARMAN HANLON ILL.
TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 30.—"Nad" Hanlon, the sculler, is lying dangerously ill at his home here. He has aged rapidly lately and is scarcely in condition to fight successfully against the boards of directors.

PASSENGERS DIE AS FAST TRAIN IS HURLED IN RIVER

Number Killed as Southern Pacific Flyer Is Wrecked in California.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 30.—East-bound Southern Pacific passenger train No. 3 left the track at Floriston this afternoon and rolled into the Truckee River.

Several persons were killed, but the number is not known.

A call was sent to Sacramento for physicians.

NO SEAT, NO FARE FIGHT IS ON IN JERSEY CITY.

The case of Jersey City against the Public Service Railway Company for alleged violation of the "no seat, no fare" ordinance, was before Judge Higgins in the First Criminal Court, in Jersey City, to-day.

Acting Detective William A. Mallen testified that on the evening of Nov. 22 last he was on a patrol of the Greenville line from the Pennsylvania ferry. He said that the car was crowded, even the platform being filled with passengers, and that he could not get a seat. When the conductor came around for his fare he refused to pay and was ordered to get out of the car. He obeyed.

DISCOVERED GAS LEAK WITH LIGHTED MATCH.

Policeman John O'Connor, of the Fifth street station, was called into the tenement at No. 50 East Third street late this afternoon by an occupant who said gas was escaping from the boiler. He was followed by three or four curious boys, traced the leak to the apartments of the janitor, Sam Klein, in the second floor. There he was careless enough to light a match.

Instantly occurred an explosion that threw O'Connor across the room. He was badly burned. Others who got tangled and scorched were the janitor's wife, Sarah, and three small boys—Max Fisher, Fred Fisher and Sammy Antelli.

An ambulance surgeon dressed the burns of the victims.

THREE ACCUSED OF TRYING TO BLOW UP A TRAIN.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30.—Pennsylvania Railroad detectives to-day arrested Palmer Woods and Patrick Grainer at Brownsville, Pa., and Samuel Conway at Roscoe, Pa., in connection with an alleged attempt to blow up a passenger train on the Pennsylvania Railroad last Friday night near Monacahele, Pa.

It is said that sixty-six sticks of ten-inch dynamite were discovered on the train, but all were removed before the train came along. The investigation is being continued and other arrests are expected.