

CRIPPEN ON STAND DENIES WIFE MURDER

Swears He Did Not Know of Body in Cellar of Home Until Arrested.

TELLS OF USE OF POISON

Defence Says Belle Elmore's Death Has Not Been Proved, and Explains Doctor's Flight.

London, Oct. 20.—Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen faced his accusers from the witness box to-day.

It was a dramatic moment when the diminutive figure of the American emerged from the comparative isolation of the commodious dock and took a position where he was started at by the twelve jurors that had been given of available space in the New Bailey courtroom.

Crippen was pale, but his composure, that had remained since he was first charged with the murder of his actress wife, Belle Elmore, did not desert him. He stepped quietly but quickly into the box and, holding the Bible in his hand, took the oath quite calmly.

Under the guidance of his counsel Crippen gave a sketch of his career. He had studied the theories but had not taken a practical course in surgery. He had performed a post-mortem examination. The drugs which he had purchased in England he explained were wholly for his own preparations. He explained the purchase of hyoscine, the poison which the crown alleges was used to kill Belle Elmore, by saying that it was required for use in the treatment of nervous cases, and described his formula in making up hyoscine tablets, of the hyoscine which he purchased on January 15 the doctor said he had used about two-thirds.

Did Not Know of Body.

The prisoner spoke slowly as he proceeded. He admitted that there was a scar on his left arm, but he said that he had never administered hyoscine to his wife. He had the idea whose was the body unearthed in the cellar of his home, but he was not aware that a body had been buried there until he returned to England under arrest.

He bore out his counsel's statement of a forged plot which he had formed to escape from the steamer Montrose. He said the quartermaster had told him that the captain had recognized him and Miss Leneve, and that he was to be arrested when the steamer landed. The quartermaster offered to make a splash in the water during the night, when Crippen was to pretend to commit suicide. The quartermaster told him that there was no charge against Miss Leneve, and so he planned to separate from her for a time, but he left his proposed address in America, so that she might find him later. This concluded his direct evidence and court was adjourned.

The prosecution closed its case earlier in the day, and Alfred A. Tobin, for the defence, made his opening address, in which he said that the defence would maintain that it could not be proved that Belle Elmore was dead, without which proof the defence could not be convicted. The defence then called Crippen to the stand.

Dr. Marshall and Spillbury, medical experts, who examined the human parts unearthed in the cellar of the Crippen home at Hilldrop Crescent, repeated the evidence which they had given in the lower courts. This was in confirmation of the testimony given yesterday by Professor Fenner, the pathologist, who swore that the members were human, but that he could not determine anatomically the sex of the victim.

The cross-examination of the experts, in which Lord Chief Justice Alverstone, who is presiding, joined, centred on the alleged war on the body, which the defence contends was only a fold in the skin.

Dr. William H. Willson, the scientific analyst in the Home Office, testified to having discovered in the body a poison which he was satisfied had been taken through the mouth and was the cause of death. This poison, he said, was not used by homoeopaths, as was suggested by the defence.

Body Not Mrs. Crippen's.

The defence will attempt to prove that the body found in Crippen's home was not that of his wife. Mrs. Crippen had undergone a surgical operation. The prosecution claims to have found on a portion of the body a scar corresponding to the wound left by Mrs. Crippen's body by the surgeon's knife. In this way they have sought to establish the identification. The defence maintains that it was not a scar that was found, but rather a fold in the skin, and under cross-examination secured from the prosecution's medical expert witnesses the admission that if the presence of a sebaceous gland on the scar area could be established it would be conclusive evidence that the mark was not a scar.

Mr. Tobin contended that the prosecution's claim that a desire for money and the wish to marry Ethel Clara Leneve formed a motive for the murder was untenable. Crippen, he said, owed nothing, and he had not married Miss Leneve since the disappearance of his wife, although he had had a chance to do so. No purchase of time in which the parts had been buried had been traced to Crippen, nor had a weapon with which the deed could be connected been traced. Counsel said that the prisoner's daily demeanour since February 1, the date of his wife's disappearance, and the absence of an appearance of haunting were disproved the theory that he was a murderer.

Mr. Tobin then made the surprising statement that Crippen, two days before his arrest on the steamer Montrose, arranged with the quartermaster to hide him in the cargo and to land him in the night time at Quebec. The incriminating card suggesting suicide which Inspector Dew found in Crippen's cabin was declared by his counsel to have been deliberately left there by the fugitive with the object of giving the jury the impression that he had taken his life, and so causing any one who might be looking for him to abandon further search of the vessel.

Mr. Tobin said that Crippen had concocted this deception because he had been informed by the quartermaster that he was to be arrested upon landing at Quebec. Crippen had hoped to get safely into the interior of Canada, where he planned to be joined by Miss Leneve after the task concerning their flight had blown over.

ITALY'S CHOLERA REPORT

Sixteen New Cases and Eleven Deaths Within Twenty-four Hours.

Rome, Oct. 20.—During the last twenty-four hours sixteen new cases of cholera have developed in Italy, two in the province of Bari, one in Campania, one in the province of Salerno and five in the province of Naples. Eleven deaths from the disease occurred during the same period.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS.

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FEARED FOREIGN CONTROL

Ex-Premier of Portugal Gives Reason for King's Attitude.

Paris, Oct. 20.—The "Temps" publishes an interview with Senhor Teixeira de Sousa, the former Premier of Portugal, who says that while the King and his Cabinet were aware of a revolutionary movement, nevertheless the ministers voted that if a rising occurred they would not ask for foreign intervention, because that would be unworthy and humiliating, and also because they were convinced that any power intervening in Portugal would decline to retire after it had accomplished its purpose.

The ex-Premier is of the opinion that restoration of the monarchy would be impossible, and that any attempts to that end would be useless and dangerous and liable to plunge the nation into a destructive civil war.

WILL HOLD HER COLONIES

Portugal Won't Relinquish Least Portion of Them.

London, Oct. 21.—Replying to an inquiry from "The Daily Chronicle" concerning rumors that Great Britain and Germany intended to take over the Portuguese colonies, Senhor Teixeira de Sousa, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, telegraphs that the republican government has no intention of relinquishing the least portion of the colonies.

BIGGEST SHIP LAUNCHED

White Star Steamer Olympic Off Ways at Belfast.

Belfast, Ireland, Oct. 20.—The first of the two mammoth White Star steamers, the Olympic, was launched successfully amid scenes of much enthusiasm to-day. The new vessel is of 4,900 tons. She has been building for twenty-two months, and it will be eight months longer before she is ready for her trial trip. The Olympic is a triple screw steamer, her principal dimensions being: Length over all, 822 1/2 feet; breadth over all, 92 1/2 feet; height from bottom of keel to top of captain's house, 102 1/2 feet. She exceeds by nearly one hundred feet in length and by 15,000 tons any other ship afloat. If afloat on end she would overtop the Metropolitan Tower in New York by 12 feet. She is four times as long as Bunker Hill Monument is high.

The Olympic will accommodate 2,500 passengers and a crew of 800. She has eleven steel decks and fifteen watertight bulkheads. A sister vessel, the Titanic, is building and will soon be launched.

ALL MOSCOW IN MOURNING

Thousands Attend Funeral of Professor Mourmoutseff, ex-President of Douma.

Moscow, Oct. 20.—The funeral to-day of Professor Serge Andreievich Mourmoutseff, who was president of the Douma in 1906, was the occasion of one of the greatest popular demonstrations ever seen here. It was attended by sixty thousand persons. The stores were closed and order was preserved by volunteer student police.

Professor Mourmoutseff was a member of a noble family of St. Petersburg. He was born in 1850, and at the age of twenty-four years won a fellowship at Moscow University by a mastery dissertation on "Conservatism in Roman Jurisprudence." His conservatism, however, was confined to his writings on ancient law, and though he was rapidly promoted to a full professorship, he was soon in hot water because of his political activity, and was forced to leave the university. He practised law and took so prominent a role in the struggle for freedom that he was several times called to preside over the national Zemstvo congresses. He headed the deputation of the Constitutional Democratic Committee which went to St. Petersburg at Count Witte's request to endeavor to arrange a working agreement between the government and the Constitutional Democratic party.

NO MOROCCO-SPAIN FRICTION

Premier Canalejas Denies the Countries Are on Verge of a Rupture.

Madrid, Oct. 20.—Premier Canalejas to-day denied the assertion of "Le Petit Parisien," of Paris, that Spain and Morocco were on the verge of a rupture over the payment of the indemnity demanded by Spain following the campaign against the Rif tribesmen in 1909. Negotiations with Morocco were continuing normally, the Premier said.

FOR RECIPROCITY WITH CANADA

President Hopes to Obtain It at an Early Date.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Secretary Knox, Henry M. Hoyt, counsellor of the State Department, and Charles M. Pepper, special agent of the department, held a conference with President Taft on Canadian reciprocity to-day. The President is greatly interested in the subject, and hopes that reciprocity may be brought about at an early date.

BIG TRADING IN STEEL

Unusually Heavy Business in Pittsburg—Judge Gary Optimistic.

Pittsburg, Oct. 20.—Traders in local brokerage houses placed unusually heavy orders for United States Steel stock to-day, and when the exchanges closed this afternoon brokers announced that more of this stock had been bought and sold in Pittsburg than on any other day since the United States Steel Corporation was organized. Judge Gary, who is in Pittsburg with the delegates of the American Institute of Steel and Iron, to-day was quoted as saying: "While the steel business is not of the best just now, it will be all right during the winter."

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS.

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FRENCH STEAMER ASHORE

Half of Louisiane's 547 Passengers Rescued; Others Safe.

DOZEN VESSELS WRECKED

Toll of Life and Marine Property in Gulf Hurricane Will Be Heavy.

Key West, Fla., Oct. 20.—The French transatlantic steamer Louisiane, from Havre for Havana and New Orleans, is ashore on Sombrero Reef, about fifty miles east of here. About half of her 547 passengers have been brought here and the others are thought to be in no danger.

The steamer City of Texas will take the remaining passengers from the Louisiane to Havana direct. Those now at Key West will sail on the Olivette to-morrow night.

The steamer struck during the hurricane of Monday. She lies only eight feet out of water, and it will be impossible to float her until her cargo has been off-loaded.

The Forward left here yesterday looking for wrecks and came upon the Louisiane. The French liner sailed for this country by way of Coruna, Spain; Las Palmas, Canary Islands, and Tenerife, with a general cargo and 547 passengers. When within fifty miles of Havana on Monday and in the teeth of the hurricane the captain lost control of his ship, which at 3 o'clock that afternoon was driven hard upon Sombrero Reef.

Captain Bradish Johnson, arriving from Knight's Key to-day, reports the American four-masted schooner Edward T. Stotesbury a total loss on Pigeon Key. One man was washed overboard and drowned. Three others were brought to the Marine Hospital here. The schooner, Captain Burke commanding, was bound from Tampa to Baltimore with a load of phosphates.

The schooner Harry T. Hayward, from Boston, was wrecked off the reefs at Boca Ratons and three of the crew were drowned. The others were rescued.

In the height of the storm the sloop Nabob broke loose from her moorings at Marqueses and was swept to sea. The six men aboard perished. The American steamer Herman Frasche is ashore in three fathoms of water at Crocker's Reef, north-east of a lighthouse.

The British steamer Inventor reports having rescued six men from the Spanish schooner Marta, from Havana, and ten men from the Spanish bark Hugo, both vessels being adrift in the Gulf. The Inventor proceeded to Liverpool with the rescued.

The schooner Huron is safe, but it was necessary to chop away her masts. The Norwegian steamer Fox, loaded with naval stores and phosphates, from Tampa to Germany, is wrecked in quicksand at Marqueses. The schooner Vivian, with no one on board, was swept to sea and lost. The schooner Standard broke from her moorings at Marqueses and drifted to sea.

The train leaving Fort Meyer for Tampa last Monday and the train which left Tampa for Fort Meyer on the same day have not been heard from yet. There is no telegraphic communication with either of these points and washouts prevent rescue trains from reaching them.

The government tug Massachusetts weathered the storm off Dry Tortugas and arrived here to-day. It reports that the Rebecca Shoal lighthouse is badly bent. The Rebecca light and the lights on Loggerhead Island and Tortugas Island are out. Four coal sheds and their machinery in Dry Tortugas have been destroyed.

The Massachusetts sighted three dismantled schooners and two steamers in trouble. The lighthouse tender Manrovo left Key West to-day to relieve the situation at Dry Tortugas.

The damage done by the storm in Key West is not so great as at first reported. Business was resumed yesterday, and all the cigar factories were working to-day. The damage to the citrus crops will not exceed 20 per cent.

The constructing engineer of the East Coast Extension says that the work on the North Knights Key has not been severely damaged. The equipment is practically unimpaired, but several temporary trestles were broken down by floating debris, which will prevent the operation of the regular train for a week or more. More serious damage was done to the line between Key West and Boca Chica.

Savannah, Oct. 20.—During a ninety miles an hour wind off Jacksonville yesterday the Texas Oil Company's barge Dallas, with nine men aboard, broke adrift from the steamer Northfield. The Northfield reported here to-day that the fate of the castaways is unknown.

New Orleans, Oct. 20.—The Morgan Line freighter El Mar, from New York, and the Norwegian steamer Grib, from Central American ports, more than three days overdue, crossed the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi River this morning. The British steamer Cyllian, from Liverpool, entered the river early to-day, having on board five of the crew of the wrecked Spanish bark Hugo.

Encountering rough passage and delayed many hours by the hurricane, four other steamers, for the safety of which much concern had been felt, reached New Orleans last night. They are the Turialba and the Mount Vernon, of the United Fruit Company; the Mercator, of the Vaccaro Company; and the Marietta Di Giorgio, of the Bluefields Steamship Company. All came from Central American ports.

St. Augustine, Fla., Oct. 20.—Harrowing tales of suffering and hardship were brought here to-day by the five survivors of the three-masted schooner William W. Connon of Philadelphia, who were rescued by a launch from the life saving station. Captain E. J. Miller and two of his crew were drowned when the vessel went to pieces in the hurricane on Tuesday afternoon, forty miles below this city. The two men were Charles Anderson, mate, and Frank Hayes, a seaman. Anderson succumbed in reaching the surf near the shore

when a portion of the wreck struck him, causing his death.

Fred Miller, aged thirteen, son of the captain, together with three seamen and the negro steward, reached the shore on bits of wreckage after fighting through a mile of pounding surf. All the survivors are in a pitiable condition.

The Converse was bound for St. Francis, Cuba, with a cargo of coal, and ran into the hurricane off Savannah.

Havana, Oct. 20.—The German cruiser Freya, now in service as a training ship, which sailed from Charleston, S. C., de- spite Saturday's storm warnings, arrived here safely to-day. The captain had said that he thought the experience would be good for the cadets.

LIFTS BAN AGAINST FISHING

Denmark Again Allows Taking of Halibut at Greenland.

Gloucester, Mass., Oct. 20.—After being shut out of the famous halibut fishing grounds of Greenland for twenty years, Gloucester fishermen have been permitted to fish again by the Danish authorities. Captain Flygore, of the schooner Jennie from Holsenberg with 500,000 pounds of halibut, said that he was welcomed by the Danish Governor and allowed to fish, with the understanding that no trading with the natives would take place. He said the natives in Greenland were all well and no sickness was reported among them the last few years.

NO AUTO; WALKING IS FINE

Mayor Tells Richmond County Coroner He Cannot Get Money for a Car.

Coroner Jackson of Richmond County apparently made a bad mistake when he attempted to gratify his desire for an automobile by purchasing one out of his contingent fund, after the Mayor had disapproved an authorization of revenue bonds for such a purpose some months ago.

Controller Prendergast has not only refused to approve the voucher for \$95 for the new machine, but has told the Coroner that, as he has seemed to be able to take enough money out of his contingent fund for an automobile it is evident that the fund is larger than is really needed for its legitimate purposes.

He therefore expects the Coroner to reduce his request for money for contingent expenses in the 1911 budget.

In contemplating the appropriation for the Coroner's automobile the Mayor wrote that the transportation facilities in Richmond were sufficient and that he could say from actual experience that the walking facilities there were fine.

FIVE NEW GAMBLING RAIDS

Action Follows Thirty-one Fresh Indictments.

JOINT FORCE AT WORK

Detectives from Headquarters and Whitman's Office Engaged in Descents.

Three alleged gambling houses were raided yesterday afternoon and two more late last night by detectives from District Attorney Whitman's office and from Police Headquarters under command of Inspector Schmittberger. All save half a dozen of thirty-one persons employed in the places, against whom indictments were reported by the grand jury, were arrested.

The detectives were forced to break into the places with axes. Roulette wheels and other gambling paraphernalia were seized as evidence. The information upon which the indictments were reported was obtained by the District Attorney's detectives in three instances and by the police in the other two. In the last three weeks.

Two of the places raided were in East 15th street, one in Second avenue and two in West 46th street. One of the houses in East 15th street is known as "Sonny" Smith's. Four of the five indicted employees there were arrested. A roulette wheel was found in one of the rooms.

Smith himself was in the District Attorney's office at the time the raid took place. He had been subpoenaed by Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith, who has charge of the grand jury which reported the indictments. "Sonny" Smith, himself, has not been indicted.

At "Sonny" Smith's place detectives Rayens, Flood, Leigh, Boyle, Cody, Thomas and Murphy, who made up the raiding party under Inspector Schmittberger, found 450 men. The place was fitted up as a poolroom. Only the nine employees of the place were arrested. A tenth one indicted was not on hand.

Eleven employees were arrested in the Second avenue place, which was conducted as a poolroom. It is charged, under the disguise of a social club.

The three East Side raids took place in the afternoon, within a few hours of the filing of the indictments. The two places in West 46th street were not reached until

after ten o'clock at night, and the assault of the detectives was witnessed by a large crowd.

All of the prisoners were taken to Police Headquarters. They were later taken to the Tombs, but were turned away by the warden because each prisoner gave a name other than that in the indictments against him. They were returned to Police Headquarters and locked up there overnight. They will be arraigned for pleading to-day in General Sessions.

"Sonny" Smith, whose right name, it is reported, is John J. Smith, denied that he had any connection with the raided places.

AUTO SMOKE WAR RESULTS

Health Department Reports 119 Arrests in Less than a Month.

Health Commissioner Lederer announced yesterday the results of the Health Department's crusade against the automobile smoke nuisance from September 29 to October 17. Previous to the former date the department waged a campaign of warning and then began to make arrests in the matter. There were 119 arrests, of which number there were 100 convictions, 10 discharges, suspension of sentences in 7 cases and 1 was held for Special Sessions. One case is still pending. The fines made a total of \$340.

As the ordinance is solely one of the Board of Health, the department is somewhat handicapped. The work is assigned to the sanitary squad, which force has its own regular work besides.

Commissioner Lederer expressed gratification at the results of the campaign and said the department would continue the work of prosecution.

FOUR PATENTS RECEIVED

Actual Work Begins at the New Rockefeller Hospital.

The Rockefeller Hospital opened its doors yesterday for the first time. Though several hundred applications for admission had been received, only four cases were admitted, all four being persons suffering from heart disease. Only a few new patients will be admitted from day to day, as the hospital is to treat only specially selected cases in connection with the work of the Rockefeller Institute.

During the first few months heart disease, pneumonia and infantile paralysis will be studied.

Miss Elliott, superintendent of the hospital, said that nearly seventy cases were examined yesterday.

CORPORATION TAXES PAID

Treasury Collects \$27,000,000 with Little Trouble.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Practically all of the corporation tax, amounting to more than \$27,000,000, has been collected by the Treasury Department. The officials declare it was collected with less annoyance and was paid apparently with less reluctance than any other internal revenue tax imposed.

Some small amounts are outstanding, where claims for abatement are pending, and some foreign companies whose main offices are abroad have refused to pay and have no assets in this country subject to process.

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