



MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DEAD, AND GAS JETS ON

Suicide. Police Assert; Family, Friends and Pastor Deny This—No Motive, They Say.

MYSTERY IN EAST ORANGE

Accident, Son-in-Law Believes—Family Held Reunion Previous Evening in House Where Deaths Occurred.

East Orange, N. J., Dec. 18 (Special).—The death by asphyxiation this morning of Mrs. Bella Zelliff and her mother, Mrs. Josephine Harriman, is involved in mystery.

Their bodies were found at 10:20 o'clock this morning at the home of Mrs. Zelliff, at No. 26 Central avenue.

The elder woman's body was found on a sofa in the dining room of the apartment. Except for the fact that she had shoes but no stockings on her feet, it appeared that she had not arisen for the day.

The Rev. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard, pastor of the church, declared he did not believe either of the women, with whom he had been well acquainted for years, could have intended to destroy herself.

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STORK TO VISIT QUEEN

Interesting Event in March at Buckingham Palace.

London, Dec. 18.—Queen Mary's accouchement is expected in March, according to "The Chronicle," three months before the date set for the coronation of the King and Queen.

\$30,000,000,000 OF TRADE

This Year to Break All Records, Says Bureau of Statistics.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The calendar year 1910 is going to be the banner year for the world's international trade, according to the Bureau of Statistics.

FORMER JUDGE A SUICIDE

Henry F. Allen, of Buffalo, Leaps from Tenth Story Window.

Buffalo, Dec. 18.—Henry F. Allen, seventy-three years old, an attorney and formerly a judge of the Court of Claims, jumped from the window of his office on the tenth floor of the Mutual Life Building to-night.

Before taking the leap from the tenth floor Judge Allen tied a handkerchief over his eyes. His body struck on the skylight of the building, 110 feet below the window.

DROUGHT AT NEWPORT ENDS

City Had Less than Two Weeks' Water Supply.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 18.—The drought which had continued so long that the city's water supply was becoming exhausted was broken by rain to-night.

WARBURG GIVES \$60,000

Banker Aids the Young Men's Hebrew Association.

Felix M. Warburg has given \$60,000 to the Young Men's Hebrew Association, 323 street and Lexington avenue, for the purpose of fitting up an addition to the building.

JEFF DAVIS SCORNS AUTOS

Arkansas Senator Says His Legs Are Still Serviceable.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 18.—In replying a statement that he had purchased an automobile to convey him to and from the national capital Jeff Davis, United States Senator, said to-day:

WANTS A THOUSAND CATS

Western Farmer to Use Them in War on Gophers.

Sharon, Penn., Dec. 18.—Squire S. S. Gilbert of this place, has received a request from the State of Washington for the thousand cats.

Mr. Gilbert is made in a letter from Albert J. Randall, formerly of Sharon, but now a resident of Okanogan County, in the Western state.

HUSBAND SUES A MAYOR FOR ALIENATION

Railroad Man Wants \$50,000 from Chief Executive of Bogota, N. J.

NAME IN DIVORCE CASE, TOO

William N. Smith, Director in American Paper Company, Has Warm Defender in His Wife.

The town of Bogota, Bergen County, N. J., is in a state of ferment over matters which intimately concern the Mayor of the settlement, William N. Smith.

Proceedings started in the Passaic County Circuit Court Saturday showed that Mayor Smith was defendant in a suit for \$50,000 for the alienation of the affections of Mrs. Lillian Higgins Gaul.

Ray Gaul, chief of the engineering department of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, appears as complainant in both actions.

Mrs. Smith, wife of the Mayor, is her husband's most ardent supporter in the case.

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TRACKED TO HUT IN SWAMP

Unarmed, He Yields to Deputy Sheriff—Sought Intended Victim Three Weeks.

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SHOELACE CAUSES DEATH

Man Ruptures Blood Vessel as He Bends Over to Tie It.

An untied shoelace was the primary cause, according to Dr. Langrock, of the Harlem Hospital, of the death last night of William Krause, forty-five years old, who was caretaker and lived at No. 104 East 112th street.

PLANNING CHICAGO-NEW YORK TUBE

Tunnel for Telephone and Telegraph Wires and Pneumatic Tubes.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—"The Record-Herald" to-morrow will announce the completion of an engineering plan for the construction of a tunnel between Chicago and New York.

AUTO BURNS ON RIVERSIDE

Machine, Valued at \$7,500, Reduced to Mass of Twisted Metal.

Henry A. Stone, of No. 707 St. Nicholas avenue, owner of a garage at No. 415 West 150th street, lost an automobile valued at \$7,500 last evening.

Mr. Stone was alone when driving the auto on the Drive just at dusk.

THE CHILDREN HAD GREAT SPORT SKATING YESTERDAY.



BROTHERS SHOT; ONE DEAD

Sicilian Youth, Trying to Avenge Sister, Gets Wrong Man.

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CHILD A MAIL ROBBER

Six-Year-Old Boy Caught as He Rifled Two Boxes.

Rochester, Penn., Dec. 18.—A six-year-old mail robber was caught in the post-office at Monaca to-night with his arms full of mail he had taken from two boxes.

An investigation will be made to-morrow to ascertain if the two firms whose mail was rifled have suffered any loss.

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ISLAND SINKS WITH SCORES OF FAMILIES

Catastrophe Followed Earthquake Shocks Felt Throughout Salvador.

ONE OF ILOPANGO GROUP

Doomed Persons Fired Guns and Lighted Bonfire in Appeals for Help, but Boatmen Feared to Go to Their Rescue.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—A special cable to "The Times-Democrat" from Port Linton, Costa Rica, says:

"Word from Salvador reached here to-day announcing the sinking of a small island in the Ilopango lagoon, following an earthquake shock. It is asserted, though without confirmation, that nearly all of the inhabitants, about seventy-five families, were destroyed.

The sinking of the island is said to have followed a series of earthquake shocks which were felt throughout the republic. The shocks began early in the evening and grew in frequency and violence as night progressed, until about midnight, when the watchers on the shores heard the sounds of guns from the people on the island.

Shortly after that a huge bonfire was lighted on the island, and about 1 o'clock a boatload of frightened women and children reached the mainland.

The boatmen of the mainland were appealed to send aid, but in view of the continued shocks and the steadily increasing violence of the sea in the lagoon, the boatmen were afraid to venture out.

While they debated, says the story, another and more violent tremor shook the mainland and the fire and other lights on the island vanished.

In the morning not a vestige of the island remained. In all it is estimated that about one hundred and seventy perished in the catastrophe.

This is not the first time that small islands off the mainland have sunk after earthquake shocks.

As the immigration inspectors have no right to search a vessel, Commissioner Williams called upon Collector Loeb for assistance in finding the diseased aliens reported to be on board the Themistocles.

When the Themistocles came up from quarantine yesterday she was boarded by inspectors from the admeasurer's office, and from the second, third and fifth divisions of the customs service.

After her manifest had been checked by the immigration inspectors a thorough search was made from stem to stern.

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GREEK LINER BRINGS PRISONER IN CHAINS

Captain Refuses to Allow Man to Be Taken to Ellis Island by Officials.

SAYS HE IS A DEFAULTER

Immigration Authorities Will Ask Washington To-day for Orders—Ship Searched for Hours.

A dozen customs inspectors swooped down upon the Greek liner Themistocles, in yesterday from Piraeus and the Mediterranean, and put her through one of the most careful searches that has ever been made of a vessel in this port.

The inspectors were not looking for concealed dutiable finery or jewels, but for diseased aliens, who, it had been reported, were coming on the Themistocles, to be smuggled into this country without passing through Ellis Island.

They were also looking for a man, said to be a Greek army officer, who had been arrested at sea by the captain of the ship on a charge of embezzlement and brought here in chains.

The captain had made the arrest on the strength of a wireless message received when the vessel was far at sea, and when the immigration men demanded the prisoner the skipper refused to permit him to be taken to Ellis Island.

He said he had been ordered to take the prisoner back to Piraeus. To-day the immigration authorities will register a formal protest to the Greek Consul and will take the case up with Washington.

The officer is listed on the passenger list as Sprous Soures, but that is said to be an assumed name. The captain of the vessel declared he has been instructed by the Greek government to hold the officer aboard and that that was his reason for not turning him over to the immigration officials.

Search Goes on for Months. Several months ago information reached this port that unscrupulous immigration agents at Mediterranean ports had been offering bribes to sailors and stewards to conceal aboard steamships aliens suffering from trachoma and other deportable afflictions.

The method of the agents was to demand big sums from the afflicted persons anxious to come to this country, in exchange for a guarantee that they would be landed here safely without having to pass through Ellis Island.

The price of a steamer ticket plus a bonus of about the same amount was usually asked of the prospective traveler before the agents would agree to conceal him on the steamship.

Several aliens were thus handled, their names being omitted from the manifest. They were caught, however, going ashore at this port, and when it was found by the immigration officials that their names had not been recorded on the ship's manifest fines were imposed upon the ship owners.

Williams Gets Warning. Information that this scheme had been put into effect on the Themistocles before her departure for this city was sent to Commissioner Williams, and he planned to have the vessel searched.

The Commissioner was informed that the vessel was bringing to this port a number of aliens suffering from contagious and incurable diseases, which would insure their deportation should they pass through Ellis Island.

It was said that several of the diseased immigrants had been rejected before as passengers by the steamship lines and that they had paid large sums to fraudulent agents abroad to enable them to enter this country by subterfuge.

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Liner's Captain Protests. The Greek skipper was told that the inspectors were searching for, but he declared it was unnecessary, as he had on board no aliens except those listed on his manifest.

He cheerfully consented to the search, but protested against mustering his crew for inspection.

When told that he would have to line up his entire crew, from stoker to chief officer, he questioned the right of the inspectors. He said he was willing if the proceeding was regular, but he asked to postpone the muster of his men until he could consult with the Greek Consul.

The customs officials, however, soon read to him the United States laws on the subject, and he piped his men to quarters.

The inspectors, through an interpreter, questioned several pallid stokers regarding their employment on board, and while they gave fairly satisfactory answers a special guard was placed on the vessel, and will be maintained there until she leaves port.

GAYNOR'S BROTHER DEFEATED

Fails to Secure Appointment in Ohio for Which He Was a Candidate.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Xenia, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Thomas Gaynor, of Springfield, Ohio, who has been a candidate for the place of superintendent of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home, and who is a brother of Mayor Gaynor, of New York City, was defeated to-day for that place.

The man selected was J. P. Elton, financial officer at the home, who succeeds E. D. Sawyer, of Cleveland, former superintendent.

A USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENT. Assorted Cases Selected Wines, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45, \$50, \$55, \$60, \$65, \$70, \$75, \$80, \$85, \$90, \$95, \$100.

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