

VOEPEL ARREST DESPITE JURY

MURDERED NEWSWOMAN'S SON IN A CELL CHARGE, MURDER.

Taken Into Custody Just After Coroner's Jury Had Declared Mrs. Voepel Killed by a Person Unknown—The Boy Had Refused to Testify—Case Against Him.

John Voepel, the seventeen-year-old son of Mrs. Kate Voepel, the widowed news-woman who was murdered in her bedroom on the second floor of the tenement house at Hudson and Christopher streets on the morning of Feb. 11, was arrested last yesterday afternoon by Detectives Kniever and Enright of the Charles street station. He is charged with murdering his mother.

The boy had just left the Criminal Courts Building, where he had attended the Coroner's inquest into the death and he had heard a verdict from the jury that his mother was brought to her death by knife wounds at the hands of a person or persons unknown. He himself had testified at the advice of counsel to testify at the inquest when called by Assistant District Attorney Lord. His counsel explained that he believed the police were going to arrest the boy sooner or later, whether he testified or not.

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The boy said he didn't know of any butcher knife in the flat with which his mother could have been murdered, and then a day after the crime, when the existence of such a knife had been proved, produced one which had belonged to his father and showed evidence of having been freshly scoured, have convinced the police and Assistant District Attorney Lord that Voepel murdered his mother. They say that they have other evidence which they will not reveal.

Voepel was arraigned in the Jefferson Market police court this morning. At the inquest yesterday a dozen witnesses were examined, but none of them threw any light on the murder.

Charles Watts of Hoboken, the man whose call at the new stand led to the discovery of the murder, testified that he found young Voepel at the stand about 9 o'clock. The boy appeared to be dozing.

"I told him," said Watts, "that I wanted to see his mother and he rang the bell twice and got the door opened. Then he looked up at the windows and asked me if I would take care of the stand while he went up stairs to find out what was the matter."

"He came back in about fifteen minutes and said: 'Oh, Mr. Watts, somebody has burst open the door and killed my mother, the only friend I have in the world.'"

Patrick Harden of 33 Willst street, steward of the Columbian Club, the Tammany Hall organization of the Twelfth Assembly district, was arraigned yesterday afternoon in the Essex Market police court charged with assaulting his wife. He was arrested on complaint of his brother-in-law, David Morse of 65 Broome street.

Detective Mahoney, who arrested Harden, declared that he knew nothing about the matter.

A certificate was handed to Magistrate Hogan by Mr. Morse, signed by Dr. John G. Coyle of 65 Henry street. It said that Mrs. Harden was in a dangerous condition. The Magistrate ordered that a bond be promptly furnished by ex-Alderman Patrick Farley.

"Suppose this woman should die?" asked the detective after the Magistrate had accepted the bail, "what shall I do then?"

"If she dies you know what to do, don't you?" replied the Magistrate.

Harden's wife said that she had not assaulted his wife and that the charge was trumped up against him by her family. She is now at her brother's home, but the assault took place some time last month.

Real Gold—16-Year-Old Thief With a Love for Dime Novels and Cigarettes.

LAWSON'S BIG COPPER OFFER.

WILLING TO PURCHASE THE OSCEOLA AND TAMARACK COPPER COMPANIES.

Says He Will Pay \$23,000,000 for the Companies and Will Pay \$2,000,000 Forfeit to His Agreement Charges Crooked Work With the Stock.

Boston, March 12.—Lawson, Arnold & Co., stock brokers, mailed a market letter to-night containing some surprising statements relative to the Osceola and Tamarack Copper companies. The circular, which is addressed to the stockholders of the companies, is signed by Thomas W. Lawson.

It says in part: "The reason for making public the apparent disastrous condition of the Osceola company was that certain individuals sold copper short in London at top prices for their personal account, after practically taking to themselves an option to purchase it from the corporation at a price they, the individuals, chose to put upon it, which they practically afterward exercised, attempting to divert suspicion from themselves by placing the blame upon the Amalgamated company, who were in no sense parties to the transaction, and because these same individuals have sold the shares of the Osceola and Tamarack companies short and depend upon the publication of this market letter to make the condition of the companies so frightful to stockholders as to induce them to dispose of the shares which they must purchase."

"I do not intend any of my statements to apply to either President Bigelow or Treasurer Ladd, the only two executive officers whose names appear in the annual report, nor do I wish it understood that in any way desire to change what is known to the Bigelow management or to take any hand whatever in the direction of the company's affairs, but to show how strongly I feel in regard to the value of both properties—and I perhaps am as well-posted as to their values as most of the stockholders—I will agree to pay \$5 a share, or \$5,000 a share, or \$15,000,000 for the Tamarack company, and I will deposit within ten days after the stock is deposited in any trust company in Boston."

losing to-day, it was bid for Osceola and 180 for Tamarack.

Alliance Francaise Gives a Soiree. The New York group of the Alliance Francaise gave a soiree last night in the Carnegie Lyceum. One of the features of the evening was a lecture, illustrated with stereopticon views, by M. Hughes Le Roux, describing his travels in Abyssinia.

Steel Bars Go Up After Orders for 100,000 Tons. PITTSBURGH, March 12.—The steel bar manufacturers to-day raised the price of bar to \$2 a ton, after having secured orders for 100,000 tons at \$2 a ton. The manufacturers notified the trade a month ago that prices would go up, and in that way got the orders, which are almost sufficient to keep their mills going the rest of the year.

Miss Anthony Able to Sit Up. PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—After an illness of two weeks, Miss Susan B. Anthony was able to sit up for the first time to-day. The doctor who attended her at the home of her niece, Mrs. Helen M. James, 4716 Windsor avenue, West Philadelphia, Mrs. Anthony, who is now 82 years old, came to this city to deliver a lecture at Bryn Mawr College, but on her arrival she was obliged to take to bed. At times she has had two trained nurses.

Rev. Dr. Meredith Improving. The latest reports from Cuernavaca, Mexico, where the Rev. Dr. R. R. Meredith, pastor of the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church in Brooklyn, has been seriously ill for two weeks, are most encouraging and point to his probable recovery. Mrs. Meredith in a telegram to the trustees of the church says that her husband is steadily though slowly recovering and that he wants to go home.

To Enlarge German Savings Bank Building. Plans have been filed for the enlargement of the German Savings Bank building that has stood for many years at the southeast corner of fourth avenue and nineteenth street. The building is extended 47.5 feet on Fourth avenue and 50 feet on Fourteenth street. The improvement is to cost \$15,000.

Mrs. Deborah King, Aged 106, Dead. ZANESVILLE, Ohio, March 12.—Mrs. Deborah Doane King, the oldest woman in Ohio, died last night at her nephew's home in Young Hickory in her 106th year. Up to a few months ago she was in excellent health. She was married at the age of 66.

Latest Marine Intelligence. Arrived: St. City of Savannah, Savannah, March 10.

Pattern Makers to Start a Bank Here. PITTSBURGH, March 12.—L. R. Thomas, President of the Patternmakers' League, said to-day that the Executive Committee is about to start a national bank in New York. The pension and strike fund of the league amounts to \$100,000, which the league proposes to use to start the bank with. The institution will handle the funds of the national and local patternmakers' organizations.

Cotton Warehouseman Killed by a Planter. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 12.—S. N. Lindsay, a cotton warehouseman at Fayette, in Fayette county, was shot and killed yesterday by Mack Gray, a planter in the Gipsy River bottom. The two men have been neighbors for years and had always been on friendly terms. The cause of the killing is not generally known. Lindsay leaves a wife and six children. Gray has made no effort to escape.

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MAY HURY BROOKLYN WIRES.

President Swanstrom Finds That Board of Estimate Has the Power.

Borough President Swanstrom is seeking information as to the proper manner to enforce the law against the overhead wires in the streets of Brooklyn.

Mr. Swanstrom says he has found that the Board of Estimate can by resolution direct the Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity to order electrical conductors placed underground whenever in the opinion of the board it "shall be desirable and practicable."

President Gresham of the Brooklyn Electric Light Company said last night that he was aware of the agitation to place the wires underground, but pointed out that special difficulties are to be found in Brooklyn, such as do not apply in any other borough.

There are engineering difficulties, he said. While it is safe and feasible to construct a system of underground wires in Manhattan and other boroughs, it is impossible to do so in Brooklyn on account of the moisture which in all seasons saturates the surface of the ground.

G. N. Y. D. EXECUTIVE. Chairman Russell and Anderson Are to Be Re-Elected. The new Executive Committee of the Greater New York Democracy will hold its first meeting to-morrow evening at the headquarters, Twenty-seventh street and Broadway.

HUSBAND PUT HER OUTSIDE. Troubles of Dr. Freeman's Wife Whose Place a Strange Woman Has Taken. Mrs. Josephine Freeman, whose husband Dr. Alpheus Freeman, recently took a strange woman into their home at 123 East Seventy-fourth street and installed her as mistress there, complained to Magistrate Mayo in the Yorkville police court yesterday that the woman who had taken her place had ejected her from her home.

LET HIS CHUM ESCAPE. Soldier at Fort Sheridan Wouldn't Shoot a Deserter Running Away. CHICAGO, March 12.—A soldier on sentry duty at Fort Sheridan, yesterday, rather than shoot a friend of his boyhood, who was serving a three years' sentence in the guard-house, permitted the prisoner to escape.

WOMEN IN FIRE PERIL. One Rescued Almost Suffocated in a West Side House. A woman was almost suffocated by smoke in a fire at 157 West Seventy-eighth street at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. The house is occupied by Mrs. Eliza J. Bushey, who is 80 years old, her three daughters, and her sister, all in a close closet between the kitchen and the servants' dining room.

DOCTOR HELD FOR HOMICIDE. Arrested in Washington on a Charge of Leaving a Baby in an Ice Barrel. HAGERSTOWN, Md., March 12.—Dr. Charles E. Hager, formerly a physician of the city of Washington, was arrested to-night and held in \$3,000 bail on the charge of manslaughter.

SITE FOR SHERMAN STATUE. President Willcox of the Park Board To Hold a Hearing in Regard to It. President Willcox of the Park Board will hold a public hearing in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon in reference to selecting a site for the Gen. William T. Sherman statue.

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French Premier Recovers. PARIS, March 12.—Prime Minister Waldeck-Rousseau, who was injured in a collision between his carriage and a trolley, has so far recovered as to be able to leave his house. The bandages on his head have been removed, but he wears a skull cap.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE THAT THE TRIP IS ABANDONED.

"By the Advice of His Majesty's Ministers"—Formal Action Follows the Discussion by the Cabinet of the Disorder in Ireland—Earl Cadogan's Conference

LONDON, March 12.—The abandonment of the proposed visit of the King and Queen to Ireland, which fact has been officially announced to-day, was officially announced to-day. The announcement reads: "The King, by the advice of His Majesty's Ministers has expressed regret to the Lord Lieutenant that the visit of His Majesty to Ireland cannot take place this year."

It is understood that the matter was one of the subjects discussed at yesterday's Cabinet meeting, when, after discussion of the political condition of Ireland, it was decided to recommend that the King formally announce the annulment of the arrangement. It was in connection with this that Earl Cadogan, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was closeted for a long time with the King at Marlborough House after the close of the Cabinet meeting.

LONDON, March 13.—The Unionist papers dwell on the profound disappointment which the abandonment of the King's visit to Ireland will cause, not only to all Unionists in Ireland, but to many thousands of Nationalists, who are keenly sensible of the commercial advantages that would be derived from such a visit.

They must recognize, however, says the Times, that it is the natural consequence of the flagrant display of disloyalty and seditious feeling in which some of their representatives have chosen to indulge. The Times ascribes the issue of the official announcement to the conduct of Irish members of the House of Commons in cheering the announcement of Gen. Methuen's defeat and capture.

The Unionist press is much gratified that Mr. John Morley, in a speech at Manchester last evening, denounced the outburst as an execrable breach of right feeling and decency, and himself deplored the reverse of Gen. Methuen and his brave troops, which he declared, would inevitably prolong the war.

Mr. Morley proceeded to champion home rule. He said he had given some of the years of his life to that cause, and now, though he was told it was dead and buried, he did not grudge a single day of his hour given to it.

PRINCE HENRY'S GRATITUDE. Expressed in a Message to Ambassador White at Berlin. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, March 12.—Ambassador White has received a cable despatch sent by Prince Henry at the moment of his departure from Hoboken, expressing gratitude for his cordial reception in America.

FOR AN AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN. Colombia to Concentrate Its Forces Against the Insurgents. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. COLON, Colombia, March 12.—The Government is concentrating its forces with the intention of making an aggressive campaign against the insurgents. The gunboat General Pinzon is expected to arrive here shortly, bringing troops. Gen. Castro has written from Agua Dulce with his detachment of Government troops.

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Hamburg-American's Stump In Freight Business—The New Agreement.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, March 12.—The directors of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company met to-day and declared a dividend of 6 per cent. against 10 per cent. for the previous year.

The directors attributed the diminution in receipts to the sudden and unexpected slump in the North American freight market. Passenger traffic, especially from Germany, had been active during the winter, and the directors said they expected that this traffic would continue. While the directors hoped that economies would be effected by an agreement affecting the lines at present in competition, care would always be taken that no such combination would in any way affect the independence of the Hamburg-American Line.

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INSURANCE IN PHILADELPHIA. Rates Advanced in the Business District—Risks Declared Very Dangerous. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 12.—At noon to-day a large increase in insurance rates in Philadelphia went into effect. Buildings in the retail section of the business part of the city are the most affected. The risks in this part of Philadelphia are declared in the underwriters' circular to be among the most dangerous in the world.

GERMAN EDITOR TO PRISON. Convicted of Misquoting the Kaiser's Speech to the Foot Guards. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, March 12.—A report recently appeared in the Potsdamer Zeitung and was called to THE SUN at the time, to the effect that Emperor William had angrily harangued the officers of the Foot Guards, who had declared their intention to ignore His Majesty's anti-duelling ordinance.

TURKEY PROBED BY RUSSIA. Turkey of Lawless Mussulmans Urged by the Czar's Ambassador. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. CONSTANTINOPLE, March 12.—M. Zinovief, the Russian Ambassador to Turkey, on two occasions recently has called the attention of the Porte to the state of the country and advised that measures be adopted for the suppression of lawless bands. He also deplored the different treatment accorded to Christian and Mussulman malefactors. The latter invariably go unpunished.

FATAL LIFEBOAT DRILL. Tentacle Loses One of Her Crew Just Before Sailing From Liverpool. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LIVERPOOL, March 12.—Just before the landing stage was drawn up to-day prior to the departure of the White Star steamship Tentacle for New York the crew went through the customary lifeboat drill.

Wardian's Passengers Again Sailed. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LIVERPOOL, March 12.—The majority of the passengers on the American Line steamship Wardian, which was sunk by the steamship Harmonides in the Irish Sea last Wednesday, sailed for Philadelphia to-day on the same company's steamship Noordland. Before sailing the passengers sent an expression of gratitude to the American Line for its efforts in their behalf under trying circumstances.

District Attorney Cuts Messengers' Pay. Eight messengers in the District Attorney's office, with salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$850, were notified yesterday by District Attorney Jerome that, commencing April 1, their salaries would be cut to \$600.

Primary Law Indictments Dropped. Judge McMahon, dismissed yesterday in the General Session upon recommendation of Deputy Attorney-General Hedger, twenty-four indictments, charging violation of the primary election laws in the fall of 1899. Some thirty-six cases remaining will probably be dismissed shortly.

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