

PRIEST SLAIN WITH HIS HOUSEKEEPER

Rev. Father Zebris Found Shot and Strangled in New Britain Rectory.

NO CLUE TO MURDERERS

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 9.—Shot and strangled to death with cords pulled tightly about their necks the Rev. Joseph Zebris, a Lithuanian priest, 52 years old, and his faithful housekeeper, Mrs. Eva Gilmanaitis, 35 years old, were found today in the rectory of St. Andrew's Church. Late tonight, the New Britain police and detectives sent here from Hartford not only had made no arrests but had scarcely a clue to guide them in the search for the murderers.

The chief fact established after a day of searching was no more important than the fixing of the time of the crime. This occurred about 7 o'clock on Monday evening. The police have a witness who says that while returning from work at that hour he heard four shots fired as he walked past the rectory on Church street.

On the floor of the ransacked topography library the police found five cartridge shells, four empty and one loaded. The priest was murdered with two shots through the left breast, the bullets

piercing his black cassock, but not burning the cloth. Then a strong piece of packing rope was drawn tightly about his neck.

Mrs. Gilmanaitis, who, it is thought, ran to aid the priest in his struggle with the murderers, was shot through the right forearm. The wounded woman, it is believed, fled to her room and locked the door, which the murderers smashed with a wrench and then strangled her to death. Three pieces of window cord were used.

The murder was discovered by a school teacher who had one of her pupils crawl through a cellar window and open the front door when the priest failed to open the school at the usual time. Evidence indicated that the woman's body, fully clothed, had been dragged about the house several times. In the library, where the priest's body was found, a large crucifix is the principal object that strikes the observer's eye.

Father Zebris was found in the library, directly under the chandelier and with his feet toward the door. The position of the body indicated that the priest had been shot from the doorway and had fallen where he stood, with scarcely any struggle.

SHIP DODGES BIG ICEBERGS

Hellig Olav Being Promoter of Masonic Republic.

The Scandinavian-American steamship Hellig Olav, in last evening from Christiansand, was forced to steer a southerly course by the fields off the banks of Newfoundland on Saturday. She passed a berg eighty feet high and 1,500 feet long in the morning.

Edward Buckley of Washington, D. C., who has been engineering a project of starting a Masonic republic on the African coast, arrived by the Hellig Olav. He has been in Germany, England and Norway making an effort to get the flag of the proposed republic recognized. The tract designed for the site of the cosmopolitan country is occupied at present by Moors and Arabs.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY DINNER

Sixth Annual Meeting Held at the Home of Ogden Mills.

The sixth annual dinner of the managers of the New York Zoological Society was held last evening at the home of Ogden Mills, 2 East Sixty-ninth street. After dinner Dr. Raymond L. Ditmars, curator of reptiles at the zoological park, showed a series of new and remarkable motion pictures of the animals in the park, and Madison Grant, vice-president and chairman of the executive committee, made an address on the growth of the society.

Those present were Henry Fairfield Osborn, Madison Grant, Percy H. Evans, W. Austin Wadsworth, Mortimer L. Schiff, H. Casimir de Bham, Robert S. Brewster, Andrew Carnegie, Samuel Thorne, Frank K. Storer, George E. Tilford, Dr. William T. Hornaday, F. Augustus Schermerhorn, Ogden Mills, George B. Grinnell, Watson B. Dickerman, William C. Church, George F. Baker, William B. Osgood Field, William White Niles, Archer M. Huntington, Lewis Rutherford Morris, Cabot Ward and Dr. Charles H. Townsend.

STRIKE LEADERS RELEASED

Gross and Hickey Admitted to \$10,000 Bail Each in Colorado.

WASHINGTON, Col., Feb. 9.—Elli Gross, vice-president, and William T. Hickey, secretary-treasurer of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, were released from jail here today on \$10,000 bail each after being held for a week on indictments charging grand larceny. Twelve other labor men were admitted to bail in \$5,000 each.

The grand jury adjourned today after reporting indictments against at least twenty other strikers or leaders. Hickey and Gross were released after a fight by the State federation.

EVA BOOTH, ILL, ON WAY HERE.

Salvationist Will Not Be Able to Take Up Duties Soon.

SHOWS HOW SHE MIXED MORSS'S "POISON DOSES"

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measure out this much and wrap it up in a paper. They told me to do it many times." There was not an apothecary scale or a graduate glass in sight, but the simple girl measured out two ounces of "the usual amount" for the Sheriff and he had them weighed afterward. One of the two doses of arsenic weighed twenty-seven grains and the other thirty grains. The girl said she was directed to put up such a dose sometimes four to six times a day for some patients. It was administered to them, she said, in a glass of water. It was estimated that these patients got from 120 to 180 grains of the drug in ten hours, while physicians fix the normal dose of arsenic at 5, 10 and 15 grains three to four times a day.

Even more startling to the Sheriff was Amelia's account of putting up codine for Mrs. Morss. There was a bottle of 1/4 grain tablets on the shelf, from which she measured them out as directed, although she had not the slightest idea of the potency of the drug or what it was used for.

"Twenty of them" had been Mrs. Morss's direction to her, she told the Sheriff, dipping the bottle and spilling out the quantity she doled out, making about seven grains enough. The Sheriff said to put an old person out of the way if given in one dose. She put them in a box for the Sheriff. It will be one of the exhibits the county authorities are gathering to support their case against the man now in Bellevue. Another that was added to the list to-night went to show, they contend, that drugs and poisons were common property about the home, and even matters of careless indifference.

Poison as Plaything.

Twelve-year-old Rudolph Laath and thirteen-year-old Charles Faltich, two of the hundred odd children under 14 in the orphanage attached to the home, were found kicking about the grounds this afternoon a blue triangular shaped bottle labeled "bichloride of mercury" and almost filled with triangular tablets. It had been found in the refuse heap outside the back door on the path used by the porters to go from the home to their quarters in a nearby frame house. Leonard Gallier, the aged stable man, took the bottle away from the children and sealed it for the coroner. President Fuchs and Matthew Richards, one of the house committee, were standing near when the bottle was picked up and the exclamation that escaped from some one's lips was "Himml, there's poison every place."

Coroner Dunn of Westchester took the last of his testimony to-day and will adjourn his hearings in the District Attorney Frederick C. Weeks to-morrow afternoon, he said. He questioned Henry Blum, embalmer for Hain & Becker, undertakers of 936 First avenue, Manhattan, who took charge of the deaths in the home. Blum denied the remark attributed to Mrs. Morss, "Here's another one for you and that she Morss was helping the undertakers' business. He did say, however, in contradiction with the testimony of the coroner, that ways had the key to the morgue in the home on his key ring.

The investigation by Assistant District Attorney Leonard Gallier led him to say to-night that there was "gross and disgraceful neglect" in the management of the Odd Fellows home when it was taken over by the State to fix responsibility for such alleged conduct. He intends to call before him again former Supt. Bangert and Dr. Mors, the monthly physician at the home. He has learned, he said, that Dr. Juster was not called when inquired about the case. He also learned that Mors's story was revealed for the first time after Mors had talked at some length with Detectives Willes and Oswald, who have been assigned to the case and to Mr. Morck by Capt. Carey have visited Mors at the hospital and got from him a description of how he despatched his alleged victims.

Justices Killing Aged.

Mors, clad in a striped pair of pajamas, related the story while sitting in bed. Several times he reiterated his belief that the law should provide for the extermination of dependent persons. He constantly repeated, as though to impress the detectives with his humanity, that he did not kill the victims until he had first made them immune to pain by administering chloroform.

He told the detectives that he first applied the fluid to a piece of cotton and held it to the victim's nose. "When they were quite unconscious," Mors said, he pressed his fingers in the victim's mouth and washed their mouths out with a solution of formalin to take away the odor of chloroform."

John Zuzka and his wife and William Bengel, the only occupants of the Lincolnton home, where three of the murders are said to have been committed, were visited today by Mrs. Mary Hirst, a detective attached to District Attorney Martin's office. To her they related the stories published in yesterday morning's Sun about the coming of Mors, his characteristics and the incident about forcing glass, one of the alleged victims to drink a deadly fluid supposed to have caused his death the day after. They said that they were willing to testify against Mors if he is brought to trial.

Mrs. Hirst inspected the various buildings comprising the old home and was particularly impressed by the morgue, a small brick building nine feet square and about seven feet high. In it she found a rough wooden coffin frozen to the ground. In another corner was a plain wooden embalming table, sometimes used by the undertakers, Mrs. Zuzka explained.

President Frank Fuchs of the home admitted that he had asked District Attorney Martin to examine one of the alleged arsenic victims.

Managers of Home Vote to Aid Investigation.

The board of managers of the Odd Fellows Home met last night at the Odd Fellows Hall, at 49 St. Mark's place. Twenty-three members were present. They took no action with regard to the matron of the Yonkers home against whom Charles H. Warren, Westchester county superintendent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, had complained. Resolutions were adopted offering the cooperation of the organization in any investigation the authorities might make. Mr. Fuchs said that the board would make no independent investigation.

Seven aged persons, ranging from 59 to 72 years, whose applications were placed before the board last night, were accepted as inmates.

9 TO 5 IS CITY WORK DAY.

Hours of Employees Are Fixed by Ordinance.

Under an ordinance which passed the Board of Aldermen yesterday city employees in all departments must work from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., except in July and August, when the hours will be from 9 to 4.

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BILLY SUNDAY GETS SWARTHMORE CHEERS

Evangelist Denounces "Molly-coddles" After Princeton Turn-down.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9.—Directly after he had learned that President Hibben of Princeton had refused to permit him to address the students in the University Hall, Billy Sunday wrote today to the committee of students who had invited him that he found it impossible to keep a day free for them. Then the evangelist went to Swarthmore College and let loose a terrific broadside against those who criticize his style of revival.

"Just mollycoddles, people who sit at me in that way. That's what they are," the evangelist shouted. When Sunday had finished, President Swain shook hands with him, saying "Keep up the fight. Try to come and see us again."

FINE HOME FOR SUNDAY.

Patterson Committee Leases Residence at \$250 a Month.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 9.—When Billy Sunday comes to Patterson with his family on March 12 he will occupy the home of O. W. Shelby, the building contractor, at 425 and 427 Park avenue, not far from his tabernacle, which is now under construction.

The Patterson and North Jersey Evangelistic Association today signed a lease for the place for Maxwell and April, agreeing to pay Mr. Shelby \$250 per month. The residence is one of the most attractive in that section, surrounded by extensive lawns, with a large garage which will hold several automobiles. The house is handsome and furnished. The lease is signed for the evangelistic association by George Arnold, president, and his brother, William A. Arnold, both of them silk manufacturers.

Ten additional men were put to work on the tabernacle to-day, making the total forty-one. It is believed the building will be ready for occupancy by the first of March.

"DIAMOND QUEEN" NOT GUILTY.

Remanded to Tombs With Klinsinger to Await Action by Perkins.

After a trial lasting a week Miss Antonette Bonner, called the Diamond Queen, and Joseph B. Kissinger were acquitted of a charge of grand larceny for their part in the case of the "Diamond Queen" yesterday. They had been extradited from Paris, France. There are seven more indictments against the defendants, who were remanded to the Tombs until District Attorney Perkins decides what he will do with them.

Those arrested have got \$200,000 in goods on memorandum from merchants. Francis E. Cocks is alleged to have given them \$78,000 worth of goods that he did not get back. The jury was out less than two hours.

NEW B'NAI B'RITH OFFICERS.

Herman Asher of New York Elected President at Worcester.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 9.—The sixty-third annual convention of District No. 1 Independent Order B'Nai B'rith closed here today after giving \$1,000 to the American Zionists toward the relief ship which is to go to Palestine. The Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman, president, reported that \$12,000 had been subscribed already toward the war sufferers.

The following officers were elected: Herman Asher, New York, grand president; Abraham K. Cohen, Boston, first vice-president; Joseph Rosenzweig, New York, second vice-president; Sam Sulzberger, New York, treasurer; the Rev. Dr. Bernard M. Kaplan, New York, grand secretary.

The newly elected president was authorized to establish headquarters in New York City.

Going to the Expositions? Don't Miss Colorado Scenery

No one can be indifferent to the beauty and grandeur of the Colorado Rocky Mountain scenery, and visitors to the California Expositions should make a point of seeing it. Also Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, the Royal Gorge, and Salt Lake City.

Now there's no extra charge for all this if you go via the Burlington Route (C., B. & Q.), because it so happens that the through service of that line has been planned so that you pass over these points by daylight, and you can view from the train a panorama of mountain scenery that is as celebrated as any in the world.

Surely on your way, you will not miss this opportunity and I would like to send you free, some pictures, maps and printed matter, not only of the Colorado wonders, but also of Glacier Park on Yellowstone Park, which by all means, you should visit on the return trip. Please make use of me—let me help plan the trip for you. Call on or write

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EXPERTS URGED FOR R. R. REGULATION

Vice-President Atterbury of Pennsylvania Says Incompetence Prevails.

FEARS STRANGULATION

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9.—W. W. Atterbury, vice-president in charge of operation of the Pennsylvania Railroad, advocated minority representation of trained railroad men on railroad commissions in an address to-night before the combined commercial organizations of Philadelphia, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade, Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and Manufacturers' Club.

"I am not one who believes that railroad activities should now be unrestricted. I believe in regulation. Railroads have benefited in ways many of them little realize from regulation. Regulation has largely confined itself to correcting abuses.

"The great transportation machine of this country was and is sound. It needs continued regulation, but the regulation must be competent and sympathetic. The most pronounced weakness of our present regulation is that so much of it is incompetent. Laws are lightly passed by legislatures without any real knowledge of what is involved. Action is taken by commissions who can have no full conception of the delicate mechanism they are handling, nor of how the public interests may be finally affected by their lack of experience and training.

"The supreme need in railroad regulation is competent regulators; but the appointment of men with such qualifications is not likely to be promoted under a political system where public office, for a short term of years, is almost wholly a reward for party fealty, nor can we look to the political parties themselves to improve matters. We need scientific management in business, but we need also scientific management in legislation, or it must and will result in strangulation.

"No step, in my judgment, could be taken by the business men of this country which would be more fruitful of practical benefit to the business life of this nation than practical action to insure that when a man is appointed to either the Federal Government or a State to regulate our railroads, he shall be qualified by experience and training to consider the problems involved, and to handle them wisely and justly. The country and its commerce cannot progress while the railroads are weak."

ONLY 26 WORDS IN WILL

New Rochelle Woman Leaves All to Her Son.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The highest will ever filed with Surrogate Sawyer of Westchester county is that of Mrs. Bridget Dermody of New Rochelle, which was placed on record at White Plains today. The will was written by the testatrix on a sheet of note paper and is as follows:

"February 3, 1915. I do hereby leave all my property and what I possess to my son, James Dermody. This is my last will. BRIDGET DERMODY."

The value of the estate, which consists of realty in New Rochelle, is not known here.

\$18,000 Awarded for Death.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 9.—A jury in Justice Tompkins's part of the Surrogate Court today awarded \$18,000 to Mrs. Margaret L. Hoose in her suit against the New York, Westchester and Boston Railroad Company for the death of her husband, George Hoose, who was killed by electricity while working on an overhead bridge at 180th street in The Bronx. Mrs. Hoose sued for \$25,000 and there was little defence.

GEN. VILLA'S FORCES WIN AT MONTEREY

Also Defeat Villareal Near Matamoros, but Lose at Queretaro.

MARCH ON GUADALAJARA

EL PASO, Feb. 9.—Villa troops were victors yesterday in the fighting at Monterey. Gen. Renaldo de la Garza and his son, both Carranza leaders, were wounded in the battle and were brought to the border at Nuevo Laredo today.

Gen. Antonio Villareal, a prominent Carranza leader, also was defeated on the road to Matamoros yesterday. The fighting outside of Monterey went on intermittently for five days. The Constitutionalists were led into an ambush and permitted to enter Monterey, after which they were surrounded and the slaughter commenced. The loss of life is said to have been great.

Queretaro was abandoned on Sunday after a fierce fight in which Gen. Chao, the Villa commander, was wounded. Carranza agents here report. The victorious troops were under General Chao, Benavides, Blanes and Robles. Villa agents deny that the city has fallen.

Guadalajara will be captured in less than a week, Villa officials here predict. Villa has taken personal charge of the campaign and two forces will move against Mexico's second largest city. One of these is headed by Gen. Medina, while the other column has already moved from Irapuato.

WON'T GO TO VERA CRUZ.

U. S. Embassy to Stay at Mexico City, Says Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—President Wilson said today that the United States Embassy at Mexico city will not be moved to Vera Cruz, as Carranza is said to have requested, unless all the representatives of central governments in Mexico city go to the coast city. The Administration realizes that delicate issues might be involved in removing the embassy to Carranza's headquarters.

It is emphasized that the relations of this Government with the various authorities in Mexico are purely informal. An invitation to members of the diplomatic corps in Mexico city to establish themselves in northern Mexico under the protection of the Villa government was conveyed to Secretary of State Bryan today by Enrique Lorente, Washington agent of the Villa-Zapata authority in Mexico.

Mr. Lorente explained that the invitation for the diplomatic corps to establish itself in Chihuahua or some other northern city was not intended as a ruse to draw the foreign diplomats into a fact recognition of the Villa government, but merely as an evidence of the friendly regard.

There is little expectation, however, that the invitation will be seriously considered at this time. As a matter of fact the diplomats in Mexico feel if they remain in Mexico their place is in Mexico city, where are the most vital interests requiring protection.

ZAPATISTAS DEFEATED.

Gen. Oregon Inflicts Heavy Losses — In Hoid Mexico City.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 9.—Gen. Casario Castro, commandant of the forces in the capital, denied today that the Constitutionalists are about to evacuate the city. He said his troops had orders to remain here at all hazards.

Heavy and continued firing was heard this morning along a line ten miles long south of the capital. Gen. Oregon declares the Zapatistas were defeated with heavy losses in every instance.

GIRL SLAYER WILTS IN COURT.

Maid Complained of Massey's Attentions, Sister Says.

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 9.—Carrie Davies, the eighteen-year-old servant girl who last night shot and killed her employer, Charles A. Massey, member of one of the city's most wealthy families, collapsed in court today when she heard the charge of murder against her. No evidence was taken.

Her sister, Mrs. Edmund A. Fairchild, asserted that Carrie had complained to her on Sunday night of Massey's attentions that day.



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