

WHO WAS COPELLO? DETECTIVES' QUERY IN HOTEL MYSTERY

Police Think Man Who Shot Condon at the Adelpia Was "Gentleman Thief," But Coroner's Agents Are Working on New Theory.

Coroner's Detective Frank Paul announced this morning that clues found in New York have led him to believe the man who shot Morris G. Condon in the Adelpia Hotel Wednesday night and then ended his own life rather than kill another man in his dash for liberty, had other motives than burglary when he entered the Condon apartment. An investigation is being made in New York along these lines.

On the other hand, City Hall detectives announced this morning that they believed the man was a "gentleman burglar" who went to the hotel solely for robbery. They base their opinion upon information found at 1635 Race street, where it has been learned the man had a room for two weeks before the tragedy. Detective Paul says he will not be satisfied with this theory until the New York clues have been run down. The man worked as an assistant electrician at the Palace Theatre there. He left suddenly, saying he had an offer in Buffalo, and the authorities of that city are now trying to learn whether such a man arrived in Buffalo. Mr. Paul believes the Buffalo story was a ruse and that the man then came to Philadelphia.

WHO WAS COPELLO? Paul says that the identification of the picture of the dead man by Mrs. John O. Cope of the Race street address, is undoubtedly correct. Mrs. Cope's husband went to headquarters and positively identified the man as Fritz Copello, who registered as a lodger at her house on November 10.

Mrs. Cope, who is ill in bed, when shown the picture also identified the man. He registered under the name of Copello, and the writing on the register is identical with that on pieces of paper found in the man's pockets. But, as Paul points out, the mere resemblance of the name as "Copello" does not clear up the mystery. That the man was a burglar of the common type, Mrs. Cope's husband learned in New York that he was known on Broadway and was looked upon as a well-to-do and well-dressed man in the restaurant and theatre frequented around Broadway and 47th street.

Nothing has been found to prove that the man was a burglar. The man, leading to the belief that he was a nobleman, were forged. The fact that he had an Italian name is nothing, Mrs. Cope said, for many Austrians from the section in which Copello is supposed to have lived have Italian names. Headquarters Detectives Emanuel and Gionetti believe that the gunman had been working in hotels in New York until the police were led hot on his trail. Then he went to Buffalo, never left his room until afternoon, sometimes not until after 3 o'clock. His clothes were of the best material and he had little trouble in passing himself off as a guest at crowded hotels.

From the information in his possession, the police now believe the man had poor luck in this city. They think he went into the upper floors of the Adelpia intent on burglary, and not a hold-up; that he was unable to gain admittance to the rooms or found nothing of value, and that, becoming desperate, he resolved upon a hold-up to get money. This theory is borne out by the fact that not a single piece of United States money was found in his clothing when he was searched. A few coins of small denominations had been taken from him. There was nothing else of value in his pockets. No money or valuables were found in his room.

Mrs. Cope is convalescing from the effects of a recent operation. She was unable to go to City Hall, or to the Morgue to view the body, but she has a photograph of the dead man to her home and she positively identified it as that of the man who registered under the name of Copello. This is the name found in the file of foreign tracing papers in the suicide's clothing.

Further identification was made by means of the laundry marks on the collar worn by the suicide the night of the shooting. Collars found in his suitcase at the Race street room and in the New York and of it. Coroner's Detective Paul and the detectives here feel that the Philadelphia end of the case is settled with the identification. Examination of the Bertillon and finger print records at New York is proceeding. So far it has developed nothing.

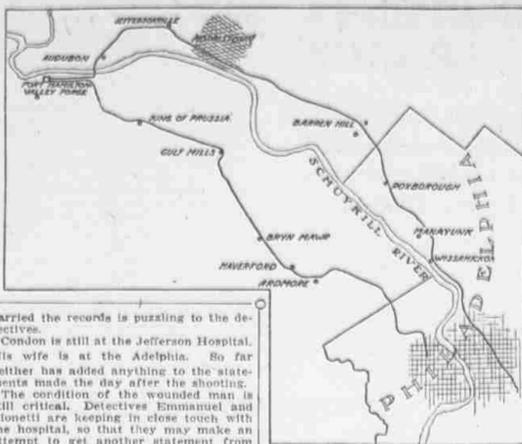
Apparently Copello was a clever thief and had eluded all the efforts of the police to trap him. His picture is not in the New York rogues' gallery. Detective Paul today declared that in his opinion the man was "a Raffia."

TOLD COPE HE WAS A COUNT. "He was well known along Broadway," said the detective. "Man who had met him told me he was known as a good sport, generally well supplied with money, always dressed in the best of clothing and with no visible means of support." According to the story told by the lodging house proprietors, the man came to his house at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of November 30 and registered as Fritz Copello. He told Cope he was an Austrian count. Cope says he spoke little English. He said he was an electrician and had been out of work for some time. The man usually slept until 1 o'clock in the afternoon and remained out late at night.

The statement of the Austrian Consul at New York, which was found on the body of the suicide indicating that he was an Austrian of noble birth and a former officer in the army of that country, had been found to complicate rather than to clear the case, in the opinion of detectives.

The Austrian Consul declared that no officer had been cashiered from the army of his native land since 1890. He declared that from the papers found in the pockets of the suicide he would say the man had an intimate knowledge of the movements of Austrian troops, however. What use he made of this knowledge and why he

A MOTOR TRIP TO VALLEY FORGE AND RETURN



carried the records is puzzling to the detectives. Condon is still at the Jefferson Hospital. His wife is at the Adelpia. So far neither has added anything to the statements made the day after the shooting. The condition of the wounded man is still critical. Detectives Emanuel and Gionetti are keeping in close touch with the hospital, so that they may make an attempt to get another statement from him should he be in immediate danger of death.

COW HELD FOR VAGRANCY

Bossy Arrested While Strolling About Crowded City Streets. A docile Holstein was arrested last night by Policeman McKenna and taken to the 20th and Berks streets station on a charge of vagrancy. Until the owner appears and identifies the cow the night shift at the station will have fresh milk with their midnight lunch.

Albert Jones called the policeman's attention to the cow roaming about the city, looking at the lights and the crowds with mild surprise. At 12th street and Susquehanna avenue McKenna made his arrest and marched bossy, still chewing her cud, through the city streets to headquarters, where she was given a comfortable stall. There she peacefully awaits her careless owner, who permitted her to play the prodigal. This cow is black and white and is minus her right horn.

MRS. THOMAS' FOLLOWERS FAIL TO REINSTATE HER

Suffrage Society Tables Motion to Refuse to Accept Resignation. Several suffragists who proposed that Mrs. J. D. Thomas be not permitted to resign as president of the Woman Suffrage Society of the County of Philadelphia, were voted down at a meeting in the College Club, 1300 Spruce street, last night.

After a somewhat heated argument the motion that the meeting concur in the action of the committee by tabling the question was carried. Mrs. Coggins, first vice president and acting president, was chairman. She announced that Mrs. Thomas's resignation had been accepted. There were protests against the action of the committee in accepting the resignation, but they were voted down.

One member took the stand that Mrs. Thomas was of further use to the society, as she had pledged herself to do no other work until she had found relief for the unemployed. "We cannot afford to have a president who is unable to fight for the cause," the member said. "Our fight is for suffrage." Mrs. Thomas was in harmony with the Woman Suffrage party to influence voters to urge State Senators to support the proposed amendment to the State Constitution.

VILLA AND ZAPATA LAYING PLANS TO INSTAL GUTIERREZ

Washington Expects Negotiations to Succeed and Looks for the Speedy Elimination of Carranza. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—General Villa, whose army is at the gates of Mexico City, has opened negotiations with Zapata to establish Provisional President Gutierrez in authority. There is every indication that these negotiations will succeed. This action of the committee in accepting the resignation, but they were voted down.

Information to this effect reaching the State Department today led officials to predict early triumph of the peace convention faction, led by Villa, Zapata and Gutierrez, and the speedy elimination of Carranza. A dispatch from Mexico City at the State Department today, dated noon yesterday, said that the arrival of Villa's army in the city was expected hourly and officials believed they must have entered by this time.

That there would be friendly co-operation between Villa and Zapata was also indicated in the dispatches. Villa will have a strongly reinforced army to campaign against Carranza. Officials believe that he will lose no time in pushing eastward towards Vera Cruz. Reports from Mexico City indicate that the permanent committee of the Aguascalientes convention intend calling Congress in the near future. Every delegate to Congress who served under the Madero regime, it is stated in dispatches received here today, will be eligible to sit. By this action, which is aimed at the dislodgment of General Villa and all his lieutenants, a semblance of permanent government will be established in the Mexican capital.

It is a nucleus, the Gutierrez regime would be in position to attack the United States and the A. B. C. powers for recognition. MARRIED AT ELKTON. Nine Couples Visit Maryland's Gretna Green Today. ELKTON, Md., Nov. 28.—Nine couples came to Elkton early this morning and were married. They were: Herbert J. Anderson and Margaret V. Spruiver, Robert R. Myers and Beulah J. Love, Harrisburg; George W. Wright, Harford; Cona, and Ethel M. Boulear, Camden, N. J.; Edward W. May and Mabel Allen, Cecil; James Pendlebury and Kathryn Curran, Thurgate, W. Va.; and Charles E. Franks, Walter G. Black, and Florence M. Murray, Lee B. French and Alma Fox, Joseph Conland and Olive B. Taylor, all of Philadelphia.

GOOD HIGHWAYS MARK JOURNEY TO VALLEY FORGE

Autos Find Roads Easy in District, But "the Ridge" in Upper Roxborough Is Difficult.

By W. O. GRIFFITH

Chairman Touring Information Committee Philadelphia Automobile Club. There is probably no trip in the neighborhood of Philadelphia which appeals to motorists more than that to Valley Forge. It is not generally known that the country on both sides of the Schuylkill contains landmarks of Revolutionary history second in importance only to Valley Forge itself.

It is hard to realize while traveling over the good roads which are to be found all through this district that in the past this was a serious matter to get from Philadelphia to Valley Forge. The roads were scarcely what could now be called "dirt roads," and were unfit for travel, except on horseback, during six months of the year.

A more or less "historic" route is that which runs through the Park and Belmont avenues to Montgomery avenue, Montgomery avenue then follows close to the line of the Old Gulph road, which finally joins at the Gulph. It is preferred to follow the actual line of the Old Gulph road all that is necessary is to take the right fork beyond the Merion Cricket Club near Haverford, but this road is not macadamized throughout.

The return from Valley Forge should be made back to Port Kennedy by crossing the river through the village of Audubon, near which is the residence of that famous naturalist. The village is ancient and quaint. Continuing through Audubon one reaches the little settlement of Jeffersonville, where the old Ridge road crosses the river. This runs through the thriving town of Norristown directly to Philadelphia by way of Ridge avenue.

It is to be noted that on a hill on the left of the road close to City Line is a historic marker in the form of a stone tablet, which is a small obelisk. In this neighborhood, where the roads are excellent. The village of Barren Hill, by the church, and a very ugly church it was, probably the largest Revolutionary church in this part of the country. The furniture dated from the same period, and in it was a table which was used for operating table in the church itself after the battle of Germantown. Unfortunately the old building burned down and the present curious structure is taking its place.

600 IDLE MEN PUT TO WORK. Director Cooke Utilizes Funds Available for Highway Improvement. Six hundred men have been put to work on city highways by Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, through funds recently provided by Council. About 120 of the men are skilled ramblers and pavers, laid off when former appropriations were exhausted. Director Cooke announced yesterday that nine cash prizes will be awarded among the 4000 employees of the Department of Public Works for the best papers submitted outlining the accomplishments of the Blankenburg administration. Three \$15, three \$10 and three \$5 prizes will be given. A silver loving cup will be awarded the bureau credited with the principal achievements the last three years. Awards will be made at the annual dinner of the Department of Public Works, January 15.



NAVAL SERVICE HANDICAPPED BY PROMOTION RULE

Need of Increased Number of Officers Above Rank of Junior Lieutenant Shown by Existing Conditions.

The number of naval officers above the rank of junior lieutenant should be increased, according to naval men here today. Under the law of 1893 prescribing the numerical limit of officers, naval officers are frequently required to perform the duties of men of higher rank because of failure of the law to provide for the increase in the navy since 1893. Although the officers under this law perform duties above their rank, their promotion is seriously handicapped. It is said under the present distribution of 1915 cannot hope to reach the rank of lieutenant commander in less than 49 years. At that time they will be near the statutory retirement age of 65.

"Fully two-thirds of the officers on the active lists are junior lieutenants and ensigns. The Annapolis classes have averaged about 125 men for the last 10 years. During that time promotions have been made from the rank of junior lieutenant to lieutenant at the rate of 40 a year. This is because the law regulating the number of higher officers prevents an officer from being advanced to the rank to which his official duties entitle him," an officer said.

At the present time a naval committee consisting of Rear Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the Bureau of Navigation; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt and Naval Constructor Taylor are considering the advisability of increasing the number of higher officers. The personnel of the navy in both the enlisted men and the commissioned officers should be based on the effective tonnage of the warships on the navy list," one of the naval experts said. "The commissioned personnel should be distributed in the various grades in proportions which experience has shown to be desirable. This would increase the grades above lieutenant commander slightly. The grades of lieutenant commander and lieutenant would be greatly increased. It is desirable to promote officers after they have served a certain length of time in each grade. The time would be determined by the number of officers and the average age of the officers in the grade."

Under the law there are 18 rear admirals, 70 captains, 112 commanders, 300 lieutenant commanders and 39 lieutenants in the navy. The number of junior lieutenants and ensigns is unlimited. Promotions can come only from death, resignation or the "plucking" of a superior officer. No provision is made for the natural expansion of the navy, it is said.

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"ALL-STAR" BENEFIT TO BE NOTEWORTHY THEATRICAL EVENT

Performance for Belgian Relief in Academy Tuesday Will Bring Together Many Stage Favorites.

Arrangements for the "all-star" benefit to be given Tuesday afternoon in the Academy of Music by the United Theatrical Managers of Philadelphia to raise money for the starving Belgians have been completed. It was announced today. The bill is to be one of the best ever offered for a similar cause in this city.

The orchestra will be composed of members from the Lyric, Adelphi and Forrest Theatres. The first number will be an entertainment by the entire company from the Empire Theatre. This will be followed by a moving picture representation of the departure of the relief ship "Thelma," through the courtesy of the Stanley Company. The entertainment will then be arranged in the following order: The first act of "Potomac and Parliament" from the Garrick Theatre; the Courtney Sisters from Keith's Theatre; a half hour of the best features from "High Jinks," now at the Lyric Theatre; in which all the stars of that production, as well as the chorus, will take part, and Harry Hooper, the talking and singing fellow from the Broadway Theatre.

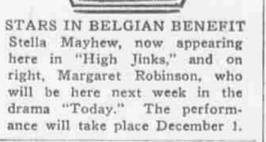
The entire Lyric Theatre Company will appear in a playlet entitled "Press Cuttings"; Francis Stars from the Broad; the Ching Wai Four, a Chinese quartet, from the Globe Theatre; an act from "Topsy" from the Adelphi Theatre; New-hoff and Phelps, a singing and dancing act, from the Nixon Grand Opera House; Ethel Barrymore and company in a complete sketch from Keith's; the Juggling Burks from the Nixon Theatre; several features from "The Queen of the Movies" playing at the Forrest Theatre; Willie Weston, the character singer, from the William Penn Theatre, and the Four Harps, acrobats, from the Kaytones Theatre.

Henry T. Jordan, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and Fred G. Nixon-Niddler, stage manager, say the program will be the best ever seen here. The stage crews of the various theatres have volunteered their services, and automobile companies have offered to transport those who are to take part. In fact, everything about the affair has been given free, including the Academy of Music.

NEGRO POLICEMAN ACCUSED

Friend Says He Was Attacked by Social Visitor. Accused of attacking a friend upon whom he was making a call, Alexander Coats, a negro policeman of the 20th and Fitzwater streets station, was held in \$500 bail for court today by Magistrate Toughill.

The charge was preferred by Henry Yates, a Negro living at 716 South 13th street, who said that the policeman called at his home when off duty last night. A quarrel began and Yates alleges that Coats not only attacked him, but fired his revolver in the air when Yates ran out of the house into the street.



STARS IN BELGIAN BENEFIT Stella Mayhew, now appearing here in "High Jinks," and on right, Margaret Robinson, who will be here next week in the drama "Today." The performance will take place December 1.

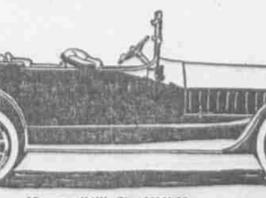
Revival Planned in Wilmington. WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 28.—Wilmington Methodist Episcopal preachers are considering the advisability of starting a city-wide revival in charge of some evangelist with a national reputation.

Accommodations for Powder Makers. WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 28.—Carpenters are being sent to Carney Point in considerable numbers by the duPont Powder Company to place barracks in shape for the accommodation of the men who are employed there and who can not find accommodations close by.



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