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NATHAN RIGGS IS ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH THE NATIONAL HOTEL MURDER

AMERICA'S CROPS REACH HIGH TIDE

Indications Point to the Greatest Yield in History of the Nation.

RICHES FOR FARMERS PROMISED BY GRAINS

Present Quotations Warrant Expectation of Good Prices, Despite Big Crops.

AMERICA'S GRAIN CROPS TOLD IN FIGURES

	Bushels
Total indicated yield	4,291,444,000
Indicated yield July 1, 1905	4,283,673,000
Actual yield 1905	4,518,267,000
	Acres
Area grain fields	177,772,000
Area in wheat	47,612,000
Area in corn	95,535,000
Area in oats	27,678,000

Journal Special Service.

Washington, July 11.—Indications are that American farmers this year will harvest the largest grain crops in the history of the country and nothing now seems in the way of unprecedented prosperity thruout the farming regions.

Not only is the prospect for a bountiful harvest most bright, but market quotations show that the farmer will get a fair price for his grain while reports from Europe are that the wheat crop will be 150,000,000 bushels short of that of 1905, indicating that the export demand will be large and that America will have to fill a good share of it.

New High Water Mark.

It was thought when last year's bountiful crops were harvested that the high watermark for production in the United States had been reached. The percentage estimates of condition of the department of agriculture this year, however, indicate that even that record will be surpassed in spite of the fact that the oats crop bids fair to fall short by 80,000,000 bushels.

The total crop of all grains this year promises to be 4,291,444,000 bushels, using the July 1 condition as a basis of calculations. This is about 8,000,000 bushels above the indication at this time last year, but 217,000,000 below the final figures. The weather in all the great grain-producing states, however, since July 1 has been all that could be desired and the prospects are that the final figures will be as much, if not more, above the July promise this year as they were last.

Corn Gains, Too.

The fields upon which these immense crops are growing, or from which they already have been harvested in some instances, aggregate more than 177,000,000 acres.

The corn crop, of course, is in an early stage of development, and between this time and harvest last year gained an aggregate of 175,000,000 bushels, while oats gained 60,000,000 bushels. Corn is now nearly 60,000,000 bushels ahead of the July 1 indication of a year ago.

Oats started July with a prospect about 80,000,000 bushels below that of a year ago, but the acreage this year is a little larger and it is barely possible that the shortage may yet be reduced.

Wheat Greatest Joy.

It is in the wheat-production, however, that the United States has the greatest cause for selfcongratulation. Counting the wheat carried over from last year—only 46,000,000 bushels in farmer's hands—this country has the largest wheat crop in sight of any time in its history.

The winter wheat yield runs ahead of the famous crop of 1901, and the spring wheat promise is so high as to indicate that, barring accidents, all previous records will be surpassed. There are vast reserves of moisture thru the big spring wheat states of the northwest just the conditions which produced a large crop on a smaller acreage a year ago.

WHEAT HARVEST BEGINS

South Dakota Reports the Cutting of Grain.

Elk Point, S. D., July 11.—The wheat harvest began with several pieces in this vicinity Monday. This is an unusually early date, and the yield promises to be unusually good. The acreage of spring wheat is much less than usual, and that of winter wheat larger. The total wheat acreage of this county for this year is probably slightly less than last year, as corn culture is on the increase.

Frazee, Minn., July 11.—The crop here is in excellent condition and has made rapid progress the last week. The weather has been ideal. Corn is doing splendidly. Wheat is growing rapidly, and some barley has headed out as well as some oats. The wet weather was feared, but it has done little harm except on the low lands. Haying has begun in earnest.

Ellendale, N. D., July 11.—The crop in this vicinity is in a fine condition. Wheat is headed and corn and flax has a fine stand.

Faribault, Minn., July 11.—Corn and small grain are doing nicely, and a good corn crop is expected, if the frost does not come too early. Thousands of tons of hay have been put up by the farmers in this section, this week.

DREYFUS HEARING ENDED.

Paris, July 11.—The supreme court adjourned yesterday after a lengthy secret session, without announcing its verdict in the Dreyfus case. It is expected that its decision will not be rendered before Thursday.

POKER CHIP 'PLUTO' MARK OF TAGGART

Red Devil on Gambling Discs Patented in Democratic Chairman's Name.

Journal Special Service.

Washington, July 11.—The red devil "Pluto," which appeared on all the poker chips seized in the raid on the French Lick Springs, Ind., gambling raid last week, is the patented trademark of National Chairman Tom Taggart's mineral water. It was patented by him personally and he is on record here as declaring that no one but Tom Taggart shall use it.

The trademark was authorized as exclusively a Taggart institution, almost a year ago. The question arises, therefore, how it comes that the red devil has been a gambling token at French Lick Springs almost ever since.

The trademark consists of the words "Pluto concentrated America's physic," and a conventional representation, printed in red, of the devil, with a sword at his side and one hand upraised and holding a pair of tongs in the other hand.

DECEIVES EXPERTS BY SHAM INSANITY

Wife Murderer Confesses Delusion and Leaves Asylum for Sing Sing.

Journal Special Service.

New York, July 11.—After deceiving the leading insanity experts of the country for five years, Martin Tighe, who killed his wife, has admitted in Recorder Goff's court that he had been shamming and has been sentenced to nineteen years and ten months in Sing Sing on his plea of guilty of murder.

The exposure in the court was the first verification of District Attorney Jerome's allegation that an organized school exists in the Tombs prison for teaching murderers and other major offenders in the art of shamming insanity.

Tighe was a bartender and his wife had had him arrested for abusing her. On the night of June 13, 1901, he shot and killed her. His plea was insanity.

Deceives Experts.

Judge Newburger appointed a commission to report on the sanity of Tighe. It retained alienists, among them being the best known in the country. They reported that Tighe was insane and he was committed to an asylum, where he has been since.

A short time ago Tighe seemed to show a normal brain and was returned to the Tombs for trial. The district attorney called to the stand Andrew Cuoco, who is doing a life term. He had been Tighe's cellmate in the Tombs. Cuoco told graphically how Tighe deceived the experts.

He said Tighe was given lemon juice and honey to make his skin crack, which is an evidence of insanity. He also was rubed with liniment to make his muscles tremble, also an indication of insanity. Then when the doctors came Tighe would do ridiculous things and thus completely fooled them.

FEARING DEATH BY AUTO WOMAN'S MIND WRECKED

Journal Special Service.

Cleveland, July 11.—Maddened by her fear of the recklessly driven automobiles that fill the city's streets and with a premonition that she would meet death beneath one of the big machines, Mrs. Emma Koch has been driven insane and committed to the Cleveland State hospital.

The hallucination from which Mrs. Koch suffers is that she is being pursued by automobiles. Wherever she goes, whatever she does, there is always a big touring car bearing down upon her. She cannot evade them. Sometimes they chase her from all directions. She said in court that she lived in constant terror of the machines.

LONG-LOST BRACELET FOUND IN A CATFISH

Journal Special Service.

Cincinnati, July 11.—Henry Kellerman of St. Bernard, an enthusiastic disciple of Isaak Walton, reports the catch of an unusually large catfish, which had in its stomach a gold bracelet lost by Miss Anna Sanning, a girl friend, while she was out boating with him three years ago. The bracelet was returned to its owner last night.

FINDS A DIAMOND IN COW'S STOMACH

Special to The Journal.

Omaha, July 11.—A packing house employee here found a diamond set in fine gold in the stomach of a cow. The stone is valued at $100.

GAMBLED WITH CLIENTS' CASH.

London, July 11.—Official and other inquiries are on foot regarding the affairs of Charles Cheston, a solicitor who died in May last after having lost, it is alleged, between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000 of his clients' money.

ASSASSINS WOUND RUSSIAN ADMIRAL

Head of Black Sea Fleet Is a Second Time a Victim of Terrorists.

Plant of Bombs Is Found in the Garden of the Czar's Palace.

Sevastopol, July 11.—An attempt was made at 1 o'clock this afternoon to assassinate Vice Admiral Chouknin, commander of the Black sea fleet. The admiral was wounded and taken to a hospital.

Vice Admiral Chouknin has been blamed for his severity, and it was to his treatment of the crews of the ships under his command that the mutiny on board the battleship Kniaz Potemkin, in June and July last year, was attributed. The admiral displayed considerable activity in attempting to capture the mutineers at that time and in suppressing the sailors' mutiny at Sevastopol in November last.

Feb. 9 last a woman appeared at his official residence during the afternoon of that day and sent in her card, saying she was the daughter of a rear admiral at St. Petersburg who was an old acquaintance of Chouknin. On entering the admiral's office the woman drew a rapid-fire pistol and fired four shots at him, each bullet reaching the mark. As she turned to escape the woman was killed by the orderly on duty. The crime, beyond doubt, was political.

When the sentence imposed on the sailors for the Kniaz Potemkin mutiny were before the admiral for review, formal notice was served on him that if he approved the death sentence he would share the same fate. Chouknin, however, approved the sentences, and several intimations afterward reached him to the effect that the terrorists were merely waiting for a favorable opportunity to kill him.

Bombs in Palace Grounds.

Journal Special Service.

St. Petersburg, July 11.—There was wild consternation at the imperial palace at Peterhof yesterday, following a discovery in the garden of that palace, of several bombs filled with dynamite. The excitement and dread were indescribable.

It was obvious that the bombs must have been placed there by someone connected with the palace, either as officer, guard or servant, and everyone equally was under suspicion. General Petrof, the commandant, immediately put in motion all the machinery of his office to discover the culprit.

In the meantime the person of the czar is being more rigidly guarded than ever, if increase of precaution is possible.

Black Hundred Plot.

London, July 11.—The Standard's correspondent at Odessa telegraphs that

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Succeeds Barnes

M. C. LATTA,
Of Oklahoma, New Assistant Secretary to the President, Succeeding Benjamin F. Barnes.

FINES OF $60,000 AGAINST REBATERS

Alton Road Taxed $40,000 and Former Officials $10,000 Each.

Chicago, July 11.—Judge Landis in the United States district court today, sentenced the Chicago & Alton road, which was recently convicted of granting illegal rebates at Kansas City, to pay a fine of $20,000 on each of two counts, or a total of $40,000. John Faithorn and Fred A. Wann, former officials of the road, who were also convicted, were sentenced to pay a fine of $5,000 each on two counts, or a total of $10,000 each.

Cumberland, Md., July 11.—Carl Neff, aged 25, of Piedmont, W. Va., and his sweetheart, Miss Daisy Reed, aged 22, of West Virginia Junction, were struck by a fast train, at Bloomington, Md., last night and instantly killed.

GIRL SLAIN FOR MONEY; LEFT TO DIE IN FIRE

HIS BURGLAR TRAP KILLS FRIEND'S SON

Kentuckian Finds Neighbor Slain by Shotgun Set for Thief.

Journal Special Service.

Richmond, Ky., July 11.—The shotgun trap set by Thomas Boggie, a farmer of Estill county, to kill the burglar who several times has ransacked his home, last night killed ohn Woods, 23 years old, son of William Woods, one of Boggie's neighbors and best friends, and pointed to him as the thief. Boggie, on leaving his home for the night, fixed the gun so that it would be fired when the door was opened. Later he found Woods lying dead on the threshold.

TAR WOULD BE CHIEF OF PRESIDENT'S SLEUTHS

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 11.—Edward More, who claims to have been a sailor on the battleship Kentucky, created considerable disturbance here today when he called up Sagamore Hill on the telephone and announced that he was ready to take charge of the president's secret service force.

From the telephone More made a circuit of the Oyster Bay saloon district, informed several of the saloonkeepers that their licenses were invalid and that he would return to make arrests just as soon as he got his secret service uniform. His tour of the saloon district was interrupted by a policeman, who took him into custody on a charge of intoxication.

FRENCH TO HAVE A SUNDAY LABOR LAW

Journal Special Service.

Paris, July 11.—The chamber of deputies yesterday passed the bill providing for a compulsory day of rest weekly. The measure, which is designed to terminate the present system of Sunday labor, was passed by the senate and now goes to the president.

Description of Probable Murderer Given to the Man Now Accused of the Crime as He Left on His Train.

THE THEORY OF THE POLICE

Millie Ellison, a milliner from Ellsworth, Wis., was found dying in a room at the National hotel late yesterday afternoon. She had been beaten over the head with a hammer, and, while insensible, her clothing had been saturated with wood alcohol, which was then ignited. She died within a few moments after being discovered.

On information given by the murdered girl's family, which tallies closely with facts gathered in Minneapolis, the police have arrested N. M. Riggs, who must account for his time and actions in the period yesterday afternoon within which Millie Ellison received her mortal hurt at the National hotel.

Riggs is a conductor on the Omaha road, running between Minneapolis and Elroy, Wis. If he is the murderer, he was handed his own description, with instructions to arrest himself, as his train pulled out of the city last evening at 6:30. Such descriptions and orders were given to every conductor leaving the city last night.

According to Miss Ellison's family, who reached Minneapolis today, Riggs was understood by Miss Ellison to be a single man. She had said that he had exhibited papers indicating that he had secured a divorce.

Having sold out her millinery business and other property at Ellsworth, Wis., Miss Ellison was possessed of about $4,000. It was the understanding of her family that she planned to invest this money with Riggs in Washington lands, and that the two were to go there to be married.

Riggs is a married man and lives with his family at 3405 Pillsbury avenue.

Nathan M. Riggs, 4305 Pillsbury avenue, Minneapolis, has been arrested in Elroy, Wis., charged with the murder of Miss Millie Ellison of Ellsworth, Wis., at the National hotel yesterday.

Riggs expressed surprise at his arrest and asked why he should be taken in such connection. He denied having been with Miss Ellison Tuesday.

Riggs is openly accused by the family of having brought the girl to Minneapolis and to have persuaded her to invest her money in land, at the close of which deal the two were to be married. Riggs is the only man ever known to have kept company with Millie Ellison, and as he is known to have met her frequently within the last few days he must answer for all his actions to the police.

Aside from the accusations of the nfamily, the police say he exactly answers the description of the man who registered at the National as M. J. Wilson, and who was seen hastening from Miss Ellison's room a few minutes before her screams brought the persons woh extinguished the fire.

Asked to Arrest Murderer.

Riggs is a conductor on the North-Western line and his train left the city last night at 6:30. He was on duty as usual, but as he started to step on the train a messenger tapped him on the shoulder and handed him a sealed message. This message was from the train dispatcher, containing his own description and asking that any man of this description be held until the Minneapolis police could be notified.

The message told in brief the story of the crime, and Riggs is said to have known at that time who had been murdered. If his friend had been murdered by a strange hand, the police say he would have stepped off the train at some station and wired back for fuller information. This was not done, and nothing more is known of his movements.

What Ellison Says.

Riggs' relations with Miss Ellison were told to the police by herbrother, James Ellison, today. He said that his sister was employed in a railroad restaurant at Hudson, Wis., about ten years ago and that while there she became acquainted with Riggs. The two became good friends and after she had gone into the millinery business he still called on her at her home in Ellsworth. For a long time he is said to have represented himself as a single man, altho he had a wife and daughter in Minneapolis. Later, however, he told her he was married but had separated from his wife and intended getting a divorce.

Abotu a year ago Mrs. Riggs went to the home of Miss Ellison and the two had a long conference, but the result of it no one knows. It is surmised, however, that the two had talked of the divorce. Later in the fall Riggs informed the relatives of Miss Ellison that he had obtained his divorce papers, and intended to marry Miss Ellison as soon as he could arrange his business affairs.

He said at the time that he had a large farm in Washington and that he proposed buying more land there. He also persuaded the young woman to invest her money in the scheme, as she had plenty of money on hand from her millinery store sale. Accordingly she sold some of the mortgages that she had taken as payment, at a sacrifice. She raised some money in this way and she came to Minneapolis Monday solely with the intentiuon of getting more cash for the land scheme.

Met Girl at Hudson.

Riggs met her in Hudson and the two came to Minneapolis together, and shortly after arriving in the city they registered at the National hotel under assumed names. It is still a mystery to the relatives and police why the woman should take an assumed name, as ample evidence had been obtained showing that she had nothing to be ashamed of.

Riggs had told her that they would settle up the land deal immediately and that then she could go back to her home and prepare for the wedding.

The murderer could have easily stolen the money, the police say, or persuaded Miss Ellison to give it to him outright. If the motive was money alone, why should he take such fiendish means to obtain it when less violence would obtain the same end?

On this account the police believe that there is some motive even stronger than the money back of the killing, and they are endeavoring to find it. This question, however, will probably only be answered by the murdered himself.

Riggs and His Family.

The blinds were down at the two-story cottage-like dwelling occupied by Nathan M. Riggs, at 3405 Pillsbury avenue, and his family when a Journal reporter called there yesterday, shortly before noon. Inquiry from next door neighbors elicited that Mrs. Riggs and the daughter, a miss of 16 years, had gone away about a week ago, and were visiting friends at different points in Wisconsin. Mr. Riggs had come to the house almost daily t o see that everything was all right.

He came about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, carrying a satchel, and was there about an hour, when he went away. He was at the house Monday morning about 10 o'clock and stayed about the same length of time. The neighbors did not know how long the Riggs family had lived there, but one of them said it was to exceed three years, to her knowledge.

FOUND DYING IN FLAMES

Millie Ellison's Last Moments, and the Fire in the Room.

Her skull crushed by heavy hammer blows dealt with fiendish deliberation and her body enveloped in blazing alcohol ignited by her murderer, Mille Ellison was found in room 16 at the National hotel yesterday afternoon. She died a few minutes later at the city hospital.

A man registered as "M. J. Wilson," who was seen leaving the woman's room a few minutes before her blazing body was discovered is being sought by the police. He has purchased a ticket for Milwaukee, where he is supposed to live, but every railway station and road leading out of the city is watched and the police hope to arrest him today.

Absolute mystery surrounds the case and the police have little to work on save the story told by a chambermaid at the hotel and the hammer which was found beside the dying woman by the hotel clerk.

The details of the crime now known to the police are meager, yet they are sufficient to show that they have a murderer of rare cleverness to deal with.

Dying Woman in Flames.

The tragedy first came to the notice of the authorities at 3:30 p.m., when employees of the hotel saw smoke coming from the woman's room and heard her scream. When they entered, the room was ablaze and the victim surrounded by the ghastly blue flames of the burning alcohol.

As the hotel employees entered the room a terrifying sight met them. The woman was on her hands and knees, unconscious, but writhing as tho in great agony. The heavier flames of the blazing draperies and of the couch on which she had evidently been lying were creeping closer to her. By her side were the hammer covered with blood and tangled hair and an empty alcohol bottle that had been thrown down by the murderer as he fled. The victim's clothing was already burned off, her face was covered with clotted blood and her right temple told at the first glance of the murderous blows. The couch and floor were also spotted with blood, but there were no evidences of a struggle, the woman evidently having been murdered in her sleep and rolled off the couch to her knees. She was dressed in light clothing because of the heat of the day, and the murderer's blow fell on her upturned temple.

All these things the clerk, who first entered the room, saw at a glance, but he hastened to do what he could to save her fast ebbing life. Running to the hall he seized the first emergency fire extinguisher and in a moment he had

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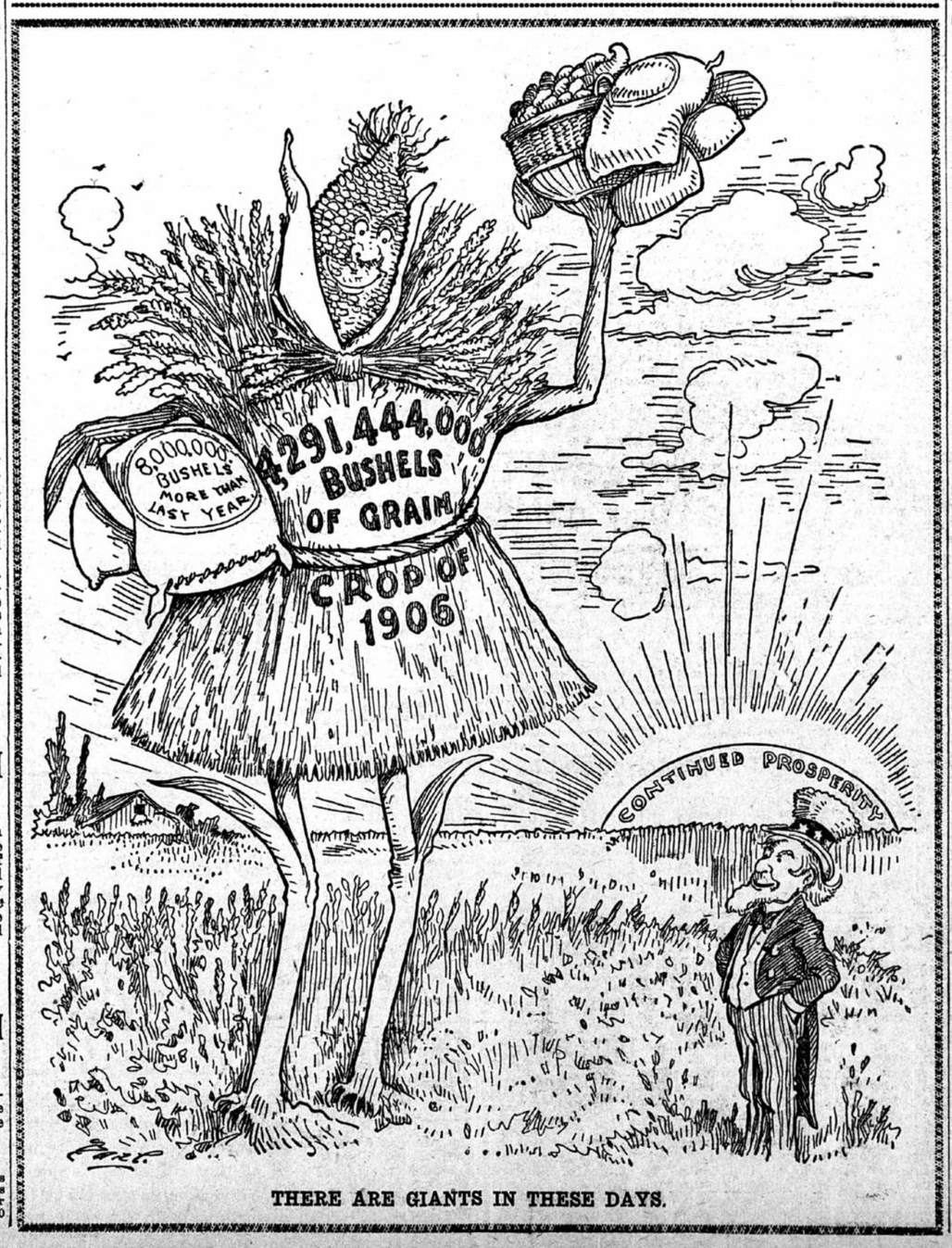

THERE ARE GIANTS IN THESE DAYS.

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