

Rain, followed by clearing to-day; colder to-night.

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ONE CENT.

\$250 Reward! The Washington Herald offers \$250 Reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who murdered William H. Mickle, of 1004 Seventh St. N. W.

AEROS, WRAPPED IN LIGHT, LEAD NEW SENSATION

Flyers Sail at Night with Lamps Aboard.

TESTS PROVE SUCCESS

Two Biplanes Fly at Dusk Over College Park Territory.

Powerful Reflectors Work Perfectly, Revealing "Lay of the Land" on Hills and Hammocks Without Deceptive Shadows—Land at Hangar Without Watchfires Ordinarily Used for Flights.

Carrying big acetylene lamps, similar to those used by automobiles, two aeroplanes, carrying the army birdmen, gave an imitation of real warfare when they went on a nocturnal scouting expedition shortly after dusk yesterday and made a survey of the hills near College Park. It is the first time since the school was established that the searchlights for aeroplanes have been used.

LAMPS ARE DAZZLING. The residents of the neighborhood, though used to the aeroplane flight by day, showed symptoms of unmistakable terror when the brilliant shafts of light, coming apparently from the sky, beat down on them as they traversed the roads or stood at their cottage doors.

The four to take part in the scouting trip were Capt. Beck, Lieut. Arnold, Lieut. MILLING, and Lieut. Kirtland. Beck and Milling piloted the two machines, while the other two operated the lights.

The flights were made after a series of 300 feet to make sure that the machines were in perfect order for the test. At about 7 o'clock the first of the Curtiss biplanes was wheeled from the hangar to the open field. The acetylene lamp, larger and heavier than the ordinary auto lamp, was fastened in front of the passenger's seat.

After an easy, spiral rise to the height of 300 feet the machine sailed away toward open country and the lamp that began to play upon the country below. To say it was weird falls utterly to describe the picture of the solid moving shaft of light that wheeled and turned like an illuminated cyclone cloud. The brilliancy of the light made the biplane absolutely invisible, and only the chugging of the machine and the whirr of the propeller were heard.

Lights Easily Put Out. After they had been in the air a few moments the officers began a series of tests, supposedly in imitation of actual warfare. The aero would glide half a mile with the lamp extinguished. Then it would flash forth suddenly, and in a few moments the whole landscape below would be revealed.

In another instance the lamp would be extinguished and the aero would continue to sail in darkness.

On the return to the aviation field the officers had no difficulty in landing without the aid of the watch fires, which heretofore have been used. The trip back to the field was made in about four minutes.

As soon as the first machine had returned, Lieut. Milling, in the second biplane, known to be a "rigid Warhorse," made an ascent carrying a lamp of the same type. During this trip the aero for a short time followed the road that winds around College Park, lighting it in spots with the brilliancy of noonday.

Capt. Beck at the end of the flights declared that the lamps had proved eminently satisfactory, and were evidently of use in night flights.

"We had no difficulty in guiding the course with the lamps," said he, "and the ground beneath us was perfectly revealed. It is not too much to say that we might have landed at any even field over which we passed."

Contrary to general expectation the lamps did not create false shadows and lights when thrown on hillsides. Unlike the moonlight, the lamps gave the actual values in light and dark. One of the great fears of the aviators in landing at night is that what may appear to be level ground will, in reality, be an inclined plane or a rough, uneven field.

WALSH WILL FILED.

Estate of Dead Banker Valued at \$808,000.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—John R. Walsh, the banker, who died one week after his release from the Federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., left an estate valued at \$808,000. This fact was revealed in the petition prepared by Attorney George T. Buckingham, on behalf of the Walsh heirs, which was presented October 12, 1910, nearly a month after Mr. Walsh's conviction on a charge of violating the banking laws had been affirmed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The entire estate is left to his widow, Mary L. Walsh. She is named as executrix and is not required to give any bond. The document was prepared October 12, 1910, nearly a month after Mr. Walsh's conviction on a charge of violating the banking laws had been affirmed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

\$1.00 to Harper's Ferry and Martinsburg; \$1.50 to Berkeley Springs; \$2.00 to Cumberland and return. Sunday, November 19, Baltimore and Ohio special train leaves Union Station 9:15 a. m.

RAIN, SAYS FORECASTER.

According to the weather forecaster, to-day's Georgetown-Virginia game will be played in the rain. This means a wet, soggy field, with no chance for Virginia's or Georgetown's speedy backs to display their skill. Anticipating rain, the football management at Georgetown covered the field with canvas yesterday afternoon, and every effort will be made to have the turf in as good condition as possible.

Police arrangements have been completed for the game, and a detail of twenty special officers will be on hand.

Gives Cardinal Fifty \$1,000 Bills for Chair in C. U.

Wealthy Philadelphian Endows Memorial Hall in Unique Manner.

Through the beneficence of James J. Ryan, of Philadelphia, a retired builder, a new chair has been endowed in the Cardinal Gibbons Memorial Hall, at Catholic University. Ryan contributed \$50,000 to Cardinal Gibbons with no other provision than that his name not be mentioned. In what line of study the money will be used is not yet known by Dr. Dougherty, acting president, in the absence of Mrs. Thomas F. Shahan. The presentation of the money was as remarkable as the size of the gift. Ryan walked into the residence of Cardinal Gibbons, in Baltimore, yesterday afternoon and placed fifty brand-new \$1,000 bills in the prelate's hand. Ryan insisted that his name should not be announced. He explained that "for this reason he had not presented the money in the form of a check. It was not until late last night that it was positively known the Philadelphian was the donor of the money."

COOK TO TESTIFY.

Blackmail Case Up in the Police Court To-day.

The sensational "inside story" is expected to come forth to-day, when Mrs. Rose T. McFarland appears in Police Court against W. H. Cook, the colored coachman, whom she charges with blackmail. With the statement of the police that a mysterious trunkful of letters, hidden away shortly before the arrest of the coachman was made, will be brought to light, and with the assurance of Andrew Wilson, Cook's lawyer, that a bitter fight will be made, it is generally believed the reason for the blackmail will become public. Last night all the principals in the affair remained silent. Mrs. McFarland would tell none of the reasons why she had given Cook \$5,000 upon his demand or what the threats of defamation of character were. The coachman likewise remained silent.

In the defendant's efforts to prove his innocence it has been stated that several witnesses prominent in the business life of this city will be called.

KILL EXPRESS MESSENGER.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 17.—Ivan G. Barber, an express messenger, was shot to death in his car on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad to-night while the train was passing this city. The men who killed him robbed the safe and completed their desperate work with precision, swiftness, and the reckless daring of the bandits of the old West. They boarded the car, killed the messenger, opened and looted the safe, and got off the moving train all in the space of three minutes. There were evidences that Barber died fighting courageously for his life, and for the express matter in his charge. But he was unarmed, for his revolver was found locked in his trunk.

PARENTS IN STREET CHEER ISOLATED SON IN HOSPITAL

Legislator and His Wife Refused Admittance.

HURRY HERE FROM IOWA

Elbert H. Hubbard, Jr., Exchanges Greetings from Window.

Father and Mother Race to Capital from Sioux City to See Son, but Being Denied Audience with Him Because of Health Regulations, They Disregard Dignity and Talk to Son from Outside Institution.

Racing across a third of the continent in an effort to reach the bedside of their son, who is seriously ill, Representative and Mrs. Hubbard, of Iowa, were yesterday denied admittance to the sick room of the young man, Elbert H. Hubbard, Jr., at Providence Hospital. Father and mother were so anxious to see the boy that they squirmed around hospital regulations and succeeded in not only seeing the patient, but exchanged a few words of cheer with him.

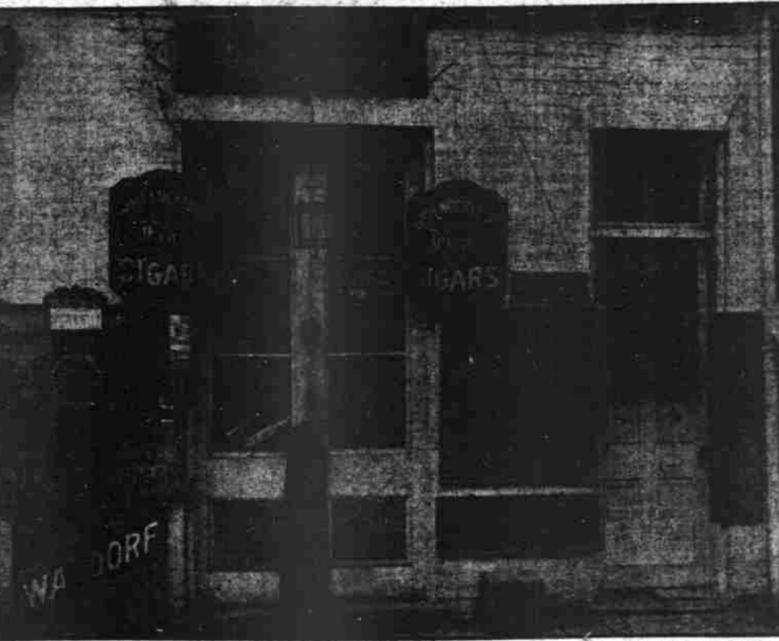
CALL UP TO PATIENT. Representative Hubbard, as well as his wife, cast dignity to the winds and stood in the street outside of Providence Hospital, calling up to the sick man who stood at a window in a bathrobe, supported by a nurse and an orderly. He answered their calls and smiled as though appreciating the unique spectacle of a member of Congress standing in a public thoroughfare and shouting up to a patient high above the ground.

Young Hubbard is suffering from diphtheria, and, in accordance with health regulations, is not permitted to see any one except physicians, nurses, and hospital attendants. He occupied a room at the Y. M. C. A., in G street northwest, when he became suddenly ill on Wednesday last, and there was much fear among other inmates when it was learned he was suffering from diphtheria. His room was fumigated and cleared and his effects were destroyed. Health officials assured the students they need have no fear of contagion after the precautionary measures had been taken. Hubbard was removed to the hospital and word sent to his parents.

Left for Washington. As soon as Representative and Mrs. Hubbard learned of the serious condition of their son, they left Sioux City and started for Washington, dispatching telegrams from every stop, and receiving replies containing bulletins of their boy's condition. They arrived here at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and went at once to the hospital.

Every courtesy was shown Representative and Mrs. Hubbard, but they were told they could not enter the room where their son was isolated. Then they put into execution the novel plan of seeing and talking with the patient from the outside. Dr. Robert S. Trimble, who is attending Hubbard, says the patient is in a serious condition, though not in immediate danger of death. Young Hubbard has been in Washington during the summer and fall preparing for a civil service examination. It is feared his illness may seriously impede the progress of his studies.

FRONT OF MICKLE'S STORE, SHOWING CRAPE ON DOOR.



Picture shows front of establishment where William H. Mickle, Jr., was mysteriously slain with monkey wrench.

WHERE MICKLE'S BODY WAS FOUND.

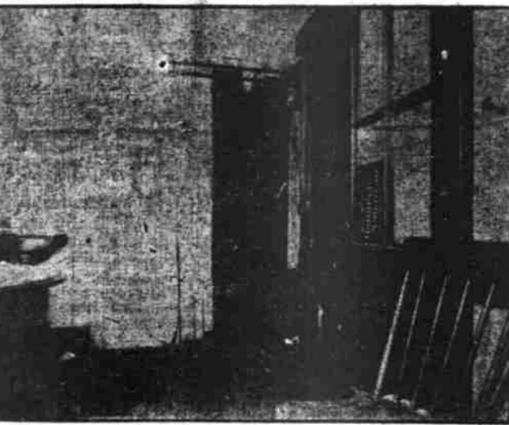


Photo taken by police photographer after body of murdered tobacconist was removed.

MISS MARIE C. SMITH, A LIVE TOUR CANDIDATE

Striving Hard for a Herald Trip Abroad from District No. 1.



MISS MARIE C. SMITH, District No. 1.

Miss Marie C. Smith, one of the Herald live candidates in the contest for trips to Europe and Around the World, is an active aspirant for the tour allotted to District 1.

Miss Smith is a native of Nashville, Tenn., but has resided in the Capital City for the last four years. She was formerly telephone operator in the House Office Building, but is now in charge of the exchange board at the National Hotel.

She is a young woman of pleasing personality, and has the happy faculty of making and holding friends, and in her semi-official position of telephone operator in the House Office Building and the National Hotel, has become acquainted with a great many people, who have been glad to offer their support in helping her win one of these much-sought-after tours abroad.

Miss Smith is a member of the Metropolitan M. E. Church and the Epworth League, and has the best wishes and hearty support of all who know her. She is making a plucky fight in her district, and some strong advances in her behalf are expected in the near future.

New Method Gas Ranges Consumes less gas than any other range made.

LADY DECIES BACK.

The Former Vivien Gould Is the Picture of Health.

New York, Nov. 17.—One of the finest British accents ever-acquired by a title-marrying heiress was brought to these shores to-day by Lady Decies, formerly Miss Vivien Gould, who returned on the Mauretania with her husband, Lord Decies. "I say, what beastly weather you're having," she remarked, with all the intonation properly pitched. "Wretched weather, you know, for this time of year, as I remember it."

Lady Decies was the picture of health, having entirely recovered from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. She wore a blue tailored suit, a sable coat, and a black and white hat. Lord Decies said they would go to Georgetown Court, the Gould country home at Lakewood, N. J., where they will remain until after the holidays. They will attend the wedding of Lord Camoy and Miss Mildred Sherman and will be prominent at the horse show.

WHAT'S YOUR BRAND?

It Makes Some See Things and Others—Well!

Among the many recent sensations slipped from cups and brought to the attention of the police is that of Raymond Mumford, who complained that he had been held up at the point of a revolver and robbed several nights ago while walking in the roadway near the steel plant at Giesboro. Mumford nervously told his story at the Eleventh precinct Monday afternoon. He related of the "desperate" hold-up as having occurred Saturday night.

Lieut. Plemons, of the Eleventh precinct, yesterday made the following report to headquarters on the case: "We have found that Mumford was arrested in Alexandria on Saturday night in a raid on a gambling house. He was held in the lock-up at Alexandria until late Sunday night, when he was turned out and ordered to appear in court as a witness early Monday morning. Instead, we have discovered that the man was under the influence of intoxicants and could not appear at Alexandria the following morning. He fabricated the story of the hold-up he tells to avoid arrest for contempt of court. His nervousness when he entered the station house to report the robbery bears out his condition Monday morning."

Runs to Baltimore and Return Saturdays and Sundays via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good to return until Sunday night. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited."

The Herald's Reward.

The Washington Herald this morning offers \$250 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who mysteriously murdered William H. Mickle at 1004 Seventh street northwest, with the sole desire to assist the police authorities in their effort to find the murderer. The dead man was a well-known merchant, with an unblemished character, apparently without an enemy in the world, and yet he met his death under circumstances which, so far, have baffled the ingenuity of the police. It would be a blot upon the fair name of the National Capital if a reputable merchant could be murdered in his store and the guilty party escape the punishment which is his due. The Washington Herald promptly aids in the endeavor to bring the criminal to justice.

LAST PERSON TO SEE MICKLE BEFORE MURDER



RALPH PINES, Son of neighboring tailor, who says he saw another man in rear room with Mickle.

Fifteen Men Drowned.

Quebec, Nov. 17.—Fifteen men perished when the Norwegian bark Antigua was wrecked in a storm at Martin River last night. Three men of the crew escaped. News of the disaster was received here to-day.

Spent Little in Campaign.

Schenectady, N. Y., Nov. 17.—A remarkable feature of the Socialist victory in the local election is the fact that the total expense of all the Socialist candidates amounted to only \$15, this being less than the outlay of one Republican alderman, who went down to defeat.

New Method Gas Ranges. 24 Eleventh Street, N. W.

MICKLE MURDER PROVES ENIGMA FOR THE POLICE

Detectives and Policemen Run Down Every Theory in Puzzling Case, but Fail to Glean Single Clew Leading to Slayer of the Aged Tobacconist Who Was Killed with Wrench in Rear Room of Store.

MURDER MYSTERIES.

William H. Mickle, sixty-four years old, tobacconist, of 1004 Seventh street, struck in forehead with wrench and died of the injury. No arrest made. Thomas Reed, 490 North Capitol street, stabbed to death January 25, 1908. Charles Phillips, a waiter, held for coroner's jury and acquitted at trial. Ida Gilbert Dennis, murdered with a piano stool, in her dress-making establishment in K street northwest, about eight years ago. No arrests ever made.

Mystery, baffling, apparently impenetrable, and seeming to dare attempts at solution, confronted the Washington police department at an early hour this morning when an investigation of two nights and a day had failed to reveal even a faint glimmer of hope of capturing the slayer of the aged tobacconist, William H. Mickle, who was murdered in his store at 1004 Seventh street northwest early Thursday evening.

EVERY THEORY FAILS.

Fervently following every theory bearing even a semblance of an explanation of the crime, and eagerly running down each clew containing remote promise, detectives and uniformed policemen labored unceasingly without gleaning a single fact of importance more than was known a few hours after Mickle was found breathing his last on the floor of his shop with his skull shattered by the blows of a heavy monkey wrench. Most puzzling in the maze of strange circumstances entwined about the murder is the fact that no motive for the crime can be found, although detectives and policemen combined their efforts and concentrated their investigation on a possible cause for the brutal slaying of an aged man who was not known to have had an enemy nor a quarrel. Robbery, which is nearly always pushed forward as a motive for human slaughter when no other cause can be found, has been advanced by the police, subjected to thorough analysis and rejected as probably the most unlikely of all reasons for such a crime. Mickle was slain, everything of value in his store or on his person, including money and jewelry, having been satisfactorily accounted for.

Probably the best description of the progress made by the police was given by Inspector Boardman, chief of detectives, last night when he said: "We have a deal man and a monkey wrench, and that is all we have." Nothing but the body of Mickle and the tool with which his life was ended has been found despite an inquiry which was a veritable "fine-tooth-comb" search of the city.

Only Possible Clew.

When the owner of the monkey wrench or some person who knows who possessed the implement is found by the police, then the search for the perpetrator of the murder will be begun, but until the department has a description of the murderer it is almost powerless. It is for some one with knowledge of the monkey wrench that the police are seeking, knowing that only this person can point out the path to the murderer. With the discovery of such a person as their objective, detectives visited practically every second-hand, pawn, tool, and hardware shop in the city yesterday without finding any one who had knowledge of a wrench such as the one which inflicted the blows that caused the death of Mickle.

Even into the navy yard the search led and ship after ship was visited without success. The number "194," cut in irregular figures on the inside of the lower "lip" of the wrench, probably will play an important part in the identification of the tool, but even this number may be a stumbling block, as all tools at the navy yard are numbered, and most users of tools number their implements in order to settle questions of ownership. Photographs of the wrench were made by the police yesterday and sent throughout the city to dealers who may have sold a wrench, and it is likely these photographs to-day will be sent to dealers in other cities and towns in the hope that some one may remember having seen the tool.

One of the greatest disappointments suffered by the police yesterday was the fact that only one person was seen at the scene of the murder.

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\$1.25 Baltimore and Return. Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains both ways, both days. On and after Saturday, November 18, only the special train leaves Union Station 9:15 a. m.

Who Won Georgetown or Virginia?

- Call up Main 3300 for any information about the big football game. Read The Herald to-morrow for best account of game.

Ask The Herald

Inspect Our Special Exhibit at the National Food Show.

The Supremacy of Blackstone's Pickles is conceded. They're fresh. 19th & H.