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WAITE GRINS IN TELLING HOW HE KILLED VICTIMS

Dentist Coolly Recites Story of Repeated Efforts to Kill Mr. and Mrs. Peck.

TALKS IN A WHISPER

"I Wanted Those Bacteria to Kill Three Persons," Calmly States Dentist.

LAUGHS AT CLEVER REPLIES

Tells Court He "Went to Sleep, of Course," After Fiendish Methods Had Proved Successful.

By T. L. HAMILLY.

(Sun News Service.)

New York, May 25.—Arthur Warren Waite, as coolly as if he were discussing the weather, told the jury in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court tonight how he had caused the death of Mrs. John E. Peck by bacteria, how he had poisoned and then smothered John E. Peck, and then how he had tried to kill Miss Catherine Peck, maiden sister of his father-in-law.

As he spoke hardly above a conversational tone, perfectly at his ease, the court room, from which women had been excluded after 8 o'clock in the evening, was still as death. Jurors, wearied by the long session, sat bolt upright, or leaned forward to catch every word.

The supreme moment of the man's session on the witness stand had come a half hour after the evening session had convened. Then, in reply to the questions of Walter R. Deuel, his counsel, following his confession of attempts to destroy Miss Peck, he said in a surprised tone:

"Why, I wanted those bacteria to kill those three persons—Mr. Peck, Mrs. Peck, and Miss Peck, the maiden aunt."

Then after telling how he had tried to kill Miss Peck, who had befriended him with lavish presents, Mr. Deuel came to a question which held every one.

Six Tubes of Bacilli.

"Do you remember when Mrs. Peck came to visit you?"

"Yes, let me see; really I can't remember exactly, she and Mrs. Waite came some time in January. I can't remember exactly when."

"Did you give her bacteria?"

"Why, certainly. I got the contents of about six test tubes of the bacilli of diphtheria, pneumonia, influenza, and reduced them to one tube and gave them to her."

"What did you do then?"

There was almost a gasp in the room as the man, shaking his head as if the question were trivial, replied:

"Why, of course, then I went to sleep."

So did she, he added a moment later, for when he had awakened early in the morning and had looked, his mother-in-law was dead. After that he had waited until the daughter, his wife, made the discovery.

Then came the confession about John E. Peck, and when the man told of the dozen or more ways he had attempted to kill the 72-year-old druggist, the strain reacted into smiles.

Gave Peck Arsenic.

"When did you give him the arsenic?"

"Oh, I don't recall, really I do not. It was Thursday or Friday. He rubbed his hands together nervously for the first time, and then added:

"You know Mr. Peck did not die from arsenic poisoning."

"How did you give this?"

"Oh, in his food, of course." The food, he said, was rice pudding, soup, hot milk, egg nog, anything that it would go into without detection.

"What did you do then?" asked Mr. Deuel calmly.

"I laid down and rested for an hour after she had retired, and then I got up. Mr. Peck was groaning with pain. I went in to him and saw that he suffered."

"What did you do?" repeated Mr. Deuel.

"You see, my wife had a lot of bottles and medicine boxes, and things like that, just like any woman, and among them a small phial of chloroform."

"I got this," said the witness, nodding toward the jury, "and got a rag, or a handkerchief. I went in to Mr. Peck, who was in pain and said: 'Here, father, is some ether and ammonia which will relieve your pain.' Dr. Moore had told us to use something like that. I saturated the cloth slightly and placed it at his nostrils. He breathed it in, and said, 'If I remember: 'All right, Arthur, that is better.' Waite stopped abruptly.

Placed Pillow Over Face.

Try to End Strike by Golden Rule Methods

(By The Sun News Service.)

Chicago, May 25.—Killing strikes by kindness is a program that commends itself to the Western Gas Construction Company, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

The company emphasized its faith in gentle methods when it provided chairs for striking machinists who are picketing the plant, invited them indoors when it rained, and showered them with small attentions. The construction firm's policy toward the strikers is believed to establish a precedent in labor troubles.

Twenty-five union machinists—about half of those employed by the company—went on strike last Friday. Their principal grievance was said to be in connection with relations between workers rather than with wages.

FAVORS "TRUST FUND" FOR D. C.

Board of Trade Would Hold Revenue Surplus for "Lean" Years.

VOTE UNANIMOUSLY AGAINST REPEAL OF HALF-AND-HALF

Six Hundred Business Men Join in Appeal to Congress to Aid Capital.

The Board of Trade, at a meeting at the New Willard Hotel, attended by more than 600 members, last night unanimously adopted a report of its directors protesting to Congress against the proposed repeal of the half-and-half plan of appropriations for the District.

The board also voted unanimously in favor of the creation of a District "trust fund" from the surplus of local revenues, to be placed in custody of the United States Treasury, and to be drawn upon in "lean years" when revenues fall short of the District's needs.

The repeal of the law of 1909, which restricts the Commissioners' estimates to twice the amount of the District's revenues, also will be urged upon Congress.

Urges United Action.

E. C. Brandenburg, president of the board, declared the District's status in Congress was crucial, as indicated by the reporting out of the District Appropriations bill. The passage of the bill would be a disaster, he said.

He placed the "rescue" of the Capital in the hands of the Senate and appointed each of the thirteen hundred members of the board a "committee of one" to protest to members of the House and Senate against the measure.

Theodore W. Noyes is chairman of the committee, which considered the fiscal relations. Other members are: D. J. Callahan, E. F. Colladay, J. Harry Cunningham, John Joy Edson, C. J. Gockeler, Robert N. Harper, John B. Larner, H. B. F. Macfarland, James F. Oyster, Odell E. Smith, Corcoran Thom, George Truesdell, A. S. Worthington and Edwin C. Brandenburg.

A. P. Clarke, chairman of the water supply committee, urged an increase in the District water supply. Dr. D. Percy Hickling, chairman of the public health committee, favored the employment of a dentist at each hospital in the District and a more efficient system of ventilation of street cars. A plan to hold present members of the board rather than to increase the membership of the organization was recommended by E. F. Colladay, chairman of the membership committee.

Charles F. Wood, chairman of the transportation committee, endorsed a recommendation from the United States Chamber of Commerce to investigate labor disputes between railroads and employees. He also favored the Commissioners' plan of doing away with personal property taxes on automobiles. All the reports were adopted.

TO SEND TEXAS TROOPS INTO BIG BEND REGION

(By The International News Service.)

San Antonio, Texas, May 25.—Gen. Funston today made a sudden switch of plans and will send the Fourth Texas Infantry into the Big Bend region instead of the Eagle Pass district.

It is evident that the approach of Mexican bandit forces to points near the river in threatening numbers was the cause of this change.

The former National Guard regiment will garrison Presidio, Lajitas, and other towns of the Big Bend.

Gen. Funston received instructions from Washington to appoint members of a court martial to try the 116 Texas National Guardsmen who failed to present themselves for muster in the Federal service.

Allies' Ministers Withdrawn.

Berlin, May 25.—Athens advices to the Overseas News Agency state that the French and Italian ministers to Greece have been recalled because they failed to obtain permission to transport Serbian troops through Greece.

Austrian Armies Force Way Toward Rich Italian Plain

(By The International News Service.)

London, May 25.—With two great Austrian armies already on Italian soil and pounding furiously at the Italian lines in an effort to overrun the vast plains of Northern Italy, the war office at Rome tonight admitted the situation developed by the Austrian drive was serious.

The intensity of the Austrian drive was, for the moment at least, considerably diminished, and high officials, both ministerial and military, express utmost confidence, according to dispatches from the Italian capital. The Italian lines are now formed strongly on a line from Arsiero and Asiago, to the north of those towns. The Austrians are attacking in three groups. The right wing, sweeping down

the Sugana Valley, is developing operation of the heights from Salubio to Borgo. The center group, comprising the armies of the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, is hammering at the Italian front. The right wing is not making much progress, being blocked by the strong Italian resistance between Adige and Reno Valley.

That the Italians are preparing to launch a counter-offensive is the news contained in a dispatch from Rome. The capture of a high peak of the rocky wall, which, for the time at least, blocks the Austrian path to Asiago, is reported from Vienna. This peak, known as Monte Kempetin, is more than 7,000 feet high, and its capture marks the first breach in the mountain barrier.

Says Charity Trust Aims to Take God from Man's Heart

(By The Sun News Service.)

New York, May 25.—The Catholic priests whom Mayor Mitchell charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice and to wreck his administration as it applied especially to the charities department entered their case into the records of the Thompson committee today. They made a general denial of the mayor's conspiracy allegations.

They retorted by charging to his charities commissioner, working with other influences, an effort to secularize the charitable institutions in general, Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish alike. The only antagonism on their part, they said, existed against the administration in its alleged effort to interfere with the religious welfare of the wards of charity.

It appeared from the testimony of Rev. Joseph P. Dineen, secretary to Auxiliary Bishop Hayes, of the New York arch-

diocese, that one of the tapped telephone conversations which the mayor said took place between Father Dineen and Dr. D. C. Potter actually occurred between Father Dineen and Monsignor John J. Dunn, chancellor of the archdiocese.

Monsignor Dunn declared that "the only conspiracy thus far developed is the one in which he (the mayor) figured so prominently, and in whose interests he labored so untriflingly and lawlessly." He maintained that "wonderful changes have evidently taken place" in the reported conversations. He pounded his fist on the table and asserted that it was an "open secret" that a charity trust supported by the Standard Oil, the Rockefeller interests, the Sage Foundation, and others, who have only one aim, the secularization of all charitable institutions, "to take God out of the hearts of the children," which, he said, the church will not stand for.

Billy's Old Sounding-Board Makes Fair Delegates Moan

(By The Sun News Service.)

New York, May 25.—Never ask a New York clubwoman if thirteen is an unlucky number. She'll tell you "yes" with a great big "Y."

After spending \$5,000 to decorate the Seventh regiment armory for the thirteenth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs the local board finds the women can't hear more than five rows back from the platform, and has hired Carnegie Hall for tomorrow morning's conference.

Taken all in all, today was a hard day for the poor clubwomen. The first blow was the discovery that Billy Sunday had put one over on them. Sunday had told the federation he'd lend them his sounding-board, and they took it for granted it would be the famous one he used in

the Paterson tabernacle, "the best sounding board in the world." With great pride it was mounted over the platform in the armory. Wednesday night a Paterson woman sat in the front row.

"That's not Billy Sunday's best sounding-board," she said to Mrs. Black. "That's just a cast-off one he had."

The delegates were cross as wet hens before they got in, anyhow, because so many bars were put in their way. The scenes of the night before, when hundreds tried to crowd through four-foot doors all at once, were repeated in a smaller way. Local clubwomen on guard lost their heads and tried to shut out lawful delegates, who held indignation meetings on the outskirts.

A woman delegate broke in through a window to the great indignation of the ushers on guard.

LOYD-GEORGE CHOSEN TO PACIFY IRISH ISLE

(By The Sun News Service.)

London, May 25.—David Lloyd-George, the minister of munitions, has been selected by the British government to mediate between the political factions in Ireland and to pacify the island. It was announced in the house of commons today by Premier Asquith. Mr. Lloyd-George accepted the tender and has already opened negotiations with Irish representatives to allay feeling caused by the uprising.

The premier announced that a provisional government would be established for Ireland.

"The government is more than anxious to do everything possible to facilitate an agreement between the factions in Ireland," Mr. Asquith concluded.

HELL'S KITCHEN ROBBED.

Thirsty Men Order "Angels' Dreams" and Then Hold Up Bartender.

New York, May 25.—Andrew Connor tends bar in Hell's Kitchen. He was swabbing the bar and polishing the glasses at the saloon at 362 Tenth avenue today when two men walked in.

"Give us a couple of Angel's dreams," one man said.

Angel's dreams are somewhat unfamiliar libations in Hell's Kitchen so Andrew got out his book of mixed drinks to see what they might consist of. When he turned back he found himself looking into a revolver. The thirsty pilgrims got \$50 from the cash register.

MAY TURN CLOCKS FORWARD.

New Yorkers Consider Advancing Day by One Hour.

New York, May 25.—Borough President Marks announced today that a vote of borough employees shows them to be practically unanimous in favor of the movement to "turn the clocks forward an hour."

In view of this "referendum" he has called a meeting of merchants and representatives of various organizations next Monday afternoon to consider the adoption of the scheme throughout the city.

New Sleeping Car Line Washington to New Orleans via Cincinnati and Louisville.

New Orleans, La., May 25.—The new sleeping car line from Washington to New Orleans via Cincinnati, Louisville and the Illinois Central Railroad. For full particulars see ticket agents Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.—Adv.

GERMANS SEIZE FOE'S TRENCHES IN VERDUN FIGHT

Battle Continues with Implacable Fury—No Time to Bury Dead Nor Aid Wounded.

TEUTONS SWEEP AHEAD

Retake Quarry Held by Gallant French in Haudremont Woods, East of Fort.

FRENCH NOT ON THE DEFENSIVE

Three Counter-Attacks on Cumieres Delivered in Vain Attempt to Retake Village.

(By International News Service.)

London, May 25.—The fighting at Verdun continues with implacable fury. There is not even time to bury the dead or succor the wounded.

The Germans from their recaptured positions in the ruins of Fort Douaumont have swept forward south and southwest and taken more French trenches and have retaken the quarry in the Haudremont woods (east of the fort), which the French carried by assault in their dash on Douaumont. This afternoon the crown prince made an effort to clean out every French position between the woods of Haudremont and Thiaumont, which lies southwest of Douaumont. A whole "series" of attacks was delivered and a trench captured.

On their side the French have not been reduced to the defensive. On Wednesday night they delivered three counter-attacks on Cumieres in an endeavor to recapture that village, two miles east of Dead Man on the west side of the Meuse. They were all beaten out, the Germans say.

For the rest there was an unceasing artillery engagement along the whole front.

German Gain But Slight.

Late dispatches from Paris state that the new set of the tide at Verdun is accepted as an inevitable incident, but by no means as a decision. French military authorities declare that the result of the month's fighting on the west of the Meuse and that on the east of the river the line, except at Douaumont, is the same as it was on April 25.

The French midnight official statement says:

"On the left bank of the Meuse the activity of the German artillery increased during the day against our positions on Hill No. 204.

"On the right bank of the Meuse, after violent bombardments, the Germans at 5 o'clock in the afternoon initiated a series of offensive actions between Haudremont wood and Thiaumont farm. All the attacks were repulsed with heavy losses excepting at one point, where small enemy groups captured part of one of our trenches. In the region of Douaumont artillery fighting continues violently on both sides. A shell from one of our long-range guns caused a fire in a German depot at Heudicourt.

"On the rest of the front there was intermittent cannonading."

GEORGE V SANCTIONS COMPULSORY SERVICE

(By International News Service.)

London, May 25.—In giving royal sanction to the military bill at Buckingham Palace today, King George issued the following message to the nation:

"To enable our country to organize more effectively its military resources in the present great struggle for the cause of civilization, I have, acting on the advice of my ministers, deemed it necessary to enroll every able-bodied man between the ages of 18 and 41.

"I am confident the magnificent spirit which has hitherto sustained my people through the trials of this terrible war will inspire them to endure the additional sacrifice imposed upon them, and that it will, with God's help, lead us and our allies to a victory which shall achieve the liberation of Europe."

Student Aviator Killed.

Pensacola, Fla., May 25.—Lieut. James V. Rockwell, a student aviator attached to the United States Engineering Corps here, was instantly killed last night when his aeroplane plunged into the Gulf from a height of 150 feet. The accident was witnessed by Rockwell's three young children.

Love Valued at Six Cents.

New York, May 25.—The market value of Alfred Sprall's affections was set at 6 cents today by a jury in the Brooklyn Supreme Court. Sprall's wife, Mrs. Estelle Sprall, had sued Miss Emily Veid, alienation of Sprall's affections.

Pugilist's Wife Dead.

Boston, May 25.—Mrs. John L. Sullivan, wife of the former champion pugilist of the world, died today at her home in West Abington.

Attempt to Close Baltic.

Copenhagen, May 25.—Mariners report that the Germans are laying a mine field between the Danish Island of Bornholm and the Swedish coast for the purpose of closing the entrance to the Baltic.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson Halts Runaway Auto

When Mrs. Woodrow Wilson entered a fashionable modiste shop in Connecticut avenue yesterday afternoon she forgot to put on the brakes in her electric machine.

While Mrs. Wilson was trying on a hat, a salesgirl, looking through a window, exclaimed:

"Oh, there is an auto running loose down the street." Mrs. Wilson dropped the hat, left the shop on the run and jumped into the electric, which was rapidly gaining momentum as it rolled away.

Mrs. Wilson quickly stopped the car, whirled it about and brought it to a stop in front of the shop. After carefully adjusting the brakes, she re-entered the shop.

"I'll try that hat on again, now," smiled the First Lady of the Land to the salesgirl.

STRANGE FIRE AT NAVY YARD

Mysterious Blaze at Brooklyn Menaces Papers of Utmost Value.

MAPS SHOWING NEW YORK DEFENSES ARE ENDANGERED

City Fire Department Called Out to Give Aid—Rumors of Incendiary Origin.

(By International News Service.)

New York, May 25.—Papers of the utmost importance to the Navy Department, maps of inestimable value, and diagrams of proposed improvements on battleships were threatened with destruction in a mysterious fire in the Brooklyn Navy Yard tonight.

Every effort was made to keep the details of the fire secret. It was of such seriousness, however, that for the first time in many years the city fire department was called upon to aid in extinguishing a blaze within the enclosure.

The navy yard apparatus was entirely inadequate to subdue the flames.

Shortly after 9 o'clock a sentry saw flames issuing from the three-story brick structure known as the boat building. This adjoins the office and residences of the commandant, Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher.

The building houses the only copies of maps showing the defenses of New York city and other details not even on file at Washington. It also contains papers showing the disposition of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and drawings of inventions now being placed on some of the battleships and Dreadnoughts.

Incendiary Fire, Is Rumor.

An alarm was sounded by the sentry. It was feared the flames would communicate to Admiral Usher's office, and the city fire department was called for aid. Engine companies, ladder wagons, and apparatus of all kinds were hurriedly dispatched to the navy yard. There the firemen found a squad of marines.

One piece of apparatus was admitted to the navy yard at a time. Every fireman was counted. The same procedure was followed as they left. The chief in charge of each battalion was requested by the navy yard officials to search for the identity of every man in his command. None was allowed to enter or leave the yard during the progress of the fire.

There were rumors that the fire was of incendiary origin.

SIGHTLESS GIRL FOUND UNCONSCIOUS FROM GAS

Miss Nellie Winkelman, a blind girl, 20 years old, residing with her parents at 26 C street southeast, was found by her mother yesterday unconscious on the floor of the kitchen from the effects of illuminating gas escaping from an unlighted jet in the room. The young woman was hurried to the Casualty Hospital, where she was revived some time later after heroic treatment. Her condition is not serious.

Miss Winkelman entered the kitchen and found the room filled with gas. She made an effort in her blindness to find the jet and turn off the flow of gas, but was unable to locate it. While groping about the room, she was overcome by the gas fumes and fell to the floor, unconscious. Her timely discovery saved her life.

Sues Banker for Divorce.

New York, May 25.—Lucille Gross Kahn, daughter of Albert M. Gross, banker, and granddaughter of James W. Seligman, has filed in the Supreme Court an action for absolute divorce against Rudolf M. Kahn. He is a banker of Paris and New York and cousin of Otto H. Kahn, multimillionaire member of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

Unknown Woman Left \$100,000.

Philadelphia, May 25.—The will of Henry Stedenbach, probated today, gives \$100,000 to her dear friend, Kate Benner Heller. The sum of \$100,000. The identity of this, the chief legatee, except two brothers of the testator, is not known to the register and she is not further described in the will itself.

The European War

In the light of prophecy, Old Mason's Temple, Sunday, May 28th, 3 p. m.

ANOTHER BORDER PARLEY IS URGED BY GEN. GAVIRA

Mexican Officer Would Confer with Pershing Regarding Patrol of Line.

WOULD AVOID FRICTION

Also Willing to Discuss the Withdrawal of American Troops from Mexico.

NO REPLY IS RECEIVED YET

Ynez Salazar, Bandit Leader, May Accept Amnesty and Become Patriot.

(By International News Service.)

El Paso, Texas, May 25.—A high army official here received word, coming from private but well informed sources in Washington, that the administration plans to intervene in Mexico within sixty days.

The information is not consistent with news emanating from Washington, but is regarded as authoritative.

By ARTHUR CONSTATINE.

El Paso, Texas, May 25.—Another border conference will be staged if Gen. Pershing is willing. The Mexican party to the proposed discussion is Gen. Gavira, commanding general forces of the de facto government on the Chihuahua front. The officially announced purpose of the meeting between the two generals "is the avoidance of friction" in the joint patrol of the bandit-overrun border land.

A telegram addressed to Gen. Pershing, "wherever he may be found," was dispatched by Gen. Gavira today. The commander of the Juarez garrison said in explanation of his message that his sole object in suggesting to Gen. Pershing that they confer was to avoid friction between the American and Carranzista patrols.

If, however, Gen. Pershing were willing to take up with him the general subject of withdrawal of the American, from Mexico, Gen. Gavira said nothing would give him a greater pleasure than to meet Gen. Pershing half way.

The telegram from Gen. Gavira to Gen. Pershing was sent this morning. No reply had been received tonight. Gen. Gavira said he did not expect to receive a reply for a day or two.

Salazar May Accept Amnesty.

Gen. Gavira felt very proud of his day's work and there were many predictions in Juarez that if his proposed negotiations with Gen. Pershing should turn out successfully Gen. Gavira would become a grand figure in contemporary Mexican history.

If Gen. Ynez Salazar, the notorious former federal irregular general of Huerta's days and a common border bandit leader since his release from the detention camp at Fort Bliss, cares to accept a commission in the Carranzista border army under Gen. Gavira he may have it.

Gen. Gavira said today he was in telegraphic communication with Salazar and expected the bandit to accept amnesty and become a patriot agent. Salazar was last reported a short distance somewhere south of the border, raiding isolated farmers.

Lansing to Quit Cabinet, Is Report

Secretary Said to Be Near Break with President Wilson.

Reports of a breach between Secretary of State Lansing and President Wilson and the possible retirement of Mr. Lansing from the cabinet were current last night. Rumor has it that Frank L. Polk, counselor for the State Department, will soon become Secretary.

The latest talk about a split between the two officials is virtually a renewal of the rumor which was rife when Mr. Lansing went to Asheville, N. C., on a short vacation about two months ago. It is no secret among those on the inside of administration circles that there has been a lack of harmony in the views of the President and Secretary Lansing on several issues.

One complaint Mr. Lansing is reported to have is that the President has