

RECRUIT HEADQUARTERS TO BE MOVED TO CITY

New Officers Appointed to Supervise Branch of Work.

The recruiting headquarters for the District National Guard at Ordway will be transferred to the city, probably to the Ninth street station, either tomorrow or Wednesday. Maj. Thacker V. Walker, who has been put in charge of recruiting, has not announced yet any changes that will be made in recruiting plans.

Nutshell News

The funeral of Arthur F. Albert will be held at St. Luke's P. E. Church, Fifteenth and Church streets northwest, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The funeral of George Albertson will be held from his residence, East Falls Church, Va., today at 3 o'clock.

The funeral of Thomas Edward Pfau will be conducted at his residence this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The funeral of Rev. Alexander Truitt, former pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Alfred street church.

The funeral of Edith Louise Turner will be held today from the Zion Baptist Church, F street, between Third and Four-and-a-half streets. Interment will be at Arlington.

The funeral of Margaret Rutherford White, wife of Hon. Henry White, of Washington, will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Lenox, Mass., today at 3 o'clock.

AUTO RACE OFFICIALS SAY "SAFETY FIRST"

All is in readiness for the races at Benning track this afternoon. Final instructions were given to drivers, officials and others connected with the races at a meeting of the American Auto Racing Association Saturday night. The need of "safety first" was impressed on all present.

The American Automobile Association has sanctioned the meet and appointed H. C. Chandler as official representative of the association.

HOROSCOPE.

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Monday, September 4, 1916. Astrologers read this as a lucky day. Saturn, Mars, Neptune and Mercury are all in benefic aspect.

It is read as a particularly fortunate rule under which to sign papers or enter into contracts.

Publicity again is subject to the best way. There is a sign exceedingly fortunate for writers, editors and publishers. New lines of enterprise again are foretold.

It is a favorable time to deal with commission men and agents of every sort. Architects, teachers, students, lawyers and scientists should benefit.

As Mercury rules the part of the intellect susceptible to cultivation, this way is supposed to be exceedingly good for the memory.

Education has an augury of sweeping changes that will be good eventually for instructors of every rank. There is, however, an ill omen read as likely to produce an acceptance of too many fads.

Fame for a college president is prognosticated. He will perform some great public service.

Seers warn the American people against a possible growth of materialism that may bring the nation to disaster. It is held that the war in Europe will purify the peoples affected by it and that they will attain a spiritual power that will overcome materialism.

The growth of an "American for Americans" spirit is prognosticated, but astrologers give warning against the results of selfishness.

President Wilson comes under a planetary direction that may bring him new problems which are extremely trying. He has the omen of delayed activity owing to a slight indisposition.

The rise of a woman financier, who may cause a sensation, is prognosticated. Persons whose birthdate it is probably will have a successful year in business, if they safeguard the health.

Children born on this day are likely to be quick and persevering. These subjects of Virgo have aptitude for the arts.

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The Crimson Stain Mystery

Novelized by Albert Payson Terhune from the Consolidated Motion Picture Triumph.

CHAPTER I. THE BRAND OF SATAN.

(Continued from Sunday's issue.)

Taking up two metal wrist clasps he fastened them about Vanya's wrists, then attached two more to Tanner's. The metal clasps were connected to long cylinders from whose end a bunch of wires ran to the dynamo of the apparatus. Opening a valve at the top of each cylinder Dr. Montrose poured into the apparatus part of the colorless contents of a phial he produced from a wall cupboard.

His hand fell upon a lever. But he hesitated a moment before giving this lever the needed turn. Seeing his hesitation, the two patients snarled at him like angry beasts. Slowly the doctor thrust the lever into place. A bluish spark played along the cylinder wires.

The effect on Tanner and Vanya was miraculous. Their drooping bodies all at once became alert and vibrant with energy. The sudden dulness left their faces. Their eyes gleamed with an unnatural brightness.

Years of age seemed to have fallen away from them both. They appeared rejuvenated—almost glorified. Yet in the new vigor and glowing intelligence that encompassed them there was something bestial inhuman that turned Montrose's heart sick within him.

Dr. Montrose thrust back the apparatus into a space behind a sliding door as if he hated it. Then he returned to his desk, took the diary from his pocket and recommenced his writing. (This is the entry he made in it.)

"June 22, 1915.—Gave Vanya and Tanner enough to last them twenty-four hours. Would to God they might never

come back for more! I have done the world and my fellow men a great wrong. I pray that the end may be soon. When this diary shall be found after my death the truth will be known, and I hope I shall be forgiven—for given for the fifteen deaths that indirectly were caused by me."

He laid aside his fountain pen. Idly he ran his fingers through the diary's pages as if searching for an earlier entry. Presently on the first page he found what he sought. Half aloud he read:

"Dec. 3, 1914.—At last my life work is crowned with success. All my former benefits to humanity will be as nothing to this. Today I have made the final test on the drug of my own compound, and that will revolutionize all mankind, and I have discovered the only safe process for administering it. The formula for this drug will be found in my strongbox in case of my death. Also a sketch of the apparatus for its electrical transmission into the human system."

"This compound of mine upbuilds the mind and stimulates the will; to the point of turning a mediocre intelligence into sublime genius. I believe I can administer it to a half-witted illiterate and transform him into a Shakespeare, a Napoleon or a Washington. No life-long training and hereditary gifts of mind can make every faculty so alert and potent as can this drug I have evolved."

"January 5, 1915.—Today I experimented on four hospital patients, chosen by me at random, from various walks of life. I did not tell them the object of my experiment, but merely that it was a new electrical process which I believed would benefit the several ills of which they had complained to me."

"I tried the experiment on the four (the technical result will be found with the formula in my strong box) and the success went far beyond my wildest hopes. Their reaction was wonderful to note. All of the four brightened at once in looks and in mental power. They seemed like members of a new and vastly superior race of men."

"Then I told them what I had done.

Pierre La Rue's gratitude was pathetic. In him, more than in any of the others, the effect of the drug was astonishing. It has made another man of him. A wonderful man! I believe there are no heights to which I cannot raise him. He dominates them all (even myself—to my amusement and surprise.) A remarkable genius!"

The doctor sighed and turned to the next entry:

"March 22, 1915.—What abominable thing have I discovered? Where are the blessings I dreamed would be my priceless gift to mankind. Instead of heaven-inspired geniuses my drug has developed my four patients into the most dangerous criminals. It has awakened and stimulated and intensified a hundred-fold the crime-instincts of these four people on whom I have tried it. (Pierre La Rue is a devil!)"

"Moreover, Pierre La Rue, who has bent them all to his will, has done the same to me. When the drug is in his brain he is a peerless master of men. I cannot resist him. His will power crushes mine to do his bidding. I am as wax in his hands. If only I might die."

As Jerome Stanley and the doctor chatted, a light explosion was heard; Stanley left the room to investigate. He started up the stairs and toward the laboratory, from whence the sound came. He was passing through the upper hall when a long arm shot forth from behind the heavy curtained door and grasped his throat.

Stanley, at the touch, stood stock still, turning as pale as death. He did not look around, nor was any word spoken. There was a silent battle of wills. Montrose stood staring straight ahead of him in helpless despair.

Ten minutes later Florence rose from the piano.

"My dog Chic has learned a new trick! I'll show you," she exclaimed as she dashed from the library across the reception hall and into the dining-room. Jerome Stanley lay across the table. Behind him crouched Pierre La Rue,

his fingers encircling Stanley's throat. At sight of Florence the slayer loosened his hold and sprang back through a nearby doorway.

Jerome Stanley was stone dead. Regaining herself, Florence screamed. Harold, rushing forward past Florence, saw about the lifeless man's throat the hideously familiar finger marks of the Crimson Stain's victims.

"Dad!" he called wildly, dropping on his knees beside his father. "Dad!" Robert Clayton, rushing out for aid, encountered Dr. Montrose coming downstairs.

"Doctor!" yelled the artist. "Mr. Stanley is dead! Murdered!" Harold Stanley got slowly to his feet and looked down at the father he had so devotedly loved. Then, as solemnly as though he were repeating a vow before a priest, he raised his hand and said, without the faintest sign of emotion:

"I will find and punish my father's murderer if I have to track him to the farthest ends of the earth. So help me, God!" (END OF CHAPTER I.)

TOLL RATE FOR AUTOS CUT IN MARYLAND

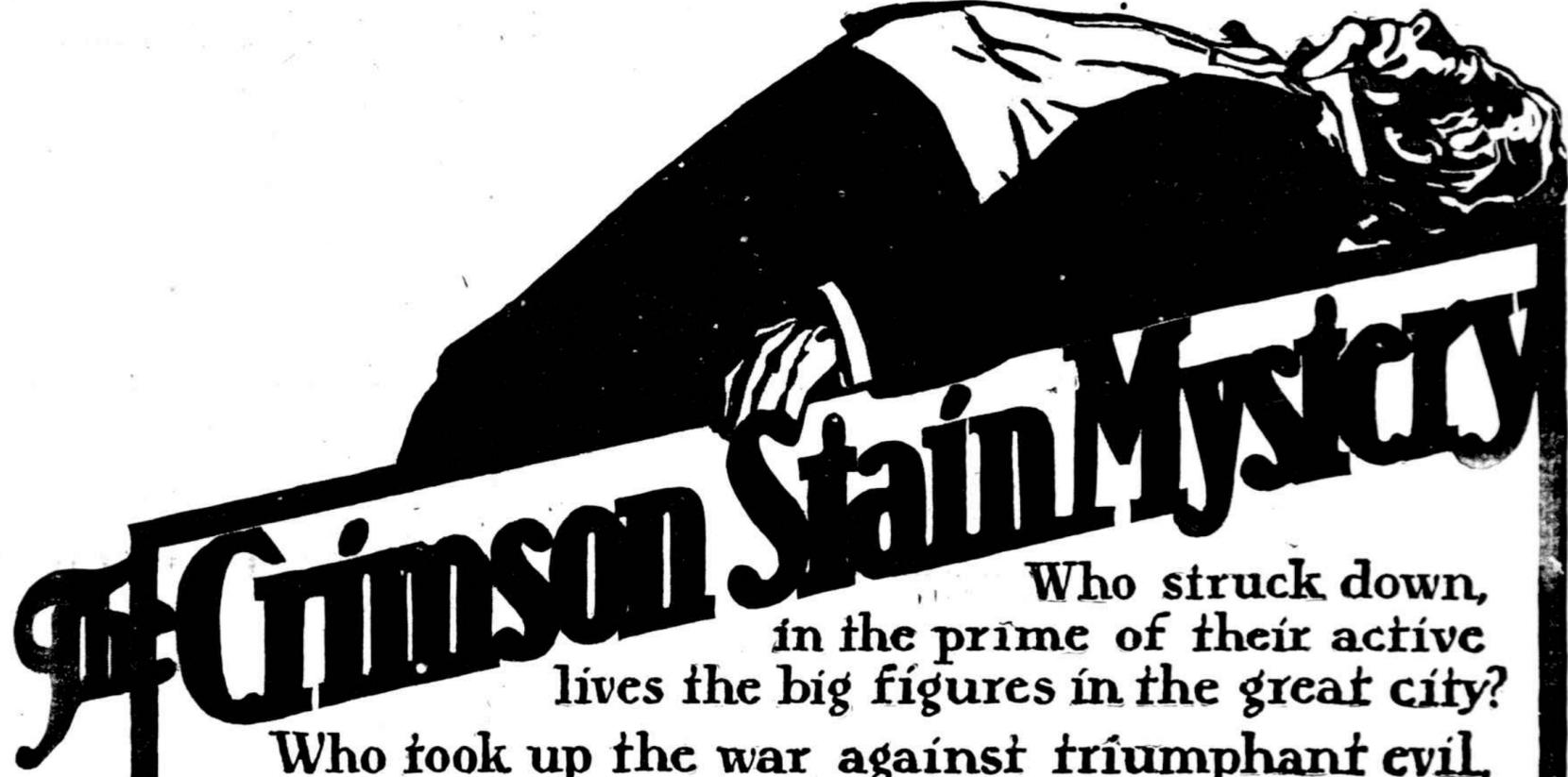
The Public Utilities Commission of Maryland, has reduced the automobile toll rate over the Havre de Grace bridge from \$1 to 50 cents, following valuation hearings on the bridge structures.

All of the other twenty-seven toll rates, except the 5-cent toll rate for passengers were cut, the reductions figuring 45 per cent of the present rates.

If the company had not fought the Archer-Tydings bill at the last legislature, it would probably have fared better as the commission valued the bridge at \$250,000 and ordered the company to set aside \$2,521,717 a year as depreciation. The commission has ordered a cut in rates of nearly 50 per cent, and a slashing of officers salaries and expenses.



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