

to back the train to a siding.

On the siding, they blew the wrong safe, pocketed the few dollars it contained, and fled.

Special agents of the railroad and Deputy U. S. Marshals with bloodhounds trailed the men to the Mississippi river at noon today.

A negro living in a shanty boat on the river, told the officers he saw seven men take a skiff across the island at daybreak. He watched them row to President's Island.

The posses have started for the island and it is believed that all the men will be captured.

It required several hours to clear the track of the wreckage of the express car, which was practically destroyed by the charge of nitroglycerine the robbers used on the wrong safe. The explosion was heard for miles around.

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#### GUARD WOMAN—POLICE INVESTIGATE DEATHS

Mrs. Louise Vermilya, about whose name is being woven a maze of sudden and mysterious deaths, is being guarded in her home by the police, though officials say she is not actually under arrest.

Investigation following the death of Policeman Arthur Bissonette, to whom the woman admits she was engaged, has brought to light eight other deaths which will be probed.

In all of these, it is said, there were peculiar circumstances similar to those attending the death

of the policeman.

The complete list follows:

**Bissonette, Arthur**, 26 years old, policeman; died at Mercy hospital Thursday.

**Smith, Richard T.**, Illinois Central conductor; died March 11, 1911, at the Vermilya home where he roomed.

**Vermilya, Charles**, second husband, collector for Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Died from acute gastritis after a six days' illness at Maplewood, August 1, 1909.

**Brinkamp, Fred**, first husband of Mrs. Vermilya. Died on a farm near Barrington, Ill., 18 years ago, after a brief illness.

**Brinkamp, Frank**, 23 years old, son of Mrs. Vermilya. Died at the home of Mrs. Vermilya, 411 East Twenty-ninth street, October 30, 1910, supposedly of pneumonia.

**Binkamp, Lillian**, 26 years old, stepdaughter, died January 21, 1906.

**Vermilya, Harry G.**, 35 years old, stepson. Died September 26, 1904.

**Brinkamp, Cora**, 8 years old, daughter. Died at Barrington.

**Brinkamp, Florence**, 4½ years old, daughter. Died at Barrington.

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#### Cold Weather Tonight!

Generally fair tonight and Thursday, for Chicago and Vicinity. Some people say that it is cold now, but wait until tonight when it gets down to 25 degrees above zero, with moderate northwest winds.