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# "JIMMIE" MULLEN DROPPED IN THE REAR OF THE WARNER BLOCK

### Police Are Searching for Mrs. Raynore Believed to Be Woman in the Case

### Corpse Was Carried Down Four Flights of Stairs and Deposited Before Restaurant Door

### Apartments of the Raynors Show that Their Flight Was Hasty — Mullen's Missing Hat Found Where Slayers Left It.

"Jimmie" Mullen met his death while fighting for his life, last Wednesday night, on the fourth floor of the Warner Block, at Main street and Union square. The mystery which has surrounded the death of the teamster was cleared up this morning when Frederick C. Mullins, of the undertaking firm of Cullinan & Mullins, got the janitor of the building to open an apartment at the rear of the building on the fourth floor, occupied until the day of the murder by a couple known as Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Raynore.

One look into the room convinced the janitor that a crime had been committed. The police were notified and Captain Arnold and Detective Sergeant Cronin, of the detective department, arrived at the scene at about 10 o'clock. They were convinced that here was the place where Mullen was murdered. There was every indication that a terrible struggle had taken place. Blood was spattered on the walls and on the floor. The pillows and the sheets on the bed were soaked with blood.

Besides the bed the only other fitting of the room was a trunk, the meagre contents of which were scattered about, showing that the occupants had taken their departure in haste.

The woman who was known as Mrs. Bessie Raynore undoubtedly was known under several names. Postal cards were found in the trunk, addressed to "Mrs. Bessie Smith."

The Raynors had only been in Bridgeport since December. The man, a small, dark complexioned fellow, said he was a painter by trade, but he was never known to work. The woman was tall, stout and had dark brown hair. She was 35 years of age and if it had not been for her look of dissipation she would have made a better appearance than the average woman.

There was much to show that the Raynore woman was a slave to Raynore and plied the man with drink to support herself, and the man whose name she bore.

When the police originally searched the building they found the blood stained bed clothing was found was about the only room in the building that escaped their attention. A first look into the apartment gave it the appearance of being vacant.

In the room was found the missing hat worn by Mullen at the time he was seen seen on the ground. A soft, felt headgear of a bluish black color.

It was this hat that the persons who carried the body of Mullen from the fourth floor to the rear porch with the rest of the clothing.

Undoubtedly the murderers after depositing the body on the ground, the victim before the rear door of Brock's restaurant, heard the cry of the cook, who opened the restaurant door, and was horror stricken to see the dead. Fearful of making any noise they left his clothing on the fourth landing, minus the hat, and then tiptoed back into their rooms, fearful of being heard.

Suspicion rests upon the Raynors because of their disappearance and the leaving behind of their trunk, which was probably their most valuable asset.

The police this morning sent a detachment to the apartment where the Raynors came here from Danbury.

When James H. Mullen was last seen alive he had about \$12 in cash with him. He was in the habit of carrying his bills folded, with a five or a ten spot on the outside, and this was the impression that "Jimmie" was always flush.

He had been drinking for several weeks and was physically in bad shape. The inference is that he was entered to the room, early in the evening. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 7 o'clock there was a fight. Whether "Jimmie" had caught someone going through his pockets, or whether a man had appeared before him and demanded money as blackmail from him, is not known. But it is evident that there was a fight and that Mullen, with his brain steeped in fumes of alcohol, was no match for his assailants, who bit his face, closing both his eyes and causing the gore to run in profusion from both nostrils. His body being very low, the blows in the face caused the concussion of the brain that resulted in death.

Mullen was undoubtedly undressed during the melee and his assailants did not wait to dress him before leaving him in the alley. They daintily carried the body down four flights of stairs which were used almost constantly by the people living in the house. Luck was with them for they succeeded in getting the body to the ground.

If they desired to leave the impression that Mullen had fallen from the porch above they would probably have tossed the body over without ceremony. But they undoubtedly desired to place his clothes beside him and leave the trace of the crime to be traced out, without a scent that would lead back to their apartments. They undoubtedly had started to bring the clothes down or to throw them from the porch, when the cook in Brock's restaurant opened the door and al-

# NATIONALISTS MAY HOLD BALANCE OF POWER IN ENGLISH PARLIAMENT

### Outlook for Home Rule for Ireland Never Has Been Brighter Than Now — But Liberals Must Keep Their Platform Pledged

(Special from United Press.) London, Jan. 17.—Satisfaction in the Liberal ranks, still a ray of hope among the Conservatives and actual jubilation among the Irish Nationalists, is the political situation in England today. As a result of Saturday's voting and the apparent trend of events today, the Irish Nationalists seem assured of holding the balance of power in the next parliament and of wielding a greater influence than before.

The Irish Nationalists are holding their own, which means that they will have about the same representation in the next parliament as in the last, 33.

With the whittling down of the Liberal majority, by at least 100, the Irish members will be in a position to enforce their demands.

The Irish nomination without opposition in the next parliament means their immediate election, while it was interpreted, aroused the enthusiasm of the party leaders. It is expected that the Nationalists will work in harmony with the Liberals but as the latter will have to have the votes of the Nationalists in the next parliament to gain a majority, the Nationalists will be far more independent than ever before.

The restricted home rule, which the Liberals have promised, is apparently assured by the way the election is going.

In addition to the eight unopposed Irish Nationalists' elections today there was one Conservative returned without opposition.

London, Jan. 17.—With the knowledge that today's voting in 15 London and 49 provincial constituencies, entitled to a Conservative majority in parliament, would decide beyond question the control of the next parliament, Liberals and Conservatives are anxiously awaiting the moment the polls opened.

Seven Irish Nationalists, including John Redmond, were today nominated without opposition and immediately elected.

Liberal leaders allege that \$15,000,000 is now adrift in England to bring about a Conservative victory. The money is coming from various political organizations, including some from the United States Steel corporation. The corruption of voters is now declared to be a flagrant crime.

One day's reflection over Saturday's election has had a most surprising effect upon the Liberals than upon the Conservatives and the former went into today's battle confident of not losing a single seat.

Where the Raynors were when the police were searching the building is huddled in their darkened apartments waiting for a chance to leave, or they may have slipped away during the confusion.

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Opening into Gilbert street is another stairway leading up to the upper floors and on the Main street side is the main entrance. The doors leading to Main street and those leading onto the rear porch are the most used.

At sometime or other there must have been two or three buildings joined together to create the block for there is a maze of hallways on the several floors of the building. One not familiar with the building would readily mistake the Gilbert street stairs for those leading out onto Main street.

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### Judgment Is By Census Bureau on Basis of Annual Expenditure for Municipal Purposes.

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The report shows that at the end of 1907 the various Connecticut cities owed debts as follows: New Haven, \$3,876,717; Hartford, \$8,072,360; Bridgeport, \$2,232,129; Waterbury, \$3,081,339; and New Britain, \$2,380,099.

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Conservatives are still hopeful of reducing the majority of the Liberals to 100, which is necessary if the Conservatives are to exercise any check at all in the next Parliament.

The constituencies which are voting today were represented in the last Parliament by 53 Liberals, 36 Conservatives and 16 Laborites. Ex-Provost Arthur Balfour of London, John Burns of Exeter, president of the local government board, and Irish Secretary Burrell, of North Bristol, are the three members who are up for re-election today.

From present indications the Liberals will win a majority of the legislators and the Conservatives a majority of the popular vote.

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Beginning with today's voting, it will be necessary for the Conservatives to win 153 seats in the next Parliament. Such a gain, added to Saturday's gain of 15 and their membership in the last Parliament, 168, would give them a total of 338, or a majority of one.

# NORWALK SALOON KEEPER, HEAVILY FINED, APPEALS

(Special from United Press.) Norwalk, Jan. 17.—The case of state vs. John E. Layden, the Broad street saloon keeper, in which the defendant was charged with having sold liquor to two minors and concealing a minor to loiter in his saloon, and having allowed his sons, Ernest and Roy, who are both under age, to attend the saloon, was heard today in court.

The case was heard in court today before Judge Edward L. Lockwood in the town court. Layden was found guilty on three counts, one of selling to Wadsworth Novak, aged 19 years and a charge of allowing minors to loiter and minors to attend bar and fined \$100 and costs.

An appeal was immediately made and granted and the bond fixed at \$200 for Layden's appearance at the trial in the next term of the criminal court of the common pleas, in Bridgeport.

# WALL STREET TO-DAY.

(Special from United Press.) New York, Jan. 17.—(Opening)—The stock market at the opening today failed to hold the improvement in the late dealings of Saturday. Price movements were generally downward.

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# WEATHER INDICATIONS.

(Special from United Press.) New Haven, Jan. 17.—Forecast: Fair and warmer to-night; Tuesday rain and warmer.

A disturbance, central this morning, is moving from the west and producing cloudy and rainy weather in the western and central districts. The front edge of the rain area extended as far east as Pittsburg, Pa. at 8 a. m.

A ridge of high pressure along the Atlantic coast is producing pleasant weather over the entire district in the eastern sections. The temperature is rising rapidly in the Mississippi valley and the lake region.

# BOSTON SHIRT WAIST GIRLS NOT READY FOR STRIKE

(Special from United Press.) Boston, Jan. 17.—Because they are not completely organized as yet, Boston's 2,500 girl shirt waist makers today failed to strike in the city.

# FIREMEN CAPTURED AS THEY PRESENT WELL TELLTALE BAGGAGE CHECK

### Springfield Police, Working with Fairfield County Sheriffs, Apprehend Culprits Redhanded

### Before Sun Sets, Twain Will Be Thrust Into County Jail, Following Hearing in Fairfield Justice Court

### Woman Recovering from Terrible Ordeal of All Night Exposure at Bottom of Icy Well, Where She Was Tossed By Assailants

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They were taken to the local station Saturday evening, just before 9 o'clock. When the girl told her story to the authorities yesterday, she said that she had been in the trunk of a depot, while the two men went with her to Fairfield. The police at once took up the clue and found on questioning the men and the two deputy sheriffs set out late yesterday afternoon. Nothing was heard from them here until 10 o'clock this morning, when they were arrested.

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# YOUTH OF 16 WHILE INSANE SUICIDES AT HOME OF HIS MOTHER

### Lad Had Been Mentally Deficient for Long Time and Figured in Escapades for Which He Was Not Mentally Responsible.

Benjamin Whyland, a youth of 16 years, residing with his widowed mother, Mrs. Theresa Whyland, and his brothers and sisters, at 64 Englewood avenue, committed suicide sometime, during last evening, by taking chloroform. The body was not found till a late hour, after the return of his mother from a sister's visit.

He was mentally unbalanced. Yesterday afternoon, after dinner was served, the other members of the family left the house, but Benjamin went to his room. A brother with a friend, returned to the house at 6 o'clock, but they did not go to the room of his brother, nor near him there. They left the house soon afterwards. About midnight the mother and a daughter returned home. The mother going to her youngest son's room, saw him, as if asleep, in bed. There was a peculiar odor about the room. She went to his bed side and shook him, as if to arouse him. To her horror she realized that he was dead. On a table beside the bed was found a tumbler, half full of water, and a small bottle, which smelled of chloroform. The family realized at once that the boy had committed suicide during their absence. The medical officer was notified and issued a certificate of death by chloroform poisoning. The boy had been dead some time when the body was found.

A number of well known people who knew the boy's family stated this morning that they had their attention called to the boy's actions of late. In their opinion the boy was not responsible for his death. Rev. Hubert Dahme stated that he had known the boy for some time, and that he had observed in his talks with him that he was not mentally sane. Rev. Dahme said: "Whyland was not in his right mind when he took the poison."

Young Whyland, it will be remembered, has been before the public quite recently. At home the boy had become quite unmanageable, though every effort was made by his mother and his brothers to correct him. They had tried to educate him, but he seemed unwilling to learn.

One afternoon, while his brother, Joseph slept in bed, he entered his room and administered chloroform to him, taking a gold watch and a roll of bills, which his sleeping brother kept under his pillow. The youth then left town and went to New York, where he pawned the watch and spent the money. He returned to this city and was arrested. He was bound over from the city court to the Superior court on the charge of robbery, and was released on bail. When his case came up before the court, the state's attorney, realizing the condition of the youth, recommended that he be given a full sentence, but that the sentence be suspended and he be placed in charge of the probation officer, to which the court assented.

# CUNNINGHAM HOLDS WATERBURY TEAM

Waterbury, Jan. 17.—There is much favorable comment in Waterbury over the message sent here last evening by George Cunningham, manager of the local polo team, that the team would "stick." Leaving Waterbury Friday to attend the meeting of the National Polo League Magnates at Providence, Cunningham indicated that unless he received a satisfactory answer from one of the parties bidding for the team he would put the matter before the league directors and allow them to decide what should be done with the franchise. He evidently changed his mind, however, for the matter was not brought up at the meeting in any shape or form. He telegraphed last evening: "Team will continue under my management in Waterbury."

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FOR SALE—New ten room house in Boston avenue, three minutes from Whiting Silver Co.'s new factory all improvements, including vacuum cleaner, \$4,000. Terms reasonable. M. McNamara, 306 East Main street, Phone 2384. A 13 t o

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