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## WIDOWS' GRIEF REVEALS MUSCENNETTI'S DEATH

### Widow of Lexington Avenue Stabbing Victim Makes Sensational Re- velation On Witness Stand.

### She Tells Coroner Song With Double Meaning Precipitated Quarrel That Ended in Fatal Slashing.

The widow of Antonio Cradelli de-  
scribed at Coroner Phelan's inquest this  
afternoon that the man who stabbed her  
husband at 76 Lexington avenue,  
Thursday night, was Santo Muscennetti.  
She testified that she saw Muscennetti  
strike her husband, although she could  
not swear the assailant had a knife  
in his hand. "I stabbed. Where is  
he?" she declared her husband shouted,  
as he sank, bleeding, into a chair.  
Cradelli's last words were, "I'm dead,  
the villain killed me."

Mrs. Cradelli, a young woman, told  
an entirely different story from that  
of other witnesses. She said her  
husband gave a party in honor of St.  
John's day and 12 bank friends at-  
tended. About midnight when the  
guests started to go John Napolitano  
said, "I'll sing the last song." The  
song had a double meaning and Muscennetti  
threw a chair at Napolitano. A dis-  
pute arose in the kitchen and Muscennetti  
knocked Michael Sidone down.  
Cradelli went over to Muscennetti  
and said, "My boys, stop." This she  
witness claims she saw. Muscennetti  
struck at her husband, who fell,  
wounded. Previous to this time her  
husband and Muscennetti had always  
been good friends, she said.

This story did not agree with that  
told by Gaetano Comforto, of 350  
Grand street, also a guest at the party.  
He said the stabbing took place  
in that room. Comforto was  
playing the guitar when Napolitano  
sang the song which angered Muscennetti.  
As the party broke up Napolitano  
wanted to go to the window with  
Muscennetti but the latter refused.  
There were some words and the  
crowd rushed into the front room  
where Sidone was stabbed. When  
Cradelli returned to the room, Muscennetti  
was playing the guitar and Sidone  
was in the hospital, is not seriously  
hurt.

Detective Luke Petrucci gave a  
general outline of the stories told to  
him by Sidone, Napolitano and others  
present. After the song there was  
a dispute between Joe Napolitano,  
brother of the singer and Muscennetti.  
Cradelli tried to separate them and  
a general fight ensued, which brought  
the crowd into the front room.

Cradelli testified that Muscennetti  
knocked out the window Sidone inter-  
fered and said: "You are ruining  
yourself." Then Cradelli struck at  
Sidone who was stabbed from be-  
hind by somebody in the crowd. Al-  
most immediately after that Cradelli  
was stabbed and Muscennetti had dis-  
appeared.

Louis Parterno, who went to the  
Cradelli home, saw the man who  
on the night of the fight, proved a very  
unwilling witness. At last by skill-  
ful cross-questioning through Inter-  
preter Abrilo, Coroner Phelan made  
Parterno admit he saw John Napo-  
litano sing the song which caused  
Joseph Napolitano to go into the bed-  
room where the fatal fight took place.

Parterno said Santo Muscennetti  
was in the same room together with Mich-  
ael Sidone, Mr. and Mrs. Napolitano,  
Balagano and several other men,  
whom he did not know.  
Parterno said he was present when  
the song was sung which the authori-  
ties think started the trouble. He  
said the song was "nasty" and had a  
"double meaning." He also said the  
same song had been sung by the same  
persons at a celebration of Cradelli's  
birthday one year ago.

"Everyone was feeling happy,"  
Parterno said, "and Cradelli was  
passing the tray with wine. There  
were women there. They passed the  
tray but I don't think they made any  
objection to it. I didn't hear any  
of the women say anything about the  
bad song. At 12:15 the landlord of  
the house came in and saw the men  
stop playing and singing because the  
people down stairs wanted to go to  
sleep. I got up and took my guitar  
and the six months old baby of my  
god parents, Mr. and Mrs. Napolitano,  
and started for the door. I called  
them to come with me. I had  
my hand on the kitchen door and  
the baby in my arms. When I turned  
around I saw six or seven men  
all holding each other like a chain."  
"My godfather ran into the bed  
room to pull out Joseph Napolitano  
who was under the cover. The  
next minute Cradelli came stag-  
gering out of the bed room and there  
was blood on his breast just over his  
heart."

"He said: 'I'm stabbed, I'm stabbed.'  
I didn't see the fight start and I don't  
know what started it. I heard no  
harsh words or argument. The place  
was in an uproar after Cradelli was  
stabbed and we left."  
Parterno sang the song which had  
precipitated the row was a "comic" song  
and he did not think it was intended  
to give offense to anyone. John Na-  
politano sang the song and others  
joined in the chorus. Parterno was  
asked by Coroner Phelan to tell how  
long it was before he saw Cradelli go  
into the bed room before the latter  
came out staggering and bleeding, he  
said about four or five minutes.  
Coroner Phelan took out his watch  
and said he would strike the table  
with his hand and then Parterno  
would estimate the time more closely  
by telling him to strike again when  
he believed the interval had elapsed  
during which in his judgment, Cradelli  
was dead.

## NEARLY 200,000 WOLE AS CHICAGO LABOR WAR OPENS

### Employers Shut Down All Building Industries to Fight Strikers.

### ONE MAN STABBED DURING ARGUMENT

### Business in All Parts of Country Will Suffer by Big Lock-Out.

Chicago, June 26.—A general shut-  
down of Chicago's building industry  
which, it was said, will throw out of  
employment more than 200,000 work-  
ers, went into effect today.

The shutdown is regarded by con-  
tractors and labor leaders as the be-  
ginning of one of the greatest labor  
wars in recent years. The action fol-  
lowed a meeting last night of all class-  
es when arbitration of questions at is-  
sue was defeated.

The carpenters have been on a strike  
since April 30, when their agreement  
with the Contractor Employers' asso-  
ciation expired. The men had de-  
manded a wage increase from 65 cents  
to 70 cents an hour. By means of the  
shutdown the employers, it was said,  
hope to prevent the independent car-  
penter contractors from obtaining  
supplies and thus throw out of work  
the 10,000 carpenters who are work-  
ing under individual agreements.

Business in many parts of the coun-  
try will suffer as a result of the shut-  
down of this city's building industry,  
according to James Prior, a member  
of the press committee of the employ-  
ers. Mr. Prior said he had telegraphed  
out of town orders to cancel all  
orders and stop consignments already on  
the way to Chicago.

The shutdown will not become gen-  
eral for a week or more, it is said.  
In some cases, it took place today but  
in others, where perishable goods are  
handled, there may be a continuance  
of work for several days.

Herbert Ballou, carpenter contract-  
or, was stabbed, it is thought fatally,  
in a dispute early today with a man  
who contended that the carpenters'  
demand for 70 cents an hour was jus-  
tified.

## LEWIS TO HAVE KNOWLTON'S JOB NEXT SEPTEMBER

### Dean of Board of Assessors Not Active Enough to Suit the Bosses.

It was rumored today at city hall  
that William G. Lewis, president of  
the board of relief, will be appointed  
tax assessor to succeed Julius W.  
Knowlton when the term of the latter  
expires August 1st.

Mr. Lewis has been president of the  
board of relief for a number of years.  
He is considered to have a good  
knowledge of the assessable values of  
property in this city. No reason for  
refusing a reappointment to Colonel  
Knowlton is given by those who pro-  
fess to be on the inside of Republi-  
can politics but it is believed he has  
not been active enough and the pres-  
ent Republican machine is giving ap-  
pointments only to the active workers.  
Mayor Wilson today refused to affirm  
or deny the report that Mr. Lewis will  
succeed Col. Knowlton.

"On August 1st in accordance with  
my usual custom regarding these ap-  
pointments, I will make the announce-  
ment," he said.

## Even Loafers Won't Sleep in Three of Local Lodging Houses

Lodging houses in Bridgeport are  
filled to capacity, and men are  
nightly turned away according to the  
report made public today by Rev. C.  
W. Simpson, head of the Bridgeport  
Christian Alliance mission. The con-  
dition in the lodging house district is  
distressing to the man of small means,  
many of whom come nightly to the  
mission and beg to be given beds in  
places where the charge is reasonable.

There is virtually no place but the  
docks and streets for the overflow and  
the man without any means is in  
actual distress and has only the police  
cells in which to lay his head. With-  
in the need for sleeping accommoda-  
tions there are said to be three houses  
on Water street where even the loafers  
will not sleep on account of vermin.  
Although they pay and pay their  
money they soon make an exit to the  
streets, it is said.

The attention of the health depart-  
ment has been called to these houses  
and on several occasions an effort has  
been made to have sanitation enforce-  
d. Inspector C. H. Dunbar today said  
that no attention has been paid to the  
demands and that measures are now  
being considered that will be drastic  
in the extreme.

## WRIST BROKEN

John Matthews, aged 48, residing  
at 99 Wall street, was unloading his  
this morning at a barn owned by  
Jacob Schlotter, Jr., 1390 Main  
street when he fell and suffered a  
fracture of his right wrist. Follow-  
ing emergency treatment he was re-  
moved to his home.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Ann S. Dargan, stenographer  
in the health board office, left upon  
a week's vacation today. She will  
go to Buffalo.

## GRANDSON'S CRYING CANNOT INTERRUPT PRESIDENT'S SLEEP

Cornish, N. H., June 26.—Presi-  
dent Wilson, taking a brief vaca-  
tion at the "summer White House"  
spent the morning walking through  
the woods of his place with mem-  
bers of his family and working in  
his study on correspondence with  
Charles Swem, his stenographer.

A cold night, which made blank-  
ets necessary, allowed the Presi-  
dent to get a good sleep. "Baby"  
Sayer, his young grandson, cried  
several times during the night but  
Mr. Wilson was not disturbed. His  
usual routine of playing golf  
the morning was not followed to-  
day.

## POST PUBLISHING CO. BUYS CONTROL OF THE STANDARD

### Owners of Post and Tele- gram Will Run Standard as "Aggressively Re- publican."

Controlling interest in The Standard  
Association, publishers of The Bridge-  
port Standard, has been sold to Ken-  
eth W. McNeil, Frank W. Bolande and  
Archibald McNeil, Jr. The purchasers  
are the principal stockholders in The  
Post Publishing Company, publishers of  
The Bridgeport Post and The Bridge-  
port Telegram.

The change in ownership becomes  
effective Monday when the plant at  
Fairfield avenue and Middle street  
will be taken over by the purchasers.  
According to a brief announcement  
authorized today, The Standard "will  
continue to be published by The  
Standard Association" and its policy  
will be that of "an aggressive, Republi-  
can newspaper." In their other news-  
paper enterprises, the new publishers  
have carried their editorial policy as  
"absolutely independent."

The following statement was the  
new owners' only comment on the  
transaction:

"The controlling interest in the  
Bridgeport Standard has been  
purchased by Messrs. Kenneth W.  
McNeil, Frank W. Bolande and  
Archibald McNeil, Jr., who will take  
possession of the Standard plant  
at the corner of Fairfield avenue  
and Middle street next Monday.  
The Standard will continue to be  
published by The Standard Asso-  
ciation with these parties holding  
a majority of the stock."

"It is said the new owners will  
conduct the Standard as an ag-  
gressive Republican newspaper."  
In March, 1913, controlling interest  
in The Standard Association was pur-  
chased from the Candes estate, Edwin  
Woolster, a New York lawyer, appear-  
ing as the purchaser. His client's iden-  
tity was never disclosed. Edward  
Morrison was made editor and general  
manager and continued in charge un-  
til a few months ago.

It was then announced that John  
T. King, the Republican leader, had  
acquired control of the paper. Several  
changes were made in the personnel  
of the staff and Mr. Morrison was suc-  
ceeded by William E. Doyle as editor  
and manager.

The new owners assert that The  
Standard will be conducted as a sep-  
arate institution and will not be con-  
nected with The Post Publishing com-  
pany, which they own.

## E. K. HUBBARD MANUFACTURER, IS DEAD AT 80

Middletown, Conn., June 26.—Elijah  
Kent Hubbard, former President of  
the Russell Manufacturing Co., of  
this city, died of heart disease, sud-  
denly today. He was in his 80th  
year and long had been identified  
with Connecticut business interests.  
A native of Chicago, being one of the  
first children born after the settle-  
ment of that city, he came here in  
his youth. He was connected with  
the Russell Company for a time and  
then returned to Chicago where he  
engaged in the chain and lumber busi-  
ness until 1885. He then made his  
home here. In 1891 Mr. Hubbard be-  
came President of the Russell com-  
pany and continued especially in  
Democratic politics; Mrs. Clarence  
Wadsworth, of New York city; Mrs.  
T. S. Stillman, of Boston, and Louis  
De Koven Hubbard and Elisha Hub-  
bard of this city.

## RAE TANZER AND MRS. OSBORNE AT TRIAL OF SLADES

New York, June 26.—James W. Os-  
borne, former assistant district at-  
torney of New York, resumed the witness  
stand today at the trial of Maxwell  
and David Slade, lawyers, and Albert  
J. McCullough, a private detective, on  
indictments charging them with con-  
spiracy in connection with the breach  
of promise suit brought against Mr.  
Osborne by Rae Tanzer.

In reply to questions on cross-ex-  
amination by Martin Litton, chief  
counsel for the defendants, Mr. Os-  
borne described how and when he  
received letters from Miss Tanzer.  
Miss Tanzer was in court as was  
Mrs. Osborne.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight and Sun-  
day; light variable winds.

## SUBMARINE IS GREAT PROBLEM OF STRATEGISTS

### Secretary, Addressing War College, Tells of Revolu- tion of Sea Fighting.

### GREAT DREADNAUGHT POWERLESS, HE SAYS

### Air craft May Offer Solu- tion to Problem of Fight- ing Undersea Boats.

Newport, June 26.—In an address at  
the opening of the war college today,  
Secretary Daniels, addressing the navy  
department, appealed to the naval offi-  
cers to heed the lessons that are be-  
ing taught by the great war in Eu-  
rope and to discard fearfully all the  
theories which fall to the acid test.  
He referred briefly to the navy  
program for the coming year and ex-  
pressed confidence that Congress  
would authorize any increase recom-  
mended.

"In personnel and material the navy  
is larger than ever before," Mr. Daniels  
said. "As you look abroad you see  
the greatest sea nations of the world  
crumbling every day. Old tactics, old  
strategies, old theories of the naval  
warfare, which have stood unchal-  
lenged as almost axiomatic since the  
triumph of the British and Rome, are  
disappearing over night. If war  
upon the land has reverted to the  
bayonet and the hand grenade, war  
upon the sea has leaped forward at a  
single stride and broken almost  
every shackle of ancient convention.  
We have seen the main fleet of the  
greatest sea nation of the world  
withdrawn from the seas to some se-  
cluded harbor without having fired a  
shot during the first year of a mighty  
conflict. We have seen battles be-  
tween ranges believed to be impos-  
sible and ships disabled by shots from  
guns as yet invisible. We have been  
told that modern sea-fights would be  
determined in the first ten minutes  
of the action and that the victor  
would decide one of the greatest ocean  
battles of the present war."

"We have seen ships of shallow  
draft used as fortresses to protect land  
operations and to accept positions with  
large ammunition and arms factories.  
The resignations of Major Penfield  
and three other experts were made  
and accepted. Two others are being  
held up because war officials have  
become alarmed at the prospect of  
losing all the skilled men."

Secretary of War Garrison has as-  
signed Attorney General Gregory for an  
opinion on the question whether the  
Government itself, but to every  
branch of the United States service—  
the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the  
Coast Guard service—as well as the  
army.

The appeal to the Department of  
Justice for an opinion on this ques-  
tion, which, strangely enough, has  
never been determined in the history  
of the government, despite the fact  
that officers, both of the Army and

## GEORGIA MILITIA GUARDS CAPITAL AT INAUGURATION

### Twenty-six Arrested While Soldiers Seek to Protect Gov. Slaton.

Atlanta, Ga., June 26.—Near-beer  
schools were closed, a detachment of  
police was held at stations for extra  
duty and a squad of militia still were  
in readiness to prevent any possible  
demonstration to-day or to-night. To-  
day was inauguration day, Govern-  
or-elect Harris replacing Governor Slaton.

The business section of the city was  
patrolled by a double watch of police  
to-day and forty extra mounted  
men were sent to the capitol.

There was to be no outward appear-  
ance of normal conditions in the city.  
Twenty-six men were brought to  
the county jail here by the militia-  
men guarding the country home of  
Governor Slaton. The state guard-  
men said they were arrested while  
trying to enter the governor's estate.

## NUMBER OF INSANE INCREASING HERE

A great increase in the insane of  
Bridgeport is noted in charities cir-  
cles. Five cases were disposed of  
during the present week and a num-  
ber of others are at present under  
observation of the charities depart-  
ment. The increase of labor in this  
city is believed to have brought them  
here from other sections. John  
Nysted, 155 Wilson street, and Mau-  
rice Toomey of Main street, will be  
conveyed to the state hospital today.  
Alexander Forrester, investigator,  
yesterday took five children com-  
mitted to the St. Francis Orphan As-  
ylum, to that institution in New Ha-  
ven, yesterday.

## NEGLECTED CHILDREN SENT TO COUNTY HOME

In the probate court today Judge  
Bacon Wakeman sitting for Judge  
Hill committed Marion, aged 8, and  
Frances, aged 6, children of Frank  
and Florence Shey to the county  
home. The parents have neglected  
them and the children have been  
charged to the board of charities for  
two months past.

Catherine O'Connor, 7 years old  
daughter of Peter and Lucy O'Connor,  
was committed to St. Francis  
Orphan asylum in New Haven. Her  
father cannot be found by the chari-  
ties board and her mother is ill and  
unable to care for her.

## GERMANY RUSHES HUGE KRUPP GUNS TO FRONT FOR SIEGE OF WARSAW

### SOCIAL-DEMOCRATS IN BERLIN DEMAND PEACE

Berlin, June 26.—The board of di-  
rectors, or managing committee of the  
Social Democratic party in Germany  
has caused to be published in the  
Verwaerter a full page appeal for  
peace.

This interesting document calls for  
a peace, under certain circumstances  
which will make possible friendships  
with neighboring nations and it sets  
forth most clearly the opposition of  
the party to territorial conquest. The  
appeal is published under the heading  
"Social Democracy and Peace."

It begins with a reference to the  
fact that Socialists foresaw the com-  
ing of the war and worked vainly for  
an international understanding, but  
when war did come they placed them-  
selves at the disposal of the father-  
land. It then refers to the declara-  
tion of the party made in the Rich-

## ARMS MAKERS TAKE GOVERNMENT EXPERTS FROM SERVICE BY BIG SALARIES; OFFICIALS ALARMED

As a result of the resignation from  
the government service of Major Wal-  
ter G. Penfield, now head of the  
Bridgeport Arms Works, and five  
other officers of the Ordnance De-  
partment of the United States Army,  
with the accompanying exodus of  
other experts from the army, strenu-  
ous efforts are being made to pro-  
cure a ruling to end the rush of  
military men to accept positions with  
large ammunition and arms factories.

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army.

## STATE IS SEEKING EVELYN NESBIT IN THAW SANITY CASE

### Process Servers Unable to Locate Former Wife Wanted as a Witness.

New York, June 26.—In the last  
day in the court proceedings to deter-  
mine the sanity of Harry K. Thaw, it  
became known that the state is trying  
to find Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, central  
figure in the shooting of Stanford  
White, to place her on the witness  
stand. Process servers sought her  
throughout the city but were unable  
to find her. The search will be kept  
up, William T. Jerome, former dis-  
trict attorney of New York city,  
who has backed all Thaw's previous  
efforts to win acquittal, may be another  
witness for the state.

Mr. Jerome is not connected with  
the present proceedings. Other wit-  
nesses include a number of persons  
who prepared it is said, to testify  
concerning Thaw's early life. These  
witnesses probably will take the stand  
early next week. Thaw's lawyers ex-  
pect to close their case Monday.

It became known today that the  
report of the attorney general com-  
missioned to take the deposition of  
Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president emeri-  
tus of Harvard University, will be  
sent to Massachusetts next Wednes-  
day. Dr. Elliot's deposition is sought  
to show the reasons for Thaw's dis-  
missal from Harvard.

## Wheeler & Wilson Band To Play On The Old Mill Green

The following program will be played  
by the Wheeler & Wilson band  
at Old Mill Green, at 3:30 o'clock to-  
morrow:

March, "Tannhauser"—Wagner.  
Valse da Concert, "Puzetta Maiden"  
—Roberts.  
Overture, "Humlyady Laszlo"—Erkel.  
Cornet Solo, Selected—Mr. A. Ver-  
non.  
Selection, "Operatic Bouquet"—  
Bridgeport.  
Grand Discriptive American Fanta-  
sie, "Death of General Custer," June  
22, 1876, E. Johnson.  
Selection, "Alma, Where Do You  
Live?"—Bridgeport.  
Star Spangled Banner.  
Louis F. Chernak is conductor.

## Essen Works Sends Train- loads of High-Calibre Rifles to Poland Battle Line — British Airmen Drop Bombs On Ammuni- tion Plant in Belgium.

## Fifty German Soldiers Killed by Explosion of War Materials During Air Raid—Netherlands Steamer Strikes Mine and Sinks —Crew Is Saved.

London, June 26.—A Central  
News despatch from Amster-  
dam says several trains loaded  
with heavy guns have left Es-  
sen for the German front on the  
Bzura river in Poland,  
where it is believed they will  
be used in an advance against  
Warsaw.

## Bombs Explode Ammunition near Roulers, Belgium, caused the explosion of a large am- munition depot and also result- ed in the killing of fifty Ger- man soldiers who were load- ing an ammunition train, says a Central News despatch from Roulers.

## Dutch Steamer Sunk

London, June 26.—A despatch  
received here from Stockholm  
says that the Netherlands  
steamer Geres, from Amster-  
dam for Lulea, Sweden, has  
sunk as a result of striking a  
mine near Soderhamn, in the  
Gulf of Bothnia. The crew was  
saved.

## DRIVE TOWARD PARIS MAY BE GERMAN PLAN

London, June 26.—With a breath-  
less expectancy which seems to be re-  
flected in the pause, at the present  
moment, on both battlefronts on the  
continent, the British public is await-  
ing the next move on the European  
chess board. It is considered that this  
move is Germany's and that it may be  
made against either Warsaw, Paris or  
Calais.

Some German activity has been re-  
ported in the Argonne which may in-  
clude a drive in the direction of  
Paris, but the closing of the Belgian  
frontier may mean the transfer of  
veterans from the eastern front for  
another attempt to break through to  
the English channel. Many persons  
believe, however, that no great offen-  
sive movement will be attempted along  
the western front until another effort  
has been made to reach Warsaw,  
against which position the Germans  
are said to be bringing big guns from  
Essen.

No great activity is to be noted  
along any of the minor fronts. The  
Italians claim to be engaged in con-  
solidating the positions they have won  
along the river Isonzo, while from the  
Dardanelles come reports of enormous  
losses suffered by the Turks in defend-  
ing the peninsula from the attacks of  
the allies.

The question of munitions is still  
absorbing public attention in England.  
The House of Commons has been as-  
sured by Walter Runciman, president  
of the board of trade, that Great Brit-  
ain has sufficient high explosives for  
her own use and that she need have  
no concern over her food supplies, but  
that the requirements for shells are  
still acute.

## CAPTAIN OF SUBMARINE THAT SUNK LUSITANIA NOT HONORED FOR FEAT

Berlin, June 26.—The report pub-  
lished abroad that Captain Hering of  
the German navy, had received the  
decoration of the order of Pour  
Le Merite, the highest Prussian mili-  
tary decoration, for the sinking of the  
Canard line steamer Lusitania, is un-  
true. Captain Hering was decorated  
for taking a submarine boat  
through the Straits of Gibraltar. This  
announcement was made to-day by  
the Overseas News Agency.

## BRITISH TO BOOST PERSONNEL OF NAVY

London, June 26.—The supplement-  
ary navy estimate, issued to-day, pro-  
vides for the addition of another 50,  
000 officers and men to the navy. This  
would bring the total personnel for  
this year up to 300,000 officers and  
men.

## CONVALSIC BEITER.

Stanley Convalsic, aged 45, 895  
Fairfield avenue, struck by a jitney  
last night, and who after treatment  
for a sprained left ankle, was taken  
to his home, is reported in better  
condition today.