

CRONES, COLN NEW PUBLIC LETTER, GIBES SLEUTHS

Alleged Soup Poisoner Says He's Going To Travel Alone Soon.

New York, Feb. 18.—While detectives watched for him at all of the post office buildings and ran down every clue which was supplied, Jean Cronos, the chef who poisoned soup served at a dinner given for Archbishop George W. Mundelein at the University Club in Chicago on Feb. 10, remained at large yesterday in New York, and at 8 o'clock last night a third letter from him was received at The Times office.

The letter, which was mailed at the Hudson Terminal post office and was postmarked 6 p. m. It was stated at police headquarters that detectives had been detailed at that building, and that no one fitting the description of Cronos had been seen there.

In his latest letter Cronos announced that he would remain in New York 48 hours longer, "but after that I have to disappoint the good police and leave the city." He said he did not say where he intended to go after that time.

Cronos Gives More Details. More details of the alleged poison plot are given by Cronos. He wrote that he did not put chemicals in the soup served to the 300 priests and other prominent men but put it into the "stock" in the cold-meat room, where he was employed. He denied that there were spy rooms in the room and that he knew about plots to destroy public buildings or other acts of violence.

The statements made by Cronos tallied in many instances with information gleaned by the detectives under Captain Tunney of the anarchist squad. Cronos, for instance, said that he was not an anarchist until the Ludlow massacre in Colorado on April 20, 1914, at the time of the labor troubles at mines controlled by the Rockefeller interests. The police found that Cronos was not well known here as an anarchist. Another statement he made was that he had worked alone and had not seen a member of his family for three years. The latter statement tallies with what the police have learned. No one in Cronos knew where he was stopping in New York.

The police of Chicago again were held up to ridicule by the chef, who asserted that all of the men arrested in Chicago in connection with the poison plot were innocent. He suggested that the whole Chicago police force be sent to a correspondence school.

Catholic Churches Watched. On the theory that Cronos might again visit police headquarters, as he said he did on Thursday, and perhaps attempt to explode a bomb there, detectives were detailed to watch all entrances of the building. The detectives kept an eye on the properties owned by the Catholic church in the belief that the act of Cronos in Chicago was part of a nation-wide plot against Catholics.

Sixty-five detectives under Inspector Gray were detailed to attend the Knights of Columbus ball at Madison Square Garden last night and men were even placed on the fire escapes of that building. The detectives mingled with the crowds about the building, and the inspector and a small squad attended the ball. But they got no trace of any man who even remotely resembled Cronos.

The third letter was turned over to Captain Tunney and detectives were put at work immediately. Besides the postmark, there was nothing to indicate what part of the city Cronos had spent the day. In place of an address on Page 1 of the letter he wrote "Nowhere."

The letter was in the same handwriting as that in which Cronos had received. The grammar was faulty and many words were misspelled. But the letter gave further facts which had not been published and which proved conclusively that Cronos was telling of things he knew. Cronos made 21 specific points, many of them devoted to the defense of others who have been arrested.

Text of Cronos's Letter. Here is the letter as he wrote it: New York 18 February 1916 Jean Cronos Nowhere The Editor of The New York Times Dear Sir:

Will you be so kindly and see that these statements come in the hands of the Chicago Lawyers which have taken up the defense of a dozen innocent people which were arrested through my fault and from whom I beg pardon.

(1) There was no arsenic or any other poison in the Chicken soup served at that dinner and no chemist will have found any poison in the soup which I beg pardon.

(2) I have left Chicago and the day of the dinner I was 600 miles away from Chicago.

(3) That there were no explosives in room.

(4) That there was any poison fund in my room besides the chemicals which I received from the Schools.

(5) That there were no home-making apparatus in my room besides the apparatus I received from the Schools.

(6) I deny also that there is letters or plans against society fund in my room.

am now. (11) I have seen now one of my family for the last 3 years. (12) I was never in the City of Boston, Philadelphia, St. Paul, Paterson. (13) I have worked in six hotels in those 3 years and I never was longer than 2-10 Days out of work. (14) That I was not an anarchist before the Ludlow massacre in Colorado. (15) That all those arrested in connection with my act do not know anything about it. (16) And that the city officials of Chicago are fools or insane for given out so many statements which are not true they are not fit for their place. (17) All those statements will be found true through investigation.

(18) That the barium Chlorid was not mixed with the arsenic. (19) That do not expect much from the Chief but Chief of party. I was Chief in the cold meat room and had nothing to do with the soup. (20) That all the poison was in the stock which was made in the Cold meat room by my self. (21) That the arsenic was in one of the first plates, and that barium chloride was in a platter which was to be served after the Saddle of lamb near to the fire of the diner.

I hope that these true statements are able to weack up the police but do not expect much from the Chief who do not know difference between asbestos and gunotton.

I make a suggestion to send the whole Chicago police especially the Chief to the International Correspondent School. The Chicago police is way behind our times. Many thanks for Mr. Edy Marks for speaking good about me. With the hope that Science will be able to free the world soon from all religions and superstition. Your happy and thankfully JEAN CRONOS

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Criterion Quartet Entertains At Casino

The famous Criterion Male Quartet of New York packed the Casino on the street last night at the final meeting of the Chautauqua assembly. It is estimated that nearly 8,000 persons sat and stood through the performance which was every way as delightful as that given here last year. Many declared that the entertainment was far superior.

Evangelist Ecklund Continues To Draw Interested Crowds. The meetings in the Swedish Methodist church, Maplewood and Iranston avenues, are continuing to grow in power and in attendance. Last night the church was packed to the doors and Evangelist Ecklund, so-called "Big Swede," preached a strong gospel which went straight to the hearts of the people.

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PROBING COMMITTEE BRINGS OUT DETAILS OF NEW YORK'S MONSTER SUBWAY DEALS



Pursuing the investigation into the matter of subway contracts in New York, which investigation has brought forth amazing stories of "high finance" and bonuses paid to subway officials, the Thompson legislative investigating committee examined Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit company. It learned from Mr. Shonts how Mayor Gaynor, committed by the votes of the people to the construction of a city owned and operated subway system, suddenly changed his attitude in favor of the Interborough's partnership plan. Shonts was mayor in 1910 at his country home in St. James, N. Y., by President Shonts. On this trip Shonts said he was accompanied by Mirabeau L. Towns, at that time neighbor and friend of Gaynor. Towns got \$5,000 for taking Shonts to St. James, where Shonts talked for three hours to the mayor trying to convince him "the Interborough was on the level and that the city's proposed plan to build and operate the subway was greatly inferior to the plan of the Interborough." Following this visit, which was made on a Sunday in April, 1910, Mayor Gaynor suddenly ceased his criticism of the Interborough Rapid Transit company and lined up solidly in support of the Interborough plan. Mr. Shonts in his examination was flanked by the leading legal generals of the Interborough staff, including DeLancey Nicoll and John E. Stanchfield.

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NAVY MILITIA OF CONNECTICUT HIGHLY PRAISED. The report of the navy department on the practice cruise of the United States Steamship Kentucky, Aug. 17-29, which was participated in by the Connecticut Naval Militia, gives the sailors of this state a great deal of praise. The commanding officer of the Kentucky was Commander D. E. Dismukes, and 15 officers and 270 enlisted men of the Connecticut Naval Militia took part in working the ship. Of the local sailors, thereport says: Connecticut organization was well organized, having a very good engineer division and a fairly well organized pay division. The Maine militia had neither a regular assigned engineer or pay division. The Rhode Island militia, though they had a vessel assigned to them, had no organized engineer division.

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MANUFACTURERS VOICE PROTESTS ON VALUATIONS AVOID RAILROAD FOR SHIPMENTS

Many Factory Representatives Appear Before Board of Relief.

Before the board of relief yesterday a large number of the officials of various manufacturers appeared protesting against the increase in their assessments which were tacked on by the board of assessors this year. Judge Carl Foster for the American & British Mfg. Co., asked that an increase of \$150,000 made by the assessors be reduced to \$25,000. He admitted the company was working on war orders but said the material was for the Bethlehem Steel Co. and that the material should be assessed there and not in Bridgeport. He said the new machinery that had been installed would be so much junk after the war. The new assessment of the company is \$42,000.

For the Automatic Machine Co., J. Porter asked a substantial reduction in assessment. The assessors raised the company \$10,000 over last year and the board of relief boosted it \$25,000 more. The plant is now assessed at \$131,894.

Officials of the Ashcroft Mfg. Co. also protested. The \$100,000 tacked on to their former figure of \$383,054 by the relief board. George Zink, representing the John S. Fray Co., protested against the increase in valuation on his property of his firm.

Col. M. Rogers said the increase of \$24,000 in the valuation of the Fairchild & Shelton Co. property was unfair. The plant of the company in Housatonic avenue has been listed this year at \$124,978. He said he and other officials of the plant had, with difficulty, kept it from removing from the city. He invited the board to visit the plant and convince themselves of the unreasonableness of the increase in the assessment.

Singer Mfg. Co. officials asked a reduction of \$50,000 in its total assessment of \$2,138,964. The Post Publishing Co. asked a reduction of \$35,000 in its assessment of \$125,000. The board of assessors raised the company about \$60,000 and the board of relief gave it another boost of \$20,000.

Officials of the Park theatre, was the only theatrical manager who appeared before the board, although 43 were notified that they will be assessed on their business hereafter. Mr. Singer Mfg. Co. officials asked a reduction of \$50,000 in its total assessment of \$2,138,964.

NICARAQUA TREATY PASSED BY SENATE AFTER TWO YEARS

Washington, Feb. 18.—With the Nicaraguan treaty out of the way, administration senators were ready today to call up for ratification the Haitian treaty and consideration of the Panama Canal treaty. The agreement, under which the United States would acquire Nicaraguan canal rights and naval base in the Bay of Fonseca for \$3,000,000, was passed 65 to 48 by the Senate yesterday.

The ratification resolution included an amendment stating that the United States, in obtaining a naval base, does not intend to violate any existing rights in Costa Rica, Honduras and Salvador, which had protested against the proposed acquisition.

Senator Chamorro, the Nicaraguan minister, who today notified his government of the action of the Senate, said that he expects his government to ratify the convention shortly.

Protective Home Fund Near \$3,000 Mark, Is Early Report Today

According to the early returns on the financial campaign of the Bridgeport Protective association, \$2,912.76 has been received. Four districts have been organized, however, and the members of the association hope that this amount will be increased substantially.

Arrangements are being made for a meeting of leaders and leaders next week, at which final reports will be made.

The Long Island Railway is in the market for 8,000 tons of steel rails.

DREAMS A COLD CURE

"Pape's Cold Compound" is the Surest, Quickest Relief Known—It's Fine!

Relief comes instantly. A dose taken every two hours until three doses are taken will end grippe, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and inflammation of the throat, cold, influenza, headache, fever, chills, etc. It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and eases up a severe cold, either in the head, chest, body or limbs.

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Newtown Business Men Sending Freight Here By Truck to Sound Boats.

(Special to The Farmer) Newtown, Feb. 19.—The funeral of Mrs. Fidelia L. Hewes, mother of Mrs. Alice Northrop of this town, occurred yesterday at the home of the former in Crete, Ill. Her death occurred suddenly. Besides Mrs. Northrop two other daughters, Mrs. Minnie E. Baker of Goodenow, Ill., and Miss Eva L. Hewes of Crete, survive the deceased.

James S. Blaney, Fourth assistant postmaster general has notified the authorities in Newtown and Stepany that a representative of the post office department will visit the territory affected by the order of the department of June 16, 1915, discontinuing the Route No. 15 from Stepany, Depot postoffice and extending Route No. 16 of Newtown, Conn., served by Frank A. Blackwell. He protests that the arrangement is burdensome in the extreme. The representative will go over the routes with a view to making the exact conditions and recommend what further changes are necessary, if any, to promote the best interests of the service.

John R. Peck and son, James, have taken the contract to deliver the output of S. Curtis & Son's manufactory at Bridgeport transportation by boat or rail to the customers of the firm. A heavy motor truck is used for the purpose, and the arrangement will doubtless be followed by other manufacturing plants on the Posttuck, which have suffered inconvenience from railroad congestion of freight.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church has added to its treasury \$45, the net proceeds of its recent Valentine sale and supper. Bert Carey has procured a position with the Remington Arms Co. of Bridgeport. His brother, Thomas Carey has taken the position of chauffeur for Dr. Robert Lynch of Bridgeport.

At both masses, Sunday at St. Rose's church the monthly offerings for parish needs will be received. Arthur J. Crowe, Corbett and Crowe of Sandy Hook was at his home in Bethel for a few days this week, called by the illness and death of his brother, Frank Crowe, a popular young man of that town. His funeral was held today.

Harlow Benedict is harvesting ice on the north branch of the Posttuck this week. He is assisted by H. B. Read, a neighbor.

A Farmer's meeting will be held at the hall in Quakers Farms, Feb. 22, beginning at 10 a. m., which is of especial interest to the farmers of the Eastern part of Newtown. March 1st a Farmer's Institute will be held at the Congregational church. South Britain, which is convenient for the farmers of the northern and central parts of the town. Both meetings will be attended by well known speakers upon a wide range of subjects of interest to the farmer and his wife.

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Work will start Monday on the bascule for the new Stratford avenue bridge. Most of the tenants on the north side where the street will be widened from the present bridge to East Main street have vacated the buildings. There was to have been a meeting of the commission yesterday at the mayor's office, but yesterday afternoon, but only Commissioner James Coulter appeared. F. C. Wolf and Inspector Maurice McKenna reported on a few routine bills that were presented but no action was taken.

NEW BRIDGEPORT CORPORATION. The Tristini & Soffarrelli Co. has filed a certificate of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state. The company will do a contracting, real estate and building business in Bridgeport, and will begin with a capital of \$2,000. The incorporators are Pascal Tristini and Michael and Nicholas Soffarrelli, all of this city.

The Bank of England bought 15,000 pounds of steel rails, 10,000 pounds, shipped 10,000 pounds in sov- ereigns to America.

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