

THE AYERS CASE MYSTERY

A Letter Found Which May Greatly Aid the Authorities.

Discovered Torn Into Bits in a Room Adjoining the Office Where the Tragedy Occurred—Efforts Made to Identify the Handwriting.

A letter torn into scraps and found in one of the rooms adjoining the one occupied by James Seymour Ayers, Jr., may play an important part in the Kenmore Hotel mystery. It is now in the possession of the District Attorney and every effort is being made to identify the handwriting.

Just what is contained in this communication the authorities are unwilling to state, but it is understood that so much significance is attached to the letter that it is guarded with the greatest secrecy, and although it has been in the possession of the authorities for over a week they have prevented the public from getting any knowledge of the facts.

The address and the signature are rather indistinct, but it is understood that the text is such as to severely compromise the writer, whom the detectives and those attached to the District Attorney's office are exerting every effort to definitely locate. Several detectives were also busy engaged today in the endeavor to locate the owner of the pistol with which Ayers was shot, and which was sold at the store of a Pennsylvania Avenue dealer February 19, 1898.

One of the detectives is working upon the theory that an error was made by the salesman in taking the name and address of the purchaser, which on the books of the store appear as G. W. Sweehill, 333 H Street northwest. This detective says that at that time Mr. Warfield was not only the proprietor of the Kenmore Hotel, but also kept a boarding house at 332 H Street northwest. He believes that 333 might very readily have been erroneously entered in place of 332, and that as there was a number of students from the Columbian College Medical School at the 11 Street house it might very readily have been bought by one of them and afterward found its way to the Kenmore.

It is also stated that the exchange of boarders between the 11 Street house and the Kenmore Hotel was of frequent occurrence, and that it would have been extremely easy for the weapon to find its way into the Kenmore.

The finding of the owner of it is considered a matter that the police, as well as the District Attorney, are determined to accomplish. Mr. Warfield was questioned regarding any boarder with a name similar to Sweehill, but could recall no such person. He stated that he was more than anxious to lend the police every aid in his power to solve the mystery.

It is stated by Assistant District Attorney Tamm, who was present at the trial of the case before the grand jury that it is his purpose to bring the matter to the attention of that body next Monday. He believes that it will require the entire week for the grand jury to hear the evidence that will be called to the attention of the grand jury and consequently he hardly hopes for an indictment within ten days or two weeks.

Mrs. Bodine rested quite as well as usual in her cell at the jail last night and arose much refreshed this morning. Her appetite continues good, but it is evident that she is much disappointed by the action of Justice Howard yesterday, as she had been led to believe by her advisers that her release on bail would probably be only a matter of a few days. Her only caller this morning was her husband who remained with her for several hours.

Miss Minas was at the District Attorney's office this morning for an hour in consultation with Mr. Gould. She went over her testimony before the coroner's jury, but could not state anything new to the officials regarding the case.

ARMY CONTRACTS IN WRITING.

Secretary Root Says the Statutes Must Be Observed.

Secretary Root today issued the following general order: "The Secretary of War has been called to several instances where officers of the army in making contracts have disregarded the mandatory provisions of the 27th, Revised Statutes, which require all contracts to be reduced to writing and signed at the end thereof by both contracting parties, this in many instances causing manifest injury to the Government. It is the duty of the Secretary of War to see that the restrictions and limitations which are usually imposed in formal written contracts on the prescribed form are strictly observed. He is to object strict compliance with the statute in question."

A RULING IN BANKRUPTCY.

Creditors Must Refund Sums Paid to Establish a Status.

It was decided in the Supreme Court yesterday that the creditor of a bankrupt who had paid the sum of his claim on account prior to bankruptcy must refund to the assignee of his debtor all the money received by him within four months next preceding the date of bankruptcy, if he cannot have his claim put on an equality with the claims of other creditors. This, said Justice Peckham, was the meaning of the law.

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NOT GAMBLING CONTRACTS.

The Supreme Court on Deals for Future Delivery of Stocks.

The Supreme Court yesterday decided that contracts for the future delivery of stocks were not gambling contracts and reversed the judgment of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit to the contrary. The case was that of Henry Clevs against the Loaning Committee of the Chicago Stock Exchange and Hanson & Co., over stock for future delivery.

GOES ABOARD FOR A PRISONER.

Philip Miller, an agent of the State of New York, called at the State Department today and secured papers designating him as the agent of the President of the United States to proceed to England to bring back to this country Bernard Adams, who was arrested in Southampton on a charge of forgery committed in New York city.

Pleased With Germany's Course.

The State Department yesterday sent a message to the German Government congratulating the Kaiser on his decision to withdraw the Imperial forces from China. It is explained that the announcement of the Kaiser's purpose is particularly gratifying to the United States as this Government has already given orders for the recall of its troops.

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DECORATION DAY PLANS.

Arrangements for the Ceremonies at Battle Ground Cemetery.

The Committee on Decoration, having charge of the decoration of the graves and stands at the Battle Ground National Cemetery, on Brightwood Avenue in connection with the memorial services to be held there on Decoration Day, held a meeting in the office of the superintendent of the cemetery last night and completed arrangements for the observance of the day.

There are forty graves to be decorated, and the plan is to have forty boys plant flowers on each grave, and forty girls to place bouquets, one on each grave. Most of these children will be selected from the scholars of the Brightwood public school. The children will be requested to bring flowers to aid in the decoration, and it will be requested that these flowers be fresh pulled, so that they will be in good condition when placed upon the graves.

As Decoration Day is a school holiday, it has been arranged to have the children, or others who desire to give flowers, send them to the homes of the following members of the committee: Mrs. W. V. Cox, Brightwood; Mr. B. C. King, Takoma; and Mr. George S. Wilson, Oak Grove. It is urged that the flowers be sent to these places not later than 9 o'clock on the morning of Decoration Day, or to the office of the superintendent of the cemetery before 10 o'clock on that day.

The committee on musical decoration will meet on Decoration Day, at 10 o'clock sharp, at the cemetery, and will at once commence the work of decoration. The services at the cemetery do not begin until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, so that the committee will have ample time to complete the work of decoration before that time, and it is hoped that by arranging to have, as far as possible, flowers that will look out that day, the decorations will be unusually fresh and beautiful.

It is expected that a large number of people will attend the services at the cemetery on Decoration Day, as this cemetery is located on the scene of the only battle of the civil war that was fought in the District of Columbia. The cemetery is easily reached by the Brightwood Avenue cars, which go directly past the gate, and the connection is made by a trolley car between Soldiers' Home and the cemetery.

The meeting at the meeting last evening was held by Edward T. Bates, chairman of the committee, with Mr. W. V. Cox, vice chairman; Mrs. Charles V. Petter, Miss Jennie Stone, Miss Mary Carpenter, Miss M. M. Lewis, Miss Mattie Rutz, Miss Annie Scarff, Capt. J. F. Winans, and George S. Wilson. The programme of exercises was closed yesterday evening's issue of The Times.

The afternoon session will include a business meeting of the convention in Confederate Hall at 2 o'clock, a social feature, beginning at 7:30 o'clock tonight there will be a grand review of the floral parade at the hall, a concert by two bands, and an elaborate display of fireworks on the river.

All day yesterday veterans arrived from every quarter and the traveling facilities today have been taxed by the immense crowds of visitors. Memphis is ready to provide for the multitudes of people who are expected to be here for the day. The most minute detail has been looked after. Decorations, arches, and other ornamental structures along the route of the grand parade are complete, and are yards of bunting, including a liberal display of the Confederate colors, are flapping from buildings, giving the city a gala appearance.

THE REUNION OF THE GREY.

Will Resume His Old Position in the B. & O. Service.

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THE SIXTEENTH STREET CASE.

Amounts of Damages and Benefits Awarded by the Jury.

In the entertainment of the thousands of people who through the city liberal and thoughtful arrangements have been made. Twenty-five thousand visitors will be entertained as the invited guests of private families and according to the estimate that number have been assigned. The door of almost every home in Memphis has been thrown open. Public and private school buildings have been comfortably fitted up and will be occupied by the thousands of military organizations. Every suitable office building and cotton sample room available has been appropriated for similar service. A thousand persons will find shelter in the tourist houses, and during the week the city will be a hotel. All the commercial exchanges in the city will be used as sleeping quarters.

The distinguished guests will be entertained at hotels and private residences. General Gordon was entertained by Judge and Mrs. T. J. Latham. Col. R. B. Johnston will entertain the members of the staff, and among his guests will be General Joseph Wheeler and Pittsburgh Lee, while Capt. Raymond R. Johnson also accepted an invitation to stop with Colonel Snowden during the reunion.

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LETTER CARRIERS TO MEET.

Plans for the Annual Convention at Chattanooga, Tenn.

The twelfth annual convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers will be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., September 2 to 7, said E. J. Cantwell, Secretary of the Association, today, and the meeting promises to be one of the most successful ever held. It is the first time since our organization that we have gone to a Southern city to hold the convention. There will be a number of important matters to be discussed, and it may mention the Lorimer bill, providing for a reclassification of letter carriers. You know it was at the instance of the association that the shirt-waist order was passed by the Congress, and there are several matters in which the carriers are interested now pending before the department.

KNOW THE WAY OUT.

Made a Study of His Food.

It is not always that the user of food understands about his food, but a graduate in Cincinnati, writing for Grape-Nuts, expresses himself perfectly. He says: "A business man, who is not self to hard mental labor requires different food than a man doing muscular work. I became aware of this heavy feeling in my head day by day which did an untold damage to my work. Verdict, intestinal indigestion, and a severe diet, sugar and fat.

ATE ARMY ORDERS.

The following army orders were issued at the War Department today: "By direction of the Secretary of War First Lieut. William W. Fiscus, Jr., Nineteenth U. S. Infantry, is at his own request relieved from duty at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., and will proceed to join his regiment.

HERO'S OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Major Albert M. Anderson, United States Indian Agent, at Calveville, Indian Reservation, Wash., is in the city on official business.

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THE YALE 'VARSITY EIGHT.'

Swam the California Remark.

"I will give Jeffrey and Rulbin a purse of \$30,000 and part of the picture privileges to fight at my club in the open air either during July, August, or next September. And to show that I mean business I will put a forfeit upon the acceptance of the offer." "Madden thought the proposition a liberal one, but Jeffrey refused to commit himself. When asked if he would stop at Chicago and see William Brady, who is there, Jeffrey said: 'I don't know. I am looking after my own affairs now. Perhaps I may call on him just as an after thought.' Jeffrey denied that Tom O'Rourke is to manage him.

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Maneuvers of the High School Command.

The High School cadet company commander has been postponed to the next week. The drill of the first battalion was to have taken place yesterday, but the rain put the American League grounds in such bad condition that it was postponed until today. The same condition now prevails and the maneuvers will not be held until next week.

A Steamer Sunk in Iowa.

The Diamond Line Steamer Dubuque Struck a Rock in the Channel Eighteen Miles North of Here, near Johnson's Island, at 7 o'clock last evening. The shock stove a hole eight feet long in the bow and the boat went down in less than one minute. There were fifty passengers on board, but all were taken off in safety.

WEST VIRGINIA CHARTERS.

Two Washington Companies.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 28.—The Secretary of State has issued charters to the following corporations: Citizens' Mutual Coal Company, of Washington, D. C. Capital, \$25,000. The Gallatin Mining Company, Charleston, W. Va. Capital, \$50,000. Huntington Stone and Foundry Company, of Huntington, W. Va. Uneda Braving Company, of Wheeling, W. Va. Capital, \$25,000. Capital Art Company, of Washington, D. C., for the purpose of carrying on the business of instruction in art production, science, architecture, or other branches of learning in the liberal arts. Capital, \$100,000. The Gianni Construction Company, Wheeling, W. Va. Capital, \$150,000. American Health Supply Company, Capital, \$5,000. The office and factory will be kept at 323 Race Street, Cincinnati. The Secretary of State has admitted into West Virginia two large trust concerns. They are the American Tinplate Company, capitalized at \$50,000,000, and the American Sheet Steel Company, with a capital of \$25,000.

DIED.

KLEINSTEIN.—On Monday, May 27, 1901, at 10:45 p. m. HARRY D., beloved son of J. E. and M. Kleinsteinstad, aged ten years and six months.

Funeral from residence of parents, 115 6th st. on Wednesday, May 29, at 2 p. m. Friends and relatives invited to attend. Interment private.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.—That the East Washington Plumbers' Association, on and after June 25th, will receive \$2 per day, having joined the union.

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DOUBLE SHOE ATTRACTION TOMORROW.

Tomorrow will be a most important day at Hahn's Three Shoe Houses because of the two sales of Women's Footwear now in progress, which hold out a saving of from one-third to a half, and because of four special offerings made especially for those who have footwear to buy for Decoration Day. Though enormously reduced in prices, the Shoes and Oxfords in the two lots are of the most reliable character—and absolutely guaranteed.

95c Sale Women's \$1.50 and \$2 Sample Oxfords

and Sandals. You'll have to hurry here early tomorrow morning if you wish to avoid disappointment. The selling yesterday and up to this time of writing has been unprecedented and has considerably depleted the assortment. They are of tan and black kid and patent leather; all shapes; \$1.50 and \$2.00 grades.

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No line of Women's Shoes Illustrates better Hahn's superior purchasing power, than this line of stylish oxfords at \$2.50. Made of fine black suppur kid, patent kid and soft tan kid; with close and extension edges and rather weight turn sole and also with sole with extension edge; made with Louis XV, common sense and Cuban heels, \$3 and \$3.50 values. (At all three stores.)

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Twenty styles of Women's Black and Tan Vici Calf and Patent Leather Oxfords at \$1.95, every one of which is an actual \$2.50 value. In all shapes of toes; with Cuban, French, and common-sense heels. The patent leather shoes at this price are guaranteed.

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The acme of shoe-stylishness has been reached in our celebrated TRI-WEAR footwear for men—Shoes and Oxfords. It is a better footwear than ever made. Made of the popular leathers in newest shapes, including the new and stylish Blucherette Oxfords with big eyelets and perforated vamp.

Men's \$3 Shoes here at..... \$2.50

If you have \$3 to spend for Oxfords or Shoes, gentlemen, come here and get a pair of ours at \$2.50 and save the 50 cents. In patent calf, vici kid, and all the most stylish shapes and with flexible oak soles.

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Cor. 7th and K Sts. 1914 & 1916 Pa. Ave. 233 Pa. Ave. S. E.

TRYING TO ARRANGE A FIGHT.

Jeffries and Rulbin May Meet in San Francisco.

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TO LEAVE THE SECRET SERVICE.

William P. Hazen's Resignation Tendered and Accepted.

NEW YORK, May 28.—William P. Hazen, agent in charge of the Secret Service Bureau of the United States Government in this city, has tendered his resignation, which is to take effect on June 12. His successor, William J. Flynn, will take charge.

Mr. Hazen has been in the employ of the Government since May, 1893, when he went to work in Ohio. He worked there for a year, and then was appointed chief of the Secret Service, with headquarters at Washington. He served in that capacity for five years, and was then transferred to this city. He has been in continuous charge here since that time.

He intends to open a detective office in the neighborhood of the Stock Exchange. William J. Flynn, Mr. Hazen's successor, was appointed as an officer in the United States Secret Service Bureau in 1897. In July, 1899, he was assigned to the charge of the Pittsburg district, and remained there until May 15 of this year, when he resigned. He was then appointed chief of the New York office on the resignation of Mr. Hazen.

MORGAN AFTER MORE SHIPS.

Said to Be Negotiating for Vessels in Copenhagen.

LONDON, May 28.—The latest gossip concerning J. Pierpont Morgan is dated Copenhagen, where, it appears, it is believed he is considering the acquisition of the United Steamship Company's one hundred vessels.

FIRE AT DELAGOA BAY.

A Block of Important Buildings Destroyed by Fire.

DURBAN, Natal, May 28.—There has been a fire at Delagoa Bay and a block of the finest and most modern buildings was destroyed. This included the treasury building. Most of the records and documents stored in this building were destroyed.

A BODY LADEN WITH CHAINS.

The Corpse Found in the Danube May Be Romagnoli's.

BERLIN, May 28.—A despatch to the "Lokal Anzeiger" from Budapest says that a corpse loaded with chains has been dragged out of the Danube near that city. The police believe that the body is that of Romagnoli, the anarchist, who is said to have been sent from America to kill Emperor William. A lozenge box found in a pocket contained poison. The police of Europe and America have been notified of the discovery.

CHOSEN TO KILL THE KAISER.

An Anarchist Betrays Men Who Were to Slay Other Rulers.

ROME, May 28.—The "Arena," a newspaper of Verona, states that a blacksmith, who recently returned to his home in Schio, had been recruited by the anarchists to commit suicide by cutting his throat. He was taken to a hospital, where he said he had been chosen by lot by an anarchist society to assassinate Emperor William. The deed was required of him and he preferred to kill himself.

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