

Rain and colder tonight. Sunday much colder.

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PERFUME KILLS LOWERS TRAPPED IN CONSERVATORY

Beautiful Marchioness and Italian Tenor Found Dead Amid Roses and Magnolias.

Woman's Stepmother, Former Prima Donna, Is Arrested by the Police.

ROME, Dec. 28.—The beautiful young Marchioness Guglielmetti, daughter of one of the wealthiest aristocrats in Rome, and her lover, Signor Spalletti, a rising tenor engaged by Conried to appear next season in New York, were found dead under mysterious circumstances today in the conservatory adjoining the villa of the young woman's father. It is believed they were suffocated by perfume of the flowers. The tragedy was unquestionably due to parental opposition to the couple's courtship.

Spalletti and his sweetheart had met clandestinely in the conservatory. When found they were locked in from the outside. There were several doors, all securely fastened, rendering escape impossible without a commotion which must have alarmed the house.

How they died has not been definitely determined. One explanation offered is that, finding discovery inevitable, they poisoned themselves rather than face disgrace. The police incline to the theory advanced by several physicians that they were suffocated in the closely-shut conservatory by the intense fragrance of the magnolia, gardenias, and tube roses with which the room was filled.

Spalletti Was Not to Sing For New York Impresarios

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Herr Conried, director of the Metropolitan Opera Company, was not to be found at his office today, but the press representative of the Metropolitan said that he had never heard of Spalletti and was quite sure that no tenor of that name had been engaged for an appearance at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. It was also stated at the Manhattan Opera House that Spalletti had not been engaged by Hammerstein.

FIVE ARE KILLED WHEN TRAINS HIT

Switch Opened Mysteriously Sends Fast Passenger Into Freight.

LENOX, Mich., Dec. 28.—The North Air Line "Y" of the Grand Trunk, just outside this village was the scene of another mysterious wreck last night, when passenger train No. 5, going from Montreal via Port Huron to Detroit, ran through the open switch and smashed head-on into a double-header freight which was waiting for it to pass.

Train No. 5 was speeding through a dense fog at forty miles an hour. All of its passengers escaped injury, except a baby, who was slightly hurt, both engineers and both firemen of the engines meeting and a trainman were killed.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The barometer is low this morning from the St. Lawrence valley southward to eastern Texas, it is high over the southeastern States, and the Missouri valley. The temperatures range from zero and below in Minnesota and North Dakota to over 60 degrees in the lower Mississippi valley. Rain has fallen in the Lake region, the Ohio valley, and the east Gulf States. Rain is indicated for tonight in the East Gulf, South, and Middle Atlantic States. Snow or rain is probable Sunday in the lower Lake region and northern New York, with clearing weather elsewhere in the East and South.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh southwesterly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

EX-PRESIDENTS OUTGROWN TOYS, SAYS CLEVELAND

Declares American Government Makes Melancholy Spectacles of Them.

Required to Live Up to Standard Sometimes Beyond Their Financial Ability.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—"Take a child's outgrown toy buried in the family garage," the American ex-President says as a relic of past honors, "melancholy product of our Government system."

This sentence expresses the tone of a remarkable article written by former President Grover Cleveland in the current number of the Youth's Companion on the fate of our ex-Presidents.

According to Cleveland, the people, instead of treating their ex-Presidents as a relic of past honors, seem disposed to continue them in service so far as to interfere seriously with their untrammeled return to private citizenship.

"On account of the imperative feeling abroad," he says, "the man who has occupied the great office of President is expected to hold in trust for his fellow-citizen a certain amount of dignity in his conduct and manner in life, which he must protect against loss or deterioration. This limits the ex-President in his choice of occupation and means of livelihood, and enforces a scale of living on his part frequently less in keeping with his financial ability than with the popular ideas of ex-Presidential propriety."

HUNT LOST BONDS IN NEW YORK SAFE

Colton Estate Papers Believed to Be at Atlantic Trust Company.

Convinced that the missing bonds of the famous Colton estate were not found in San Francisco, as told by telegrams from that city last night, Charles A. Douglas and Brainerd W. Parker, collectors of the estate, will go to New York next week to open the safe deposit vault in the Atlantic Safe Deposit and Trust Company in which, it is believed, Walter J. Barnett and David F. Walker deposited much of the estate's funds.

The vault will be opened next Friday unless the key, which has to come from San Francisco, arrives in New York before that day.

"If anything was found in the San Francisco bank," said Mr. Douglas today, "it was probably some non-negotiable stock. The bonds we want are \$250,000. I believe they are in New York. We have received no notification from San Francisco that anything has been found there."

The dramatic Colton will case, which has touched Paris, San Francisco, Washington and New York, will have much light shed on its mysteries in New York. It is no key for the vault is forthcoming by Friday, the vault will probably be forced open, as the order of the New York court sanctions it as a last resort.

H. H. CLAPP BEQUEATHED ALL TO GRANDCHILDREN

Albert B. Ruff, of this city, and George R. Spalding, of Denver, Col., dated July 12, 1907, have filed that document for probate. To a sister, Amelia M. Clapp, the sum of \$50 is left. The testator directs that the remainder of the estate be equally divided between his grandchildren, Mrs. Alice M. Spalding, Denver, Col., and J. Harvey Ruff, Ishwood, Wyo.

The will of Lizzie Dewey, dated December 14, 1907, was filed for probate today. Eight shares of the stock of the Washington Gas Light Company is left to a granddaughter, Dorothy Dewey. The remainder of the estate is to be equally divided between the grandchildren, Dorothy and George Dewey. The National Savings and Trust Company is named as executor.

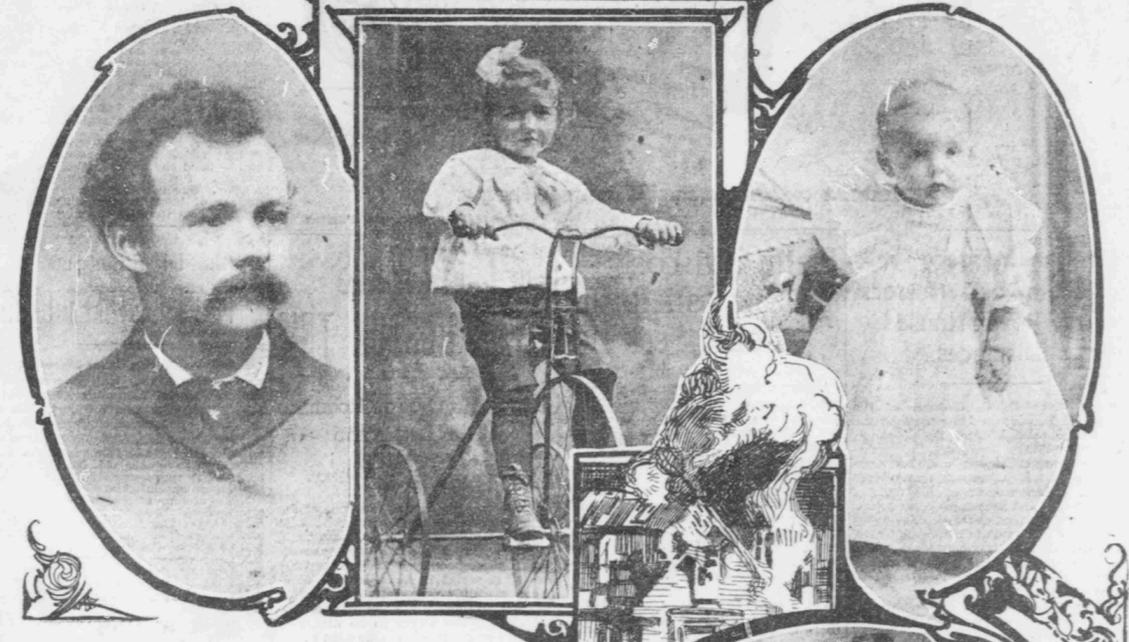
MOTORMAN INDICTED IN TROLLEY WRECK CASE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 28.—Augustus Baillera, motorman of an Indianapolis and Cincinnati Traction Company car recently wrecked at Acton, Ind., causing the death of Donald Sleeth, has been indicted by the grand jury for manslaughter and placed under bond. It is alleged that he disregarded a red light, and permitted the car to dash into an open switch.

Improved Service for Commuters Between Baltimore and Washington. With its new schedule effective Monday, January 6, the Pennsylvania Railroad will readjust its train service between Baltimore and Washington, so that train No. 314 will leave Washington 6:30 p. m. and arrive Baltimore at 8:30 p. m.; and train No. 322 will leave Washington 5:05 p. m. and arrive Union Station, Baltimore, at 6:21 p. m.—Adv.

PET CAT CAUSED CLARK TRAGEDY BELIEVE WATERTOWN CITIZENS DESTROYED IN THEIR OWN DWELLING

JOHN CLARK, JR. PHILIP CLARK. DORA CLARK, THE YOUNGEST GIRL.



CITY IS SHOCKED OVER THE DEATHS OF WHOLE FAMILY

Father and Brothers of Dead Man Prepare for the Funerals.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Lying side by side in an undertaking establishment in Watertown today are the bodies of five persons, the entire family of John Clark, who lost their lives in the fire that destroyed their home early yesterday.

John Clark, Sr., of Washington, is here with his sons, George Clark, of Philadelphia, and James Clark, of Riverton, N. J., attending to the funeral arrangements.

The entire city of Watertown is in mourning today. Never in the history of the old city has such sadness prevailed. That an entire family should have been wiped out in a dwelling-house fire at this day is almost incredible to the residents.

The latest theory advanced by the authorities is that the family cat is believed the animal tipped over a lamp in her midnight rambles.

Friends in Washington Anxiously Awaiting News Of the Watertown Tragedy

More complete details regarding the horrible death by fire at Watertown, Mass., yesterday morning of John Clark, Jr., a former Washington seditionist, and his entire family of four, are being awaited by members of the family and friends here.

The information is to come through John Clark, Sr., head of the Botanic Garden, who left yesterday afternoon for Watertown immediately on hearing of the death of his son. The father, being awaited by members of the family and friends here.

The dead man is also a brother of William Clark, forist, of Bladensburg road, who is at a loss to understand how his brother's home caught fire, inasmuch as it was newly built and steam-heated throughout.

John Clark, Jr., was at one time connected with the Agricultural Department in this city, and later became a florist and seedman. He was also once connected with his brother's business on Bladensburg road.

ALLEGED VICTIMS STAND BY DOCTOR ACCUSED OF FAKE

Mutes and Others Believe Themselves Masons, Made So by Riedel.

Arraigned on charges of false pretense in that he conducted a fake branch of Masonry, Dr. Alexander P. Riedel pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial in the police court today. Bond was fixed at \$1,000 pending trial. Dr. Riedel's alleged victims swear by him, and deem his arrest an outrage.

Immediately after bond was fixed by Judge Kimball several of the men whose money Riedel is charged with obtaining by false representation started out to procure a bondsman for him. They declared they would secure his liberty before the end of the day. Thirty-one members of the organization were in court, several of whom are deaf and dumb.

It is charged that Riedel represented that his territory extended over Massachusetts, Illinois, Louisiana and the inter-mountain States, and that it was affiliated with the American Masonic Order, incorporated. This and other statements made by Riedel are said to be false by the police, who raised his place last evening.

Riedel was arrested with a companion on a similar charge several months ago and was released on bond. When his case was called it was found that he had gone to Philadelphia. Brought back to Washington Riedel was tried before a Police Court jury, which stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal. He has never been given a second trial on that charge.

The thirty-one members of Riedel's organization insisted today that Riedel was not guilty of any wrongdoing, and that they were Masons in the full sense of the word. "We are Masons, said one of the men who could speak, "and we've got to have some strong evidence to prove that we are not."

Julius Fokufsky, w. l., gave Riedel \$10 to be initiated into the organization, said: "I gave up \$10, but I've gotten my money's worth. I'm a Mason and no one can tell me different."

Among the papers captured in the raid on the alleged Freemasons Lodge conducted by Dr. Riedel in the building occupied by the American Home Life Insurance Company at Fifth and G streets northwest, is an alleged authorization to form lodges. It is signed by Herbert P. Jefferson, vice president and grand master Mason, Philadelphia.

"Know ye that by virtue of the power, in me vested, that I hereby authorize Brother Alexander P. Riedel, upon receiving into his hands and mailing to me the petitions of at least three lodges in the territory of the south Atlantic States, petitioning the American Masonic Federation to erect and charter them as lodges, to, in my own name, grant the same and administer or authorize the master of each lodge to administer the same, and declare the lodges duly organized and empowered to work as lodges in our jurisdiction and under the authority and government and our federation, awaiting the delivery of the charters to all Freemasons on the face of the globe."

DEATH OF GIRL IS DEEP MYSTERY

Investigation of Killing of Miss Ricketts on Railroad Fruitless.

Mystery surrounds the circumstances under which Miss Bessie Ricketts, of Rockville, an employe of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, met her death on the railroad tracks in the Maryland town last evening. Relatives, friends, and the authorities spent the entire morning investigating the accident, which cost the young woman her life, but they were unable to get beyond theory.

The body has been turned over to an undertaker to be prepared for burial. Funeral services probably will be held Monday.

Miss Ricketts lived in Washington, but went to Rockville to spend the holidays with her relatives. Last evening about 6 o'clock she and her father left home and walked to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad station where they parted.

The father went to town to see a friend and the daughter went in the opposite direction. That was the last time she was seen alive by her relatives.

While the Frederick train, due to arrive in Rockville at 6 o'clock was backing into the siding, the brakeman discovered the young woman's body lying on the track.

She was comatose, but seemed dazed. There was a deep gash under her left eye and blood gushed from it. This appeared to be her only injury.

Clayton M. Nash, a deputy in the justice of peace office, will succeed Mr. Sherwood.

Charles H. Robison, brother of Chief Justice of the District of Columbia, is the new appointee and will succeed Mr. Nash as a deputy. Mr. Robison served as a temporary deputy at the time of the organization of the juvenile court. He is forty-nine years old and a printer by trade.

ANNOUNCE CHANGES IN SUPREME COURT

Several Promotions and One Appointment Due First of Year.

Col. John R. Young, clerk of the District Supreme Court, this morning announced changes that will take place in the personnel of his office January 1. The changes to be made consist of promotions and one new appointment, made necessary by the recent death of Frank L. Williams, marriage license clerk and index clerk of the equity division.

R. P. Belew, acting clerk of Equity Court, No. 2, will be transferred to a similar position in Equity Court, No. 1. The clerkship to Chief Justice Clayton M. Nash, a deputy in the justice of peace office, will succeed Mr. Sherwood.

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PHILIP TRIAL IN FEBRUARY.

Announcement is made from the office of District Attorney Baker that by agreement with counsel for the defense the trial of Gaston Philip, charged with the murder of Frank MacAbey, cap driver, at the Arlington Hotel, May 15, will not be called until the first week in February. This postponement was made to enable the Government to take up the trial of the other cases. The Philip trial will last probably two weeks.

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IDENTIFIES BODY FOUND NEAR RIVER

Said to Be Annie Evans Who Applied for Employment.

Man Met Her Christmas Eve in Newark Restaurant.

Clerk in Store Involves Mysterious Man From Yacht.

HARRISON, N. J., Dec. 28.—The name of the good looking young woman whose nude body was found Thursday afternoon and viewed by the body of the slain girl, after carefully inspecting the clothing. She was positive in her identification.

Mrs. Wright is the owner of an employment agency at 477 Bloomfield avenue, Montclair. She said today:

"This woman came to see me December 17 about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. She was dressed in the clothes I have just examined and wore a black hat with a white feather. She filed an application with me for a position as housekeeper and said she would prefer to keep house for a bachelor. She said her name was Mrs. Annie Evans."

Would Give No Address.

"I asked for her address, but she would not give me one, saying that she would keep in touch with me. She said she had kept house for two families in Brooklyn and had friends in Newark, with whom she was staying.

"I did not see her again, nor hear from her, but I am positive that this is the woman. These are the clothes she wore when she came to see me."

Circumstances developed by the police today pointed to the fact that the woman was poisoned on board a Passaic boat near the Passaic river, in which her body was found.

Thomas Flarigan, an elevator man in a Newark department store, identified the slain woman today as a woman he saw Christmas Eve in a restaurant in Newark. She had met him where he was employed and he was engaged in stating she had an engagement to meet a "friend" at the elevator entrance. She told him she was a stranger in Newark, but did not say where she came from.

Three Theories of Crime.

Three distinct theories affecting the case are put forth today. The first is that the woman was slain on one of the half hundred yachts moored near where the body was found; a second is that she was killed on a boat near New Jersey and her body brought to the place where found in a wagon; while the third is that she died as the result of an illegal operation, after which her body was thrown out to be found miles from the scene of the crime.

Prosecutor Speer, who has charge of the case, is discouraging any of his assistants talking. "I think there was a crime committed," he said, "but there are certain clues that I want run down before I submit a case."

An inquest can be of no use, Coroner Sumner, of Hudson county, says, until there is some evidence to show at least how she met death. County Physician Converse has found a mark which he thinks indicates that the woman was stabbed to the brain with a hat pin, which pierced the flesh just under the left eye.

The wound is so small that an autopsy would be necessary to verify this suspicion. The doctor did not discover the wound until last night, and made a fresh examination of it by daylight today.

Questions Clerk in Store.

Chief of Police Rogers today summoned to his office Henry Williams, a clerk in a Newark store, at whose store a mattress and pillow were bought two weeks ago by a man who represented himself as Arthur Thompson, one of the men now under arrest. This man ordered the articles delivered at Thompson's boat a few yards from the pool where the body was found.

Williams describes the man who ordered the mattress as differing materially from Thompson, the prisoner. His description of his customer tallies in almost every detail with that furnished by Coogan, the watchman at the Marine Iron Works, who saw a man and a woman pass toward the "one black" swamp a short time before the murder is supposed to have been committed.

The police think that a third man was living on the idle hour with Thompson and Kirkman, the two suspects.

Roosevelt Replies to Governor Sparks

President Roosevelt today wired Governor Sparks, of Nevada, in response to his appeals to retain Federal troops at Goldfield, that the troops would be removed within five days, unless in that time the governor should issue a call for the Legislature to meet in special session for the purpose of assuming its responsibilities in the preservation of order.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return

Every Saturday and Sunday via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except "Congressional Limited."