

SHOOT THE MAN WHOM SHE THINKS, KILLED HUSBAND

Mrs. La Bartia Took Vow of Vengeance Year Ago Today.

"I HOPE HE DIES," WOMAN DECLARES

Victim Unconscious and Little Hope Held for Recovery—Hundreds See Crime.

NEW YORK, June 28.—After waiting a whole year for vengeance and after having been told by the police that they could not take a hand in the case, Mrs. Louisia La Bartia, a widow, aged twenty-five years, today mortally wounded Dominic Versagia, aged nineteen.

The woman's husband was killed just a year ago today and she believed that Versagia had killed him. Today she waited for him at a corner and as he passed on his way to work, she shot him four times, one shot following another in quick succession, while a thousand men, women, and children on their way to work in the factory district ran screaming in all directions.

The unconscious youth was removed to a hospital, where it is believed he has no chance to live. The woman is in jail. She declared that she is satisfied with what she has done. Mrs. La Bartia had a new revolver concealed beneath her apron, and waited until her quarry passed.

Too Quick for Him.

When Versagia saw her, he threw his hand to his hip, as if to pull a revolver. But the woman, who had studied other plans of vengeance, was not to be cheated. She was quicker than he. Her first shot struck him in the abdomen and he turned to run. Mrs. La Bartia fired again. The second bullet entered his side, third in the back, and as he toppled to the ground the woman stood over him and fired a fourth shot. It penetrated his left hand. She was about to pull the trigger for the fifth shot, when Morris Becker knocked the weapon from her hand.

At the police station the woman told her story. "My husband and I came from Reggio, Italy," she said, quietly. "Versagia also came from there. He was a tailor in Reggio, and my husband was an umbrella maker. They knew one another, but were not friendly.

Threatening Letters.

"Soon after we moved to New York my husband began to receive threatening letters. Then one day he was shot in a doorway near our home. That was just a year ago. I was a widow. My little baby died because I could not take care of it. This was the sixth baby I had buried. Then I swore a vow against the murderer of my husband. I looked everywhere for a clue. For a year I have had no other aim in life. A few weeks ago, an unnamed letter came to me. It said: 'Your husband's slayer is the dominion who used to come and take him out at nights.' I investigated. I found that Versagia was a member of the Black Hand and that he spoke the truth. I went to the police. I showed them the letter, and told them that what I had found out. They said they could do nothing. They would not even arrest Versagia.

WEATHER REPORT.

The weather is slightly cooler in the middle Atlantic and north Atlantic States, and generally west of the Rocky mountains; warm weather continues in the Southern States and the middle West.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Unsettled with local thunder showers tonight or Tuesday; not much change in temperature; light variable winds.

Table with 2 columns: Time (8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., Noon) and Temperature (77, 78, 80, 82, 84).

SUN TABLE.

Table with 2 columns: Sun rises (4:30), Sun sets (7:30).

TIDE TABLE.

Table with 2 columns: Time (Today—High tide, 2:59 p. m. and 3:27 p. m., Low tide, 9:48 a. m. and 9:53 p. m.) and Tide (Tomorrow—High tide, 3:45 a. m. and 4:15 p. m., Low tide, 10:27 a. m. and 10:38 p. m.).

HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., June 28.—Both rivers muddy this morning.

FIVE MORE SUCCUMB TO CONTINUED HEAT

Weather Man Holds Out Very Little Hope for Relief.

LOCAL SHOWERS NOW PREDICTED

Humidity Average Is 85, and in Other Eastern Cities Nearly as High.

Old General Humidity, the champion single-handed, catch-as-catch-can oppressor of the universe, has a grip on the District of Columbia today which his chief interpreter at the Weather Bureau declares there is not much prospect of loosening, despite the lower temperature and the showers that are promised.

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Heat Record of the Day in Washington.

Table with 3 columns: Time (8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., Noon, 1 p. m., 2 p. m.), Weather Bureau, and Klock (77, 81, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 90).

CLOTHING IS KEY TO SIGEL TANGLE

Discovery of Apparel of Murdered Girl Sheds Light on Crime.

NEW YORK, June 28.—With the discovery that the clothing of Elsie Sigel, strangled to death in the room of Leon Ling, above a chop suey restaurant in Eighth avenue, was packed in three suitcases and left in a Chinese restaurant in 110th street, before the girl's body was taken to Newark, where Leon Ling made an ineffectual attempt to get rid of the trunk, and then returned to the Eighth avenue room, the police today are rapidly clearing their way into the complicated net of circumstances surrounding the murder of the twenty-year-old missionary girl. Captain Carey, of the homicide bureau, has also discovered that Leon Ling was aided in his efforts to dispose of the body by four men.

Clear Washington Mystery.

Then, the police believe, Leon wrote the telegram which was sent to the Sigel family from Washington, and giving it to one of his confederates put him on a train for Washington to send the message.

This explains the stories that the police have endeavored in vain to reconcile, that Leon was in Washington on the night of June 9, while at 1:30 on the morning of June 19, he was in Newark, N. J., trying to dispose of the trunk containing the girl's body.

Automobile Used.

While Leon was packing the body in the trunk and his own and the girl's clothes in three suit cases the big touring car rolled up in front of the house, at 782 Eighth avenue. This was early in the afternoon of June 9, the day of the murder. Sun Leung and his employees, who conduct the Chinese restaurant on the second floor of the building, were absent at this hour, as the restaurant is open only until 4 o'clock in the afternoon until 4 o'clock in the morning.

Leon knew this and timed all his movements so that the innocent Chinamen in the restaurant could not observe him. The police are surprised, however, that certain other persons in the building, who should have made observations, have not yet admitted witnessing these occurrences.

TRAIN DROPS EIGHTY FEET.

EUREKA, Cal., June 28.—A logging train of the Metropolitan Lumber Company ran away on a steep grade and dropped off a bridge eighty feet high. The entire train crew of four men were instantly killed.

EARLY MUST STAY UNTIL HE SUBMITS TO ANOTHER TEST

Supposed Leper Will Not Be Permitted to Leave Otherwise.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS INVITE LITIGATION

Health Authorities Anxious to Have Courts Settle the Whole Matter.

John Early, the supposed leper, must submit to an examination by disinterested physicians or effect his release through the courts and habeas corpus proceedings, according to an ultimatum made public this afternoon by Assistant Corporation Counsel F. H. Stephens, following a conference between Early's attorney and officials of the Health Department.

Unless Early submits to an examination, according to Mr. Stephens, the District will decline to permit his departure for New York, where the supposed leper proposes to place himself under the care of Dr. L. Morgan Bulkley, who declares that Early is not afflicted with leprosy.

The District, in order to dispose of the matter, will invite Early's attorney to bring habeas corpus proceedings, should he refuse to submit to another examination. Early has said that he will allow the taking of no additional cultures from his body.

Nothing to Say.

"There is absolutely nothing I can say now," was Mr. Woodward's reply, when asked concerning the result of the conference. "There is nothing I can say, without going into detail, and just yet I am not ready to do that. There has been very little change yet in the status of the case."

Attorney Ben F. Minor was equally as reticent as to Early's affairs. "I took the case up with Mr. Woodward this morning," he said, "and am working on the theory that a satisfactory arrangement can be made without going into court. I am not ready to say yet what may be the result, nor when a settlement may be reached."

May Reach Agreement.

The statement of Attorney Minor on Sunday that he believed satisfactory arrangements for Early's release could be made without resorting to legal process, followed by his statement today to the effect that the plan for an amicable settlement has not yet been dropped, is regarded as indicating that the Health Department may not be entirely hostile to the plan.

Just what Attorney Minor's plan is probably will not be known until its definite adoption or rejection by the Health Department, and just when the Health Department may be expected to take action upon it will doubtless depend more or less upon the number of cultures which it will have to be separately considered.

Should the plan for a compromise instituted to secure Early's release, it will probably be resisted by Francis F. Stephens, Assistant Corporation Counsel. Early showed considerable disappointment that a decision was not reached today, and continued in an optimistic frame of mind as to the agreement that may be reached. He still insists he submit to another culture being taken by the local authorities.

REPORT OF MELVIN READY FOR WILSON

Data Contain Results of Investigation of St. Louis Packing House Conditions.

The full report of Dr. Alonzo D. Melvin, of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture, on the packing house conditions in East St. Louis, has been prepared for presentation to Secretary Wilson and will be given out for publication by the Secretary within the course of a day or two.

HERRING TO BRING AIRPLANE.

A. M. Herring, the New York inventor, will, in all probability, make an attempt to comply with the terms of his contract with the War Department in bringing his airplane down to Fort Myer.

JAPANESE PRINCE WATCHES FLIGHT

TOKYO, June 28.—In the presence of Prince Yamashina, the American aviator, Hamilton, made a phenomenal exhibition of his airplane, here today. Hamilton, operating his machine at an elevation of 300 feet, sailed around Ueno Park for ten minutes.

CONDEMNED TO DEATH



MOHAMMED ALI, SHAH OF PERSIA.

CZAR'S OFFICIALS MARKED FOR DEATH

MURDER OF MAJOR BECKMAN BELIEVED PART OF WIDESPREAD PLOT.

LONDON, June 28.—It is today considered practically certain that the assassination at Stockholm Saturday evening of Major General Beckman, chief of the Swedish coast artillery, is the beginning of an anarchistic demonstration which will continue throughout the tour of the Czar of Russia through Europe.

The secret service agents of the Swedish government have uncovered evidence which establishes beyond a doubt the determination of the European anarchists to make the Czar's visit coincidental with anti-monarchical demonstrations in the countries through which he travels.

Following the suicide of the assassin of General Beckman, who died yesterday of wounds inflicted after the shot that killed the coast artillery chief and wounded Surgeon Levander, the police discovered that his death was the prearranged end of a plot which resulted in the shooting by lottery of the man to do the killing.

WIDESPREAD PLOT.

Through their discoveries the police have established that anarchists in Sweden, France, England, Italy, and Turkey for months have been preparing for the Czar's visit with the purpose of attacking officials in the countries he visits.

Agents of the Russian secret service, which has been aroused by the discovery of the Czar's visit, are ready to assist the local authorities in apprehending the suspects. Particularly are they looking for Russian anarchists who are understood to be directing their European associates.

FEELING INCREASES.

As the time for the Czar's arrival in England draws nearer, public feeling against his visit increases. It is generally understood that the labor unions are considering seriously the ordering of a general strike to protest against his presence in England.

HAYES' SON WANTS TO CHANGE NAME

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 28.—In his application for a State auto license, Col. Webb C. Hayes, son of President Hayes, writes his name "Hayse," and friends say that he will soon go before the proper court officials to have the name which his father made famous, changed to read the new way. Colonel Hayes—or "Hayse"—is quite prominent in the Ohio National Guard.

WOMAN SCHOOL OFFICIAL.

WILMINGTON, Del., June 28.—Miss Ella Johnson, of Newport, Del., a member of the Newport Equal Suffrage Club, was elected school commissioner of the Newport schools. She is the first woman commissioner ever elected in New Castle county.

MAYOR TAKES HAND TO SETTLE STRIKE OF CAR EMPLOYES

Men Stand Firm Against Overtures of Pittsburg Company's Officials.

TIE-UP COMPLETE THROUGHOUT DAY

No Sign of Disturbance, But Trouble Is Feared When "Mechanics" Arrive.

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 28.—The conference between the striking employes and officials of the Pittsburg Railway Company, which began shortly after 10 o'clock this morning in Mayor Magee's office, adjourned at noon without any progress being made toward an adjustment of the difficulties further than a hope expressed by Mayor Magee that a successful adjustment will soon be made.

Both sides, however, maintain a very determined attitude, and their few utterances are at marked variance with the hopeful view taken by the mayor.

President J. D. Callery and his advisers confined themselves to offering again to arbitrate, and this afternoon this proposition was refused by the striking motormen and conductors.

At noon Sheriff Addison Gumbert swore in 500 extra deputies. Not a car on the entire system is running, and the business is greatly impeded all over the city. Every sort of temporary transportation medium is being pressed into service.

Violence Feared.

It was learned today that a carload of "mechanics" will be brought, and an outbreak is feared when they arrive. The first violence occurred at 1 p. m. at Frankstown avenue, near Ball street. Two men driving a load of lumber from the Homewood street car barn to the Bunker Hill barn were stopped by the strikers, who tossed the lumber from the wagon across the street car tracks, and ordered the drivers to drive their team away.

An auto filled with policemen was hurried to the scene, but when the officers arrived the men had disappeared. The lumber was to have been used for the construction of bunks for strike-breakers.

Conferences Fruitless.

Preparatory to bringing in strike breakers to Pittsburg, the railway company is placine bunks in all of its car barns, and has served notice on Sheriff Gumbert and every peace officer in the county, that it will demand protection for its cars and other property.

Several fruitless conferences were held between the traction officials and leaders of the striking employes. Following the last of these meetings President Callery and his advisers issued a statement to the public that "the men repudiated their own position and had promised to return to work. The strikers, on the other hand, as a body, have refused to consider themselves discharged."

PHILIPPINE BELL DEvised BY OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander Gibson Leaves Bulk of Estate to His Wife.

A ship's bell captured at Cavite, P. I., bequeathed to his father, Stephen Gibson, is among the legacies provided for by the will of Lieutenant Commander John Gibson, U. S. N., which was filed for probate today.

NEW YORK FACES BUILDING STRIKE

Sixteen Thousand Carpenters Will Walk Out If Open Shop Is Declared.

NEW YORK, June 28.—Declaring that the union carpenters of New York have violated their arbitration agreement with the Master Carpenters' Association which meet this afternoon to decide whether they will declare an "open shop."

If they do, the 15,000 carpenters of New York declare they will wage a bitter fight. It is said that if the employers carry out the "open shop" threat, the entire building trade unions, numbering more than 60,000 men, will be affected at once. Union carpenters employed on fifty new buildings recently stopped work because non-union men were being employed. The general arbitration board ordered them to return to work. They refused, and in retaliation the master carpenters threaten an "open shop."