

PLANNED MURDER

Society Belle Wanted Her Divorced Husband Killed.

ASKED A MAN TO DO THE DEED

Mrs. Carrie Sinclair Hutton, of Concord, N. H., Accused of Conspiring to Murder Her Former Husband—Once Noted For Her Beauty—Friends Think Her Inane—A Remarkable Case.

Concord, N. H. (Special).—A sensational episode came to a climax Wednesday in the arrest of Mrs. Carrie Sinclair Hutton, twenty-six years old, well known in society, and at the time of her marriage one of the belles of the city, on the charge of conspiracy with intent to murder her divorced husband, Walter C. Hutton, of whom, it is asserted, she has been extremely jealous. She admitted her guilt.

At the September term of the Superior Court Mrs. Hutton obtained a divorce from her husband on statutory grounds. From a beautiful bride of a few years ago her grief has made her haggard in feature and emaciated in form, so that she had the sympathy of all who knew her.

She went to Boston Monday, and at the Union Station met a young man, apparently out of work, who was a stranger to her.

She asked him if he wanted to earn a dollar, and he replied that he did. She requested him to "put a man out of the way" for her. The young man, who was William Henry Dutton, of Dorchester, Mass., made an evasive answer. He went home and told his father of the conversation.

His father at once sent him to the police authorities in Boston, and they in turn notified City Marshal Locke, of this city. Mr. Dutton, Mrs. Hutton had written an urgent letter to Dutton, telling him to come to this city at once, and giving him specific directions as to how he was to "do the job."

This letter he showed the Boston police, and by their direction he arranged to meet Mrs. Hutton here Wednesday evening.

Dutton met Mrs. Hutton at the Postoffice here and took her to the rear of the State House for consultation. City Marshal Locke and Assistant Marshal Ransford were concealed inside the State House, where they could observe all the proceedings. Mrs. Hutton handed her companion a loaded revolver, a sealed envelope, which she said contained a five-dollar bill as part payment for "the job," and another letter containing a decoy letter, which was to be given to Hutton in order to lure the latter from his home to be killed.

Mrs. Hutton then started for home, and Dutton remained to report to the police. They accompanied him to Mrs. Hutton's home, where the City Marshal concealed himself near the door while Dutton rang the bell. When Mrs. Hutton came to the door Dutton told her that he had lost the decoy letter and could not find Hutton's house.

Mrs. Hutton told him the number and pointed in the direction in which the house was situated. As she did so the City Marshal caught her by the arm. She recognized Locke and went into hysterics. When she recovered she bade her aged mother and her little child good-bye, and was then taken to the police station. Her friends believe that she is insane.

MAINE'S POPULATION LESSENS.

Disaffected French Canadians Will Return to Dominion.

Montreal, Que. (Special).—Recent migrations indicate that the population of the New England States, but more particularly of Maine, threatens to be reduced by 150,000 or 200,000, and that of the Province of Quebec correspondingly increased early next spring, by the return to their native province of French Canadians, who have, during the past thirty years, crossed the border with the hope of bettering their condition.

Of the 200,000 French Canadians in Maine about 150,000 will go back to Lake St. John in the spring. Out of 15,000 in Biddeford 12,000 are French Canadians.

Fright Caused Death of a Child.

While Cassie Decker, twenty years old, and a younger sister were sitting in a sleigh at Fairfield, Me., the horses bolted. Both children were thrown out, and Cassie was picked up dead. Her sister was uninjured. A physician said that Cassie's death was due to fright, as no injuries were found on her body which could have killed her.

Consul-General Shaw a Suicide.

W. Irvine Shaw, who had been filling the position of United States Consul at Barranquilla, Colombia, and who was recently appointed Consul-General to Singapore, committed suicide in a hotel at Philadelphia. He opened a femoral artery, and slashed his throat and wrists with a knife. His health is supposed to have affected his mind.

\$800,000 Failure in Baltimore.

Isaac Robinson, a canned goods and fertilizer manufacturer, at Baltimore, Md., has failed for \$800,000. According to the statements made about \$448,630 is secured by collateral and the assets amount to \$712,000. Robinson conducted twenty-five packing houses and several country stores.

New President of Liberia.

The President of Liberia, W. D. Coleman, has resigned, owing to the disapproval by the Legislature of his interior policy. G. W. Gibson, the Secretary of State, was elected President by the Legislature.

Turkey Orders the Cruiser.

The contract for the purchase of a cruiser for Turkey was awarded at Constantinople by the Minister of Marine, Hassan Pasha, and General Williams, representing the Cramps of Philadelphia.

Sporting Brevities.

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club wants the Canada Cup races next year held before the America's Cup race.

Four New Jersey hockey clubs, the Montclair, South Orange, Crystal Lake and Short Hills hockey clubs, have formed the New Jersey Hockey League.

Golf as a winter sport may not have the attractiveness of the midsummer game, but there are several prominent clubs near New York City which have stamped their approval on cold weather play.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

The State Department sent the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to the British Government through two channels, one copy being transmitted to Lord Pauncefote, and the other through Ambassador Choate at London, who will present it to the Foreign Office.

Purnell H. Miller was appointed Postmaster at New Orleans at the request of the bondsmen of J. G. R. Pitkin, resigned.

The War Department decided to take no further action toward bringing volunteers home from the Philippines until Congress provides regulars to replace them.

Lieutenant-Colonel James A. Buchanan, Porto Rican Regiment, U. S. V., was assigned to the command of the District of Porto Rico, recently incorporated into the Department of the East.

Mrs. William P. Frye, wife of the President pro tempore of the Senate, died suddenly in Washington.

The President said he would go to the Pacific coast in May to attend the launching of the battleship Ohio at the Union Iron Works at San Francisco, and would be absent from Washington about a month.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

The latest reports from Iloilo, P. I., say that the islands of Panay and Cebu, since the rainy season set in, are being rapidly cleared of the enemy, and that in a few weeks the only opposition encountered will be that offered by scattering ladrones.

Officers of the cruiser Newark reported there were supplies enough available at Guam when the Newark left to last three weeks, and the inhabitants would then be dependent upon supplies from Cavite.

A severe earthquake visited Santiago, Cuba, causing panic in the poorer quarters of the town. Many buildings were seriously damaged.

The enormous yield of cane is creating some talk of a general strike among the cutters in Eastern Cuba, and Governor-General Wood is preparing to send emigrants to take the places of the strikers should trouble occur.

DOMESTIC.

Former Governor Wolcott's death makes a vacancy in the Massachusetts Electoral College.

Edward V. Higgins, of Coldwater Canyon, Cal., confessed that he murdered his mother and William Shepherder with an axe.

Many men were injured in a religious riot which occurred in a lumber camp near Flat Pond, in Maine.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Reuben Hale, Bishop Coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Springfield, died at Cairo, Ill., of valvular disease of the heart. Bishop Hale was born in Pennsylvania March 14, 1837.

Governor Pingree issued a requisition on the Governor of Cuba for Charles Jenner Thompson, who is wanted in Detroit, Mich., for forgery. This is the first requisition on Cuba ever issued.

The whites at Sitka, Alaska, are fearful of an Indian outbreak.

Nearly a dozen highway robberies and one murder in two days aroused the police of Denver, Col.

Henry L. Wilbur, the son of H. O. Wilbur, the Philadelphia millionaire, met his death while riding to bounds near Berwyn, Penn.

Smallpox is raging in the lumber camps of Northern Minnesota, and great alarm prevails. Several thousand woodsmen have already fled from the camps to escape the dreaded disease.

John W. Keller, Commissioner of Charities, admits that patients at Bellevue Hospital, at New York City, were abused by nurses.

Assistant Cashier U. M. Henderson, of the First National Bank of Greeley, Col., who disappeared in July, leaving a shortage of \$20,000, has been located in Mexico.

The police of Omaha, Neb., found the house in which "Eddie" Cudahy was confined by kidnapers while they were awaiting the ransom of \$25,000.

A negro lynched near Gulfport, Miss., for the murder of Marshall Richardson, was a cousin of the alleged murderer, Henry Lewis, who escaped, and was innocent.

FOREIGN.

The Pope performed the ceremony in St. Peter's at Rome of closing the "Holy Door" to mark the end of the jubilee year.

General Kitchener arrived at De Aar to stem the invasion of Cape Colony by the Boers.

General Kodama, Governor of Formosa, was appointed Minister of War in the Japanese Cabinet, replacing General Katuru, who resigned.

The Dowager Lady Churchill, Senior Lady of the Bedchamber and an intimate friend of Queen Victoria, is dead.

The royal chiefs have captured the Ashante Queen's mother and the rebel King Kokofu, and they hope soon to capture the remaining rebel chiefs.

The Archbishop of Caracas, Venezuela, was excluded from religious functions, owing to illness and mental trouble.

Prince Ching received the Powers' note in Pekin, China, and expressed the hope that speedy peace would come.

The French Senate passed the Amnesty bill by a vote of 201 to 11.

NEW HAVEN POISON CASE

The Authorities Fail to Unravel the Rathbun Mystery

POLICE HOLD HART AS A WITNESS

The Facts Disclosed by an Investigation of the Poison Mystery—Both Hart and Rathbun Were Insured in the Name of the Victim's Widow—Mrs. Rathbun and Hart Differed in Their Stories.

New Haven, Conn. (Special).—Although the police are far from the solution of the Rathbun poisoning mystery, sensations enough were furnished Wednesday to stamp the case as the most remarkable on record in Connecticut. The police have discovered a glaring discrepancy between the statements made by Mrs. Rathbun, widow of the poisoned man, and John F. Hart, his fellow brakeman and a boarder in the Rathbun family.

Both Hart and Mrs. Rathbun were examined for hours by the police, and their stories were sifted closely. Hart stoutly maintains that he told Mrs. Rathbun to save the dinner pail containing the poisoned coffee on his return from work, suffering from the poison, while another was injured permanently. They are her mother, her son Willie, five years old, and her husband. At the time her son Willie was fatally poisoned by eating an apple on which had been placed poison his older brother, Percy, also was poisoned, and never has been since mentally vigorous.

Another circumstance is that the life insurance policies of both Hart and Rathbun were made out to Mrs. Rathbun. She has given notice of her desire to collect the \$1000 of her husband's insurance money, and had Hart not recovered from the attack caused by arsenical poisoning she would have received the \$500, which is the amount of his policy.

The report of the coroner, after a formal inquest on Rathbun's body, declared that he met his death as the result of arsenical poisoning.

\$50,000 FOR A COLORADO COLLEGE

Benefactions of Dr. Parsons Now Amount to Almost \$2,000,000.

Chicago (Special).—Dr. D. K. Parsons has sent his check for \$50,000 as a Christmas present to Colorado College, Colorado Springs.

Within the last seven weeks Dr. Parsons has presented \$200,000 to one other educational institution, but declines to give the name. These two gifts, with \$300,000 said to have been given by Dr. Parsons for a woman's dormitory in the Northwestern University, bring the total of his known benefactions in the last ten years to \$2,480,000, though these figures fall far short of the complete list.

The money given anonymously probably reaches \$500,000, making the whole amount close to \$3,000,000.

WANT A LAW TO CURE DRUNKARDS

Indiana Legislature May Establish Compulsory Treatment of Inebriates.

Lafayette, Ind. (Special).—A bill which will be a radical departure in Indiana law, will soon be introduced in the Legislature establishing compulsory treatment of inebriates, morphine users and other like unfortunate.

The measure provides that any inebriate can file a petition in the courts to enter an institution for the cure of his habit, the only stipulation required being that the beneficiary must execute his bond to the State to reimburse it for the expense incurred in effecting his reformation.

The advocates of the new law have obtained the opinions of medical experts in all sections of the United States, and the consensus of opinion is that drunkenness is a disease, and is as curable as other diseases.

There are strong reasons for the belief that the bill will be made a law.

A Ghastly Murder Mystery.

A ghastly murder mystery was discovered in Golden Gate Park at San Francisco, Cal. An unknown man was found hanging from the limb of a tree in a dense thicket, with four ropes around his neck and his hands tied behind him. The body was partly decomposed. The man is supposed to have been dead four days.

Torpedo Boat Macdonough Launched.

The torpedo boat destroyer Macdonough was successfully launched at the works of the Fore River Iron Company at East Braintree, Mass. The Macdonough is of a new type, and is to be one of a fleet of fifty craft of the same kind.

Survivor of Maine Disaster Married.

Oscar Anderson, one of the sailors on board the Maine when she was blown up in Havana Harbor, and Miss Belle Hutchins, were married at Riverside, Conn., by the Rev. William Davidson.

Andree Given Up as Lost.

The brother of Andree, the missing aeronaut, says a dispatch from Copenhagen, Denmark, despairing of his return from the Arctic regions, has finally opened his will.

Minor Mention.

There is a movement on foot in New York City for the periodic disinfection of public libraries.

On the island of Alaska, fifty miles west of Juneau, a large deposit of gypsum has been discovered.

Wind Cave, at Rapid City, N. D., is to be examined by the Government, with a view to making it a national reservation.

The smallpox situation in eastern Utah is becoming alarming. Most of the cases are among the foreign-born miners in the coal camps.

A FILIPINO PEACE PARTY

The Federals Organize and Issue an Address to the Natives.

CABLES GOOD WILL TO PRESIDENT

The Object of the Federal Party is the Reunion of All Filipinos Who Wish For Peace and Are Willing to Work For It—Wants the Philippines to 'Become States of the Union.'

Manila (By Cable).—The Federal party has decided upon a new organization, and has published in the Spanish and Filipino evening papers an address to the Filipinos.

"The number of Filipinos who are convinced that the time for peace has come increases daily," says the address. "The object of the Federal party is the reunion of all Filipinos who truly wish for peace, and who are disposed to work for it. It appeals to those who will attempt to attain for the Philippines the greatest number of liberties under the application of the American Constitution."

"We call ourselves the Federal party because, under American sovereignty, the righteous aspirations of the Philippines will be to form a part of the American federation as States of the Union."

Copies of the address have been sent into the provinces.

The Executive Committee has cabled President McKinley announcing that the organization has been perfected, and tendering an expression of good will.

The new paragraph in the platform declaring for American recognition of the legality of some acts done by the authorities of the insurgent Government is in conformity with precedents established during the reconstruction period following the Civil War in the United States.

FRAUD IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Hundreds of Illegal Mining Claims Entered in Last Days of Spanish Rule.

Chicago (Special).—It is due to an investigation set on foot by General Otis, now in command of the Department of the Lakes, that a conspiracy to acquire vast mining claims in the Philippines has been exposed.

Major Murray, aide-de-camp to General Otis, who served in the same capacity in Manila, explained the situation in Army Headquarters, in the Pullman Building. According to the officer, the Spanish officials in charge of the mining office, evidently fell in with the plans and objects of the adventurers, for a great number of fraudulent claims were admitted to registration.

"Between the time that Dewey sank the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay and the time when the city surrendered to General Merritt," said Major Murray, "the Spanish registration office did little else than record deeds to mining lands. During the few weeks between those dates 1618 claims were admitted to registration, although in the country of Spanish occupation preceding the entrance of Dewey's fleet in Manila Bay only 481 concessions had been granted."

BUSINESS MAN HELD FOR MURDER.

E. H. Knight, of South Berwick, Me., Charged With Killing a Woman.

South Berwick, Me. (Special).—Edwin H. Knight was arrested at his home at South Berwick Junction on a warrant charging him with the murder of Mrs. Fannie Sprague at South Berwick last May, and arraigned before Trial Justice Lord. Counsel for Knight announced that he would offer no defense. Accordingly the prisoner was bound over to the January term of the Supreme Court at Saco, and committed to the jail at Alfred without bail.

The murder was one of the most horrible in the history of York County. The mutilated body of Fannie Sprague was found in a heap of rubbish in a barn on the Knight farm at South Berwick Junction. An attempt had been made to burn the body, but the smoke was seen and the fire extinguished by two men who were sent to the barn on an errand. After putting out the fire the men found the body. Knight is forty-one years of age, a native of South Berwick, and a successful business man.

MANY SEAMEN DROWNED.

Coast Fog on British Coasts Causes Disaster to Shipping.

London (By Cable).—Dense fogs on the coasts have greatly interfered with navigation, and several wrecks have occurred.

Reports that several Shetland fishing boats were in great peril from the storm and had probably been lost are confirmed. Only one boat out of five has been found, and it is known that no fewer than twenty-two fishermen have perished.

The British steamer Brunswick grounded in the British Channel, beached over, and sank. Seven of her crew were drowned.

Minister Conger Signs the Joint Note.

Secretary Hay, at Washington, has received a cablegram from Minister Conger, at Pekin, announcing that he had signed the agreement reached by the foreign Ministers, but had done so with a written explanatory statement setting forth the exact position of his Government.

Robbers Buried Their Victim.

At Gober, Texas, J. J. Johnson, a prominent farmer, was murdered by robbers. His body was found in the yard badly bruised and the flesh burned from his breast and arms. It is supposed the bandits buried their victim in an effort to force him to tell where his money was hidden. Two arrests were made.

Mormons Keep Joe Smith's Day.

Mormons in Utah on Sunday celebrated Joseph Smith's birthday in place of keeping Christmas.

Newsy Gleanings.

Louisville, Ky., has a vice crusade. A serious landslide has occurred in Heligoland, engulfing thirty houses.

All available British mounted infantry has been ordered to South Africa. A seat on the New York Stock Exchange was sold a few days ago for \$47,500.

Professor G. W. Tyrrell has discovered rich forests on the so-called barren lands of Northern Canada.

The French Government has ordered cases of Chinese loot sent to President Leubeat embargoed at Marseilles.

A SON'S SAD DISCOVERY

Finds Medical Students in Possession of Mother's Body.

He Had Been Searching For His Lost Parent, and Discovers Her Remains on a Dissecting Table.

Cleveland, Ohio (Special).—Mutilated almost beyond all semblance to humanity by the instruments of a class of medical students, the body of Mrs. Mary Bryerly, of Ashtabula, was rescued from the dissecting table of the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College and interred in Woodland Cemetery.

Last summer she disappeared from her home in Ashtabula, and came to Cleveland. On August 15 she was found dead in an upper room in a poor part of the city by the police, and her body was taken to the morgue.

The body later was turned over to the medical college, as is the custom with unclaimed bodies. At the time of his mother's disappearance from Ashtabula her son, Henry Bryerly, was away from home. When he returned he began a search for his mother, but that lasted until he found her body in the dissecting room. He traced her to the house where she had died, and learned from the coroner's verdict that she had committed suicide with carbolic acid. It was not until shown a photograph of her body at the morgue that the son found a clue.

The son's grief at the fate of his mother was pitiful, and it was some hours after he found the body in the dissecting room before he was able to control himself. The horror of the situation was added to by the fact that two students were at work on the body of the mother when the son visited the room.

COLONEL GARDNER REMOVED.

Governor Roosevelt Orders the District Attorney of New York County.

Albany, N. Y. (Special).—Governor Roosevelt announced that he had removed from office Colonel Asa Bird Gardner, District Attorney of New York County, on charges preferred by Deputy-Attorney J. H. Hammond, and appointed Eugene A. Philbin, a Democrat, to fill the vacancy.

The charges allege that the District Attorney failed in his duty to prosecute offenders against the primary and election laws.

After seven hours hearing the Governor decided that Asa Bird Gardner could not continue as District Attorney. In a lengthy memorandum the Governor sets forth his reasons for removing Colonel Gardner. Eugene J. Philbin, the Democrat appointed to fill the vacancy, has been closely allied with public interests for a number of years.

The Governor also announced the appointment of John Proctor Clark, of New York City, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Henry R. Beckman.

ROBBERS GET \$5000.

Successful Haul of Bank Safe Wreckers in Halton City, Ill.

Halton City, Ill. (Special).—Four robbers made a rich haul in this town a few days ago. They broke into the City Bank and dynamited a supposed burglar-proof safe, blowing part of the door through the side of the building. The burglars then secured \$5000 in currency and gold from vaults and escaped. Citizens who were awakened by the explosion and who ran to the bank were awed by revolvers.

Two Highwaymen Killed in Chicago.

Policeman Timothy Rloridan shot and instantly killed Edward Dunaven, a highwayman, at Chicago. Dunaven was trying to escape after robbing John Danemann of \$12. Dunaven is the second highwayman shot dead within a week. "Red" Corbett was killed by Officer Grady. Before Rloridan shot Dunaven the man had fired several shots at him, one grazing his head.

Four Men Drowned at Virginia Beach.

A forty-five mile gale blew off the Virginia coast and did some damage. The schooner Jennie Hall went ashore near Virginia Beach and went to pieces afterward. Captain Lamson, of Boston, her commander and three of her crew were drowned, swept overboard by heavy seas. The life saving crew rescued the five others of the crew who were half frozen.

30,000 Men Out at Antwerp.

The dock laborers' strike at Antwerp, Holland, growing out of the dispute between the shipowners and their employees regarding night and Sunday work, has become general, and it is estimated that 30,000 men have quit work. The coal men have joined the dock laborers. Mounted police are patrolling the streets and quays on the alert to suppress disorder.

'Cliff Dwellers' National Park.

Representative Lacey, of Iowa, introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington a bill providing for a "Cliff Dwellers' National Park." It provides for setting aside a large tract of public land in New Mexico for the purpose of preserving the prehistoric caves and ruins of the cliff dwellers and other relics thereon.

Governor of a Philippine Province.

H. Phelps Whitmarsh has been appointed Governor of the Province of Benguet, Luzon, by the Philippines Civil Commission.

Four Children Perish.

Fire destroyed the residence of Conrad Ruff, a drycleaner, at San Jose, Cal. Four small children perished in the flames. Mr. Ruff and two other adults were badly burned in attempting to rescue the children.

Found Guilty of Poisoning Her Husband.

The jury in the Sarah Kuhn murder trial at Sigourney, Iowa, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Mrs. Kuhn was charged with poisoning her husband. Trial lasted eleven days.

Natural Bridge Sold to a Syndicate.

The Natural Bridge in Virginia has been sold to a syndicate for \$90,000. Colonel Henry C. Parsons owned the property, which since his death has been managed by his widow.

Prominent People.

Dr. Otto Nordenskiöld's Antarctic expedition will leave Norway in August.

Consul Goodnow, at Shanghai, has sailed for the United States on leave of absence.

General Pierola, until recently President of Peru, has formally retired from public life because of the result of the Peruvian elections.

The statement that General Horace Porter, the United States Ambassador at Paris, intends resigning is an absolute fabrication.

AUDITOR MORRIS KILLED

War Department Official Shot Down in Washington.

ACT OF A DISCHARGED CLERK

Fancied Wrong Said to Have Caused Samuel M. Donald to Commit the Deed—The Murderer Afterwards Made Two Attempts to End His Own Life—Both Men Came From Ohio.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Frank H. Morris, the Auditor for the War Department under Secretary Gage, was shot and almost instantly killed in his office by Samuel MacDonald, a former clerk in the department. After sending the bullet through Morris's heart MacDonald attempted to end his own life with a shot, and, falling in this, made a second attempt at suicide by slashing his throat in the neighborhood of the jugular vein.

The first intimation of the tragedy was a woman's piercing scream resounding through the building at 2.25 p. m. A general rush for the corridors was made, many believing that the woman who screamed had been caught in the elevator. The shots that MacDonald fired at Morris and himself apparently were not heard. MacDonald was found seated on a bag of cement in the hall near the door.

Blood was streaming down his coat from a gash in the throat, and he was rapidly growing weak.

"I shot Morris," he said to the startled clerks gathered around him. "I shot him and then shot myself."

Officer Evans and Sergeant Sullivan put in an appearance in a few moments and arrested the sinking murderer and ordered him conveyed to the Emergency Hospital.

MacDonald was discharged from his position in the Treasury by the Sixth Auditor for the Postoffice Department, Mr. Castle. He probably believed that Mr. Morris was at the bottom of this, as he believed he also was responsible for his deposit from Morris's office last February. As he left the office where he had been employed a fellow clerk remarked: "Wish you a merry Christmas."

"There's nothing in it, old man," replied MacDonald. He was not seen again until he appeared at the door of the Winder Building, in which Mr. Morris had his office. Watchman Gustaf, who knew him well, was at the door.