

WHO SENT THE POISON

QUESTION DETECTIVES CANNOT ANSWER

CORNISH NOW OUT OF DANGER

A Great Crowd in Attendance at the Botkin Case, Which Goes Over the Holidays

Associated Press Special Wire

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Adams-Cornish poisoning case remains as great a mystery as ever. When the detective bureau, the district attorney's office, the coroner's office and others seeking to find a solution of the strange case, ended their labors for the day all said nothing had been learned that might assist in bringing the guilty persons to justice.

The police are inclined to believe that the person who sent the poison to Cornish is a woman, although the evidence is the most flimsy character and is largely based on opinions of more or less irresponsible parties. Mr. Cornish, who was also poisoned at the time of Mrs. Adams' death, is now completely out of danger, though confined to his bed at the Knickerbocker Athletic club.

Captain McClusky denied that he had placed, or contemplated placing, Mr. Cornish under surveillance. He sent word to the Knickerbocker Athletic club, however, asking if Cornish was able to come to headquarters. Dr. Coffin, who is attending Mr. Cornish, replied that his patient would not be able to leave his bed for two days. He said that his patient is out of danger, but he did not want to take any chances.

Dr. Coffin gave an interesting statement of how Cornish escaped death, while Mrs. Adams, drinking from the same glass, was killed by the deadly poison. "Cornish mixed the poison," said Dr. Coffin, "and gave it to Mrs. Adams. She drank but a little complaining that it was bitter. Cornish then took the rest of the dose and drained the glass to the dregs. I think that the reason Cornish was not killed is that he drank the dose and Mrs. Adams took the poison in solution. The quantity of powdered material used as an emetic cleared his stomach."

When they found he was unable to come to them, Captain McClusky and Mr. McIntyre, accompanied by a stenographer, went to the Knickerbocker Athletic club, and were in conference with Cornish for more than an hour. Captain McClusky said little had been learned, but that the silver holder had evidently been used, and while it was marked "sterling," it was plated. It was worn by the victim, but only a Tiffany box and had a Tiffany card in the package.

Late this afternoon an autopsy was held. When the anatomical process was completed and the parts of the body desired for analysis were sealed up in jars, Coroner's Physician Weston issued a report, in which he presented his opinion that the cause of death was due to the use of cyanide of potassium.

No date has as yet been fixed for the holding of the inquest in the case by the coroner.

The Ex-Wife's Story

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Ada Cornish, the divorcee who was the victim of the Knickerbocker Athletic club's manager, by whom a bottle of poison was received as a Christmas present, the contents of which caused the death of Mrs. Kate Adams last night, stated in her only knowledge of Mr. Cornish of late has come to her through the newspapers or letters written to her by her daughter, Edith.

Mrs. Cornish declares that she is not acquainted with Mrs. Adams, described as the aunt of Mr. Cornish. She says she never met Mrs. Rogers, described as the daughter of Mrs. Adams.

THE BOTKIN CASE

Cannot Go to the Jury Until Next Year

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The announcement that today would probably be the last day for arguments in the Botkin case attracted an immense throng to Judge Cook's court room today. The police held the crowds in line with difficulty and for hours after the commencement of the argument for the defense by Attorney F. M. McGowan the corridors were filled with a curious, morbid crowd, anxious to catch a few words of the proceedings of the police and the methods of the prosecution, which it had been whispered about a few weeks ago.

McGowan attacked Attorney General White's argument. He accused the District attorney of appealing to the sympathies of the jury. He said that McGowan had misrepresented, especially with regard to the arrival of the box of candy at the law office. McGowan said that its arrival had no connection with the case, and that an employee of the Dover postoffice had placed the package in the bag as easily as not.

Referring to the anonymous letters, Mr. McGowan said that they had not been traced to Mrs. Botkin and that she had no reason for writing them. The identification of Mrs. Botkin by several of the witnesses for the prosecution, continued Mr. McGowan, were flimsy and unreliable and that action in such cases must be carefully considered. Mr. McGowan said that Mrs. Botkin had been proved; that the contention of the prosecution that Mrs. Botkin was enamored of Dunning had not been proved by the facts in the case; that, on the other hand, McGowan entered a bitter attack upon Dunning.

McGowan reviewed the subject of arsenical poisoning for the attending feature of his argument. He held that arsenical poisoning had not been proved, and even if it had, the attending physicians had stated that lump arsenic had been used, whereas the drug clerk from whom Mrs. Botkin purchased arsenic entered the purchase upon the poison book of the drug store, specifying the arsenic. Every point throughout the case, McGowan said, was shrouded in doubt, and he urged the jury not to bring in a verdict opposed to the facts adduced by the defense.

Assistant District Attorney Hosmer will make the closing argument for the prosecution tomorrow. Owing to the New Year's holidays the case will go over until next Tuesday, when Judge Cook will deliver his instructions to the jury.

Love and Murder

BLOOMFIELD, Ind., Dec. 29.—This afternoon Dr. E. E. Gray killed Mrs. Lizzie Skinner on the streets within 100 feet of the depot, in plain view of many people. He stabbed her four times with a surgical knife and she died instantly.

He made threats this morning that he would kill her today. He was watching for her at the depot as she was coming to take the train. After the killing he immediately gave himself up. Mrs. Skinner left a former husband on account of the doctor and he has deserted a wife and family for her.

Dr. Gray is about 30 years old and a son of Dr. J. M. Gray, one of the most prominent physicians of the country.

A QUICK CAPTURE

A Georgia Absconder Under Arrest at Tulare

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 29.—The Constitution will say tomorrow that a large man, S. Lafayette Allmand, a Georgia merchant, who is charged with absconding with some forty of fifty thousand dollars, was arrested in Tulare, Cal., on Sunday morning, and Monday night an officer started for California for the absconder.

Allmand was a merchant, with headquarters in Conyers, Ga., and did a large business throughout the state. He had the confidence of the business men of the state and almost unlimited credit. He appeared in court on Sunday morning, and on Monday night he suddenly disappeared, and when those who had trusted him examined his affairs they claimed he had carried with him several thousand dollars which he ought to have turned over to them. Just how many were victimized cannot be said, as all of them decided to keep quiet and try to Allmand. Not only the exact amount of the money alleged to be taken he named, as even the victims do not know, but it is estimated that the amount will be between forty and fifty thousand dollars.

Allmand is a young man, not more than 30 years of age, and is well connected throughout the state. He is married, and his family had been residing in Conyers. Last Saturday the sheriff of Rockdale county came to Atlanta and saw some of the parties interested in the capture of Allmand. He said he had received information which led him to believe that Allmand was in Tulare, Cal. Sunday morning a telegram was sent to that town and Monday a reply was received stating that Allmand was under arrest.

Scared the Burglar

An attempt was made by a burglar to enter a two-story house, corner of Olive and Temple streets, last night. A woman who occupies a room on the west side of the house had retired when she heard a noise at the window and looking up saw a man climbing into the room. She screamed and aroused the other occupants, who hurried down stairs. The burglar jumped from the window, scaled a picket fence, and mounting his bicycle, rode away. He was seen loitering in the vicinity of the house in the evening, but as Officer Sam Baker passed considerable of his time near the house the man gave the place a wide berth for the balance of the night.

Pay for Cuban Troops

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—In anticipation that the government will take favorable action on the plan of paying of the Cuban troops by giving them \$100 each, the Cuban authorities have taken steps to secure for the Cuban troops, and to the number of Cuban troops who have arms and are now in a position to rightly receive this bounty. To this end one of the members of the Cuban commission, who came here with General Garcia, has returned to Cuba to get from the Cuban military and civil authorities all the papers showing the extent and number of the Cuban army, its several divisions, present conditions, etc.

Swindlers Caught

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—L. D. Minckler, the Postal telegraph operator, who, in a recent case, was charged with swindling Barclay, is accused of having swindled the Bank of Palo Alto out of \$840 by means of a bogus dispatch from the Farmers and Merchants' bank of Los Angeles. Minckler was arrested in Dunsmuir today on a dispatch sent out by Chief Lees. Cator was taken to Palo Alto by an officer this afternoon. It is alleged that his real name is Henry. He and that he was born in England, Ohio. Minckler is also a native of Oregon and was on his way to that state when arrested.

A Brutal Man

Two excited women appeared at the police station last evening and reported that a man was abusing a woman on Hill street, near Second. He had knocked her down and was striking her shamefully. Officer Rico hurried to the relief of the unknown female but when he arrived the couple were seen climbing some stone stairs which led to a vacant lot on Hill street. By the time the officer had climbed the stairs the couple had disappeared and nothing could be learned about them.

Glad to Get Home

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—George Rudge, from Wharfedale, brings a story that would be the main feature of McGowan's address. Nor were the rumors without foundation. McGowan hailed the police over the case today; he charged the prosecution with all kinds of infamy in the handling of his case and he treated several of the witnesses to a crisp.

He went over the case from beginning to end and said that the defense had not made a technical fight; that it had not objected to the admission of evidence and had kept nothing back. He attributed directly opposite methods to the prosecution. He said that Mrs. Botkin had been threatened, attempted to hide everything but her name. He admonished the jury regarding circumstantial evidence and asserted that evidence must be taken in favor of the defendant. He enumerated many cases of circumstantial evidence and hinted upon the dishonesty of prosecutors in many cases to secure convictions on such evidence.

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Engineers Invited

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The California Miners' association proposes to do all in its power to induce the American institute of mining engineers to hold its next annual meeting in San Francisco, and to that end an invitation was forwarded today to the head office of the institute in New York. The convention is usually attended by 200 delegates, who embrace the best mining engineers in America.

Held for Murder

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Miguel Espinosa was held today without bail to answer the superior court by Judge Conlan on a charge of murder. He is accused of killing his wife, Soledad, in her home at 1317 Powell street by subjecting her to the most atrocious cruelty, in September last.

Tired of Trouble

SAN RAFAEL, Dec. 29.—C. Sereni, a well-to-do San Francisco living near Tomales, committed suicide this afternoon by drowning himself in Tomales bay. Family troubles are assigned as the cause.

N. J. Miller was brought to the county jail last night to answer to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Miller is said to have got into a fight with Mrs. Maria Acevedo and tried to slash her with a knife. The man was badly whipped in the contest, and his face received an animated piece of Hamburg steak.

While riding on the dummy of the Temple street cable railway last evening Mrs. Peyton colored, lost her balance and fell to the pavement at the Bunker Hill crossing. She fractured one of the bones of her right wrist. Dr. Hogan attended her at the receiving hospital.

GRANDALL, AYLSWORTH & HASKELL. Wholesale and Retail Warehouse, 533 to 559 South Spring Street. Up-to-Date Department Store. Friday and Saturday will be a grand climax of a year of bargain giving. Two Days Only.

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Up-to-Date Department Store

PARADE PREPARATIONS INCLUDE PRIZES IN PLENTY FOR EXHIBITS

MONDAY'S ROSE TOURNAMENT Promises to Maintain Pasadena's Reputation—Meeting of the Farmers' Club—Personal Notes

PASADENA, Dec. 29.—(Office of The Herald, 16 West Colorado street, Telephone Red 675.) Prizes to the amount of over \$500 will be given by the board of directors for the best exhibits in the tournament of roses parade on January 24.

The Pasadena Symphony club held its first public rehearsal for this season on the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Green this morning. The Christmas entertainment at the United Presbyterian church last evening was greatly appreciated by the large audience present.

A large audience saw Daniel Sully in his new opera house after noon. The officers and members of the Y. M. C. A. and the Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their annual reception in the shape of an at home Monday evening at the school grounds on the corner of Broadway and Main.

The funeral of Miss Nellie G. Wood, who died at her home on Bellevue drive last Monday, will be held at the parlors of Adams & Turner tomorrow (Friday) at 2 p. m. The body will be taken to Union, Iowa, for interment.

R. S. Whipple of Vancouver will spend the winter in Pasadena and Los Angeles visiting his daughters, Dr. Whipple-Marsh and Mrs. B. B. Brown. It is reported that James H. Campbell, bookkeeper for the Pasadena National Bank, was seriously hurt while out riding with Ed Mosher this afternoon.

The Endowment Bank, K. of P., will hold their annual meeting for the election of officers in K. of P. parlors tomorrow (Friday) evening. Miss Grace Dutton will give a talk on food for children at the mothers' meeting in the First Congregational church tomorrow (Friday) at 3 p. m. All who are interested are invited.

The Current Events class will meet tomorrow at 3 p. m. in the Shakespear club rooms. Miss Amy McKinstry and Miss Emily Coffin have returned from a short stay at Echo mountain. Colonel and Mrs. Barnbury are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. F. DeWitt Crank, at Pomona.

M. S. Drury has returned to Pasadena, after an absence at Ferris, where he has been looking after property interests. Major and Mrs. H. P. Rityus and daughter, Miss Amelia Rityus, of Washington, D. C., are at the Carlton. A. B. Caldwell and Miss Meriam Caldwell came from Long Beach yesterday.

Lou Ferguson arrived from Chicago last night, and is visiting friends at Throop today. Thomas Tomlinson and George Dennison arrived in Pasadena from St. Paul this morning. Tipped Him Off. Special Officer Bob Henderson arrested James Ford last night at the Burbank theater on suspicion. The police had reason to believe that several men whom they desired to arrest were attending the performance and could be found in the gallery and Ford is thought to have "tipped him off" to the gang who made their escape.

HAWAIIAN LEGISLATION WILL CAUSE A CONTEST IN THE HOUSE

Commission Members Form Factions and the House Committee Takes Still Another Tack

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A sharp contest will occur in the house over the legislation for the government of Hawaii, as the majority and minority of the committee on territories do not agree as to the form of a bill. Neither do the majority agree with the report of the committee on foreign relations, although the differences are not such as to cause great difficulty.

The majority report of the house committee changes the bill introduced by Mr. Hitt only slightly, with the exception of the qualifications for senators and representatives. The property qualifications are stricken out, and any citizen who is a voter and has been a resident of Hawaii for three years is eligible.

Those who were citizens of Hawaii on August 12, 1898, are made citizens of the United States. One house will not be allowed to constitute the legislature in case the other adjourns, nor will it be necessary to have the sanction of three members to introduce a bill in the legislature. The delegates to congress shall possess the same qualifications as a voter. Bonds issued on the credit of the public domain shall be payable in not less than five nor more than fifteen years. One year's residence must be proven to obtain a divorce.

The minority report was prepared by Mr. H. B. Ferguson, delegate from Mexico, who is a member of a sub-committee. Mr. Henry of Texas, who is also a minority member, is now absent. The report says that the minority is unable to agree to some prominent features of the bill as introduced and as approved by the majority of that sub-committee, and continues: "We object to the provision of the bill which shall constitute the territory of Hawaii judge of the membership of the house of the territorial legislature of Hawaii. We believe that each house should be the final judge of the qualifications of its members."

U. C. ALUMNI Enjoy a Banquet and a Whole-Hearted Reunion

Thirty members and guests of the University of California club met last evening at the Maison Doree to hold a ratification meeting over the victory which the university enjoyed over Stanford at football on Thanksgiving day. Very little formality was observed, the end in view being to have a thoroughly good time, which laudable ambition was thoroughly realized.

Henry W. O'Melveny acted as toastmaster and was ably seconded by W. J. Varie, J. Darwin Gish, Leslie Hewitt and James B. Scott, late of the Seventh regiment. Mr. Gish described the football game from the point of view of a spectator, while Mr. Scott, who is an honorary member of the club, drew a parallel between the California-Stanford game and the Harvard-Yale struggle of 1890, when Harvard was victorious.

The president of the club, in a well considered speech, gave the history of the university since the last meeting of the club in which he sketched the retirement of President Kellogg, the munificence of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst and the recent football victory. Mr. Varie followed in detail the speech of the president, calling upon all

alumni to rally by word and deed to the support of Alma Mater. Leslie R. Hewitt, secretary of the organization, explained the end and purpose of the club, its desire to keep alive the love for Alma Mater and the growing importance of the university and its graduates, in the rising importance of the Pacific coast after the late war. Ceremony and conventionality were then dispensed with and all joined in the songs of college days, some of which were beyond the ken of the recently graduated, but were sung with fervor by the men of years long past who lost the stiffness and restraint which advancing years give and became the boys of the evening. Edward Worth, law college, class of 1886, gained the applause of the club by original verse on the late Spanish-American war and was followed by Jesse Burge, class of 1893, with some guaranteed new stories. When all had had their say the company dispersed, after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and wishing each other many returns of the occasion.

A BIG BATTLESHIP Union Iron Works Begins Work on the Ohio

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Work on the battleship Ohio has been commenced at the Union Iron works. The Ohio will be the largest ship ever built on the coast, and one of the three biggest to be built for the American navy. She will have a displacement of 12,500 tons, and her dimensions will be as follows: Length, 388 feet; breadth of beam, 72 feet 3 inches; draft, 33 feet 9 inches. The battleship will be twenty feet longer than the Wisconsin and forty feet longer than the Oregon. She will have a greater displacement than the Wisconsin by 1000 tons, and 2000 tons more than the Oregon. The Ohio's contract speed is two knots faster than the Oregon.

THE QUESTION SETTLED SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The county bridge over the Sacramento river, connecting the counties of Glenn and Butte, was demolished by a freshet, and the board of supervisors gave permission to the Chico Bridge company to maintain a toll draw bridge. A stamer of the Sacramento Transportation company struck the bridge and damaged it to the amount of \$700. Reimbursement was refused. Upon action being brought for its recovery, judgment was given for the bridge company. The transportation company contended that the supervisors had no power to grant a permit to a private person to maintain a draw bridge over a navigable stream, but the supreme court holds that the board had such power and affirms judgment.

Missouri Murders WEST PLAINS, Mo., Dec. 29.—At Amherst, in Osage county, William Barton today shot and killed two men named Cobb, Sheriff Luna quickly organized a posse at Gainsville and started out to capture the murderer. He was found near the scene of the tragedy, and before being arrested, he shot and killed Henry Winger, a member of the posse and then surrendered. News of the tragedy is very meager, but from the best information obtainable three men are dead and their slayer is in jail at Gainsville, closely guarded.

Brady's Arrival WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Governor Brady of Alaska celebrated his arrival at Seattle, Wash., today, on authority immediately wired him from here to proceed to this city and look after some territorial matters.

A Veteran's Suicide VALLEJO, Dec. 29.—John Newbauer, a veteran of the civil war and a recent employee of the navy yard, committed suicide by shooting himself during a fit of despondency.