

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 15, 1910.

SO UNMOVED BY MURDER CHARGE AGAINST CRIPPEN

Young Man Says Infatuation for Some Other Woman Cause of Alleged Uxoricide

FATHER SAYS 'INNOCENT'

Only Information Relatives Here Have Is Letter to His Son

Apparently not surprised at the news that Dr. H. H. Crippen, a former dentist of Los Angeles, is being sought by the detectives of Scotland Yard to answer to a charge of uxoricide, Hawley O. Crippen, son of the alleged murderer and a stepson of the dead woman, calmly discussed the case yesterday afternoon and declared that his father no doubt committed the crime because of his infatuation for another woman.

Myron A. Crippen, father of the London physician and alleged murderer, also lives in Los Angeles. He is 75 years of age and news of the physician's alleged crime was a great shock to him. With the exception of a story which had been sent from London he said:

WHAT FATHER SAYS

"I know nothing of the death of my son's wife except that my grandson received a letter from him several months ago in which he stated that his wife had died in San Francisco. I have not heard directly from my son since a year ago last May. I did not understand why his wife should be in San Francisco alone. The letter stated, I think, that she went there to settle an estate.

"I hesitate to believe that my son could be responsible for his wife's death. I have confidence that the facts when they are disclosed will show that he did not commit the crime.

"Hawley, my grandson, was placed in my care when his mother died nineteen years ago. We raised the boy. He has not seen his mother since five years ago, when he met him in New York by appointment. His second wife was an actress, and it was agreed between us that we were in a better position to look after the lad than he was. His second marriage occurred about two years after his first wife died.

LETTER A YEAR OLD

"I think it is strange he does not write me, as I have written him many letters, and the last time that I heard directly he had received my letters was when he wrote to Hawley the second last time, a year ago last June, when he acknowledged receiving my letter. He sent \$50 to his son to help pay the expenses of the funeral of his mother, who died in January, 1909. That has been the extent of our communication with him in years.

"Dr. Crippen was with Dr. Munyon as a specialist for a number of years and went to London with him in charge of his London office. He left Los Angeles to go to Salt Lake City nineteen years ago, and from there went to St. Louis, and was in New York, Florida and Toronto, Canada, but I cannot just recall his exact movements."

"Mr. Crippen lives in an apartment house at Third and Flower streets. Young Crippen is employed in the operating department of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. When his attention was called to the story of the search for his father the young man stated that he recently received a letter from the fugitive to the effect that Belle Elmore, the second wife was known in vaudeville circles, had died in San Francisco.

SON'S STATEMENT

"It is too bad to think that a man of his age would do such a thing," said young Crippen in discussing the case. "I am not a bit surprised, because I understood he passed most of his time in the company of various women who accepted his advances.

"When I received the letter announcing the death of my stepmother in the northern California city, I immediately became suspicious. "My stepmother was prominent in vaudeville circles in London. She was an officer of a theatrical society and was known to the playgoers as Belle Elmore. She apparently thought a great deal of me, and frequently joined my father in writing to me. The last letter I received from my parents indicated that both were perfectly happy, and not until I received the news of my stepmother's death did I become aware of the fact that something was wrong."

The mother of Hawley O. Crippen died in Salt Lake City some time ago and his father married Belle Elmore in New York, where the young woman was playing in vaudeville houses. The wedding was a surprise to relatives, and the son saw the woman only once. That was in New York, shortly after the ceremony was performed.

MARRIED RECENTLY

Young Crippen came to Los Angeles and made his home with his grandfather. A short time ago the young man was married, and since that time has been living with his wife's relatives at 1612 Holmby avenue, Coleridge.

Last night an attempt was made to interview the son concerning certain statements said to have been made in the letter announcing the death of Belle Elmore. The father-in-law, evidently suffering keenly from the notoriety incident to the search for the alleged murderer, refused to permit anyone to see the young man, and declared that the only method by which the son-in-law could be seen was by means of a search warrant.

The police here believe that the letter said to be in the possession of the young man or his father-in-law will be of great assistance to the New York police and the Scotland Yard detectives, and probably will result in clearing up certain mysterious circumstances connected with the death of the woman.

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Myron A. Crippen, Aged Father of Dr. Crippen, Reading Story of the Murder Charged Against Son



CRIPPEN'S LETTER STATES WIFE DIED IN CALIFORNIA

Gives Version of Death in Message to Woman's Stepsister

NEW YORK, July 14.—Belle Elmore was a Brooklyn girl. The first news of her death was received here by a Mrs. P. H. Mills, a stenographer, in a letter dated April 7, No. 39 Hilldrop Crescent, North London, Eng., and signed by Dr. Crippen.

The police regard the date as important because, although it carried the first word from Dr. Crippen to his wife's family of her death, it was nearly two months later than the death notice was published in London. The letter follows:

"My Dear Louise and Robert: I hardly know how to write you of my dreadful loss. The shock to me has been so dreadful that I am hardly able to control myself. My poor Cora is gone and to make the shock to me more dreadful, I did not even see her at the last. A few days ago we had news that an old relative of mine in California was dying and to secure important property for ourselves it was necessary for one of us to go and reach the matter in a lawyer's hands at once.

"As I was very busy, Cora proposed she should go, and as it was necessary for someone to be there at once she should go straight through from her to California without stopping at all and then return via Brooklyn and she would be able to pay all of you a long visit."

"Unfortunately on the way out my poor Cora caught a severe cold, and not having, while traveling, a chance to take care of herself, it settled on her lungs, later developing into pneumonia.

"She wished not to frighten me, so kept writing not to worry about her, that it was only a slight matter, and I heard by cable she was dangerously ill. After I cabled to know if I should go to her, I had the dreadful news that she had passed away. Imagine, if you can, the dreadful shock to me, never more to see my Cora alive nor hear her voice again. She is being taken back to me, and I shall soon have what is left of her.

"Of course I am giving up the house—in fact, it drives me mad to be in it alone. I will sell out everything in a few days. I do not know what I shall do, probably find some business to take me traveling for a few months until I can recover from the shock a little, but as soon as I have a settled address, I will write again to you.

"As it is too terrible to me to have to write this dreadful, dreadful news, will you please tell all the others?"

WAS OF NOBLE DESCENT

Belle Elmore was born in Kunitzunde, Makomark of noble Polish descent. When she was 2 years old her widowed mother married M. F. Marsinger and the little girl, growing up with American born stepbrothers and step-sisters, became known as Cora Marsinger. Her step-father, Mrs. Mills, the stenographer to whom the Louise and Robert letter was addressed, and other relatives were found today in Brooklyn and Queens. Her mother is a farmer. Marsinger, the stepfather, is a dealer and huckster. He said today:

"At the time of her death, Cora must have been 33 years old. While she was a young girl, she showed a fondness for the stage. We did not approve at first, but she was headstrong and we let her have her way. On one of her tours through the west she met Dr. Crippen—don't know just where—and

SON OF FORMER EMPLOYER SAYS CRIPPEN WAS JEALOUS

Dr. Munyon's Son Sheds Light on Physician's Career

PHILADELPHIA, July 14.—Dr. Crippen is a former Philadelphia. From 1894 to 1899 he was associated with Professor Munyon in the manufacture of proprietary medicines. It was in this city that he met the woman whose body was found yesterday, and it was in this city that he had the most lucrative practice of his career.

Duke Munyon, son of Prof. Munyon, today threw a number of sidelights on Dr. Crippen's Philadelphia career. He said:

"Dr. Crippen came to us in 1894 and received a position from my father. He came originally from New York, I think, and he was a careful and efficient physician. He worked for us for five years.

"There was only one thing to disturb the even tenor of his life. That was his wife, Belle Elmore. He was intensely jealous of her and they often quarreled. She was pretty and attractive, and she had lots of men friends. He and his wife went out constantly together, and apparently they were happy."

Further details of the president's cruise to Maine waters beginning next Monday were announced today. The presidential yacht will be at Eastport the afternoon and evening of July 19.

On the twentieth the Mayflower will drop anchor at Bar Harbor and the presidential will remain there until the afternoon of the twenty-third, when he will sail for Ellsworth to spend the night as the guest of Senator Hale of Maine. The next day the president will go to Islesboro and will cruise in and around Casco bay until the twenty-fifth or twenty-seventh. Beverly will be reached the afternoon of the twenty-eighth.

GOVERNMENT WINS VICTORY IN BUCKET SHOP CASES

NEW YORK, July 14.—The government won an important victory today in its fight to bring to trial alleged bucketshop operators now under indictment in Washington when Judge Hand of the United States court signed warrants for the extradition of five of the accused.

They are Edward S. Boggs, Richard E. Preusser, Leo Mayer, Robert L. Guy and Oliver J. Robinson, members of the firm of Edward S. Boggs & Co., with offices in this city.

All were placed under \$5000 bonds each to appear for trial in Washington on October 1.

TO EXTEND PROHIBITION ON CEDED INDIAN LANDS

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Prohibition will be extended by the national government on ceded Indian lands in Minnesota. The bureau of Indian affairs has decided to enforce its anti-liquor regulations on a larger area of these lands than previously had been attempted.

PLAN TO SAVE IMPERIAL VALLEY IS CONSIDERED

President to Discuss Colorado River with Experts

BEVERLY, Mass., July 14.—Plans for preventing the devastation of the Imperial valley in California, by floods from the Colorado river are already under consideration by President Taft. It was announced that the president is anxious to have details of the necessary work prepared at once. President Taft will see W. Hollibur, receiver of the California development company, Saturday, and talk over the situation in the Imperial valley and listen to Mr. Hollibur's suggestions.

Reclamation and army engineers are expected to call at Beverly shortly to tell the president what they know about the Colorado river and if it can be kept within its banks. Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 at the close of the session for the work of restraining the river and protecting the Imperial valley, and the administration intends to use this money, if possible, before the fall rains come. Since part of the threatened territory lies in Mexico, an international commission to deal with the matter has been suggested. Probably the personnel of this commission will be settled by the president after his return from Maine late this month.

Former Governor Curtis Guild of Massachusetts will call at the summer White House tomorrow. Governor Guild has been appointed special ambassador to the centennial celebration in Mexico in September, marking the founding of the republic.

FIRE ON RESERVATION

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Forest fires are raging on the Flathead Indian reservation in Montana, according to a telegram received today by the bureau of Indian affairs. There are three distinct fires. The superintendent of the agency was immediately authorized to expend sufficient funds to extinguish them.

CRIPPEN CLAIMS WIFE DIED HERE

American Physician Sought to Evade Detection by Misleading Advertisement

LOOKED FOR IN NEW YORK

Scotland Yard Sleuths Advise American Officials to Watch Incoming Steamers

[Associated Press]

LONDON, July 14.—All the intricate machinery of Scotland Yard has been set in motion to capture Dr. Henry H. Crippen, the battered body of whose wife, a noted music hall singer, known by the stage name of Belle Elmore, was found buried in the cellar of their home at Hilldrop Crescent, North London.

Crippen has been missing since Saturday, when apparently he could no longer offer explanations for the death of his wife, which was alleged to have occurred months ago in California. Then it was that the police, in making a thorough examination of the empty house, came upon the body, mutilated and burned beyond recognition by quicklime that had been thrown on it.

The thick clay by which it was partly surrounded to some extent retarded the action of the quicklime, and so frustrated the murderer's plan of destroying the body. It is said the body and men partly dissected before burial, and nearly all the bones are missing.

Requests have been sent out broadcast that all incoming steamers be watched. The belief is strong that Crippen sailed on Saturday for New York, but there have been rumors that he was seen in London this morning. Nothing, however, developed today, although the police continued their digging operations at the house. Nothing was found that would throw further light on the mystery, which has become the chief sensation in the London newspapers.

MAY BE WITH WOMAN

The police believe Crippen is accompanied by Ella Clara Leneve, a French woman, whom he had recently introduced as his wife. This woman is believed to be dressed in male attire.

Before leaving Hilldrop Crescent, Crippen sent out for a boy's suit, and this the police surmise is now being worn by his companion.

The indications point to a coolly planned murder. Early in February last a letter signed "Belle Elmore" was received by the Vaudeville Artists Guild stating that the writer had gone to America on business. It was this letter which the police say was intended to cover up a crime that, as it turned out, furnished an evidence of criminality. Belle Elmore spelled her name with one "l." The discrepancy was noticed and aroused suspicion among the members of the guild, leading largely to the woman's disappearance to bring the woman's disappearance to the attention of the authorities.

The advertisement appeared announcing that Belle Elmore had died in Los Angeles. An investigation was begun and the advertisement was found to have been untrue.

It was learned today that when the officers visited Crippen they forced him to admit that his wife had not died in California. He then said, according to the detective, that he and his wife had quarreled, and that, following the quarrel, she disappeared. The police refused to accept this explanation because of the fact that the woman was found to have left her jewelry and money behind.

LIVED IN LOS ANGELES

Pursuing their inquiry the police discovered that Dr. Crippen had been born at Coldwater, Mich. He was educated in Indiana and in Los Angeles, and completed his medical studies in Michigan, Cleveland and New York City. He practiced in Detroit, San Diego, Salt Lake City, St. Louis and Brooklyn as an eye and ear specialist. At one time he managed a patent medicine business at Philadelphia and in Toronto, Canada. Recently Dr. Crippen lived in public with Miss Leneve, who, according to the police, was introduced by the doctor as Mrs. Crippen.

Neighbors of the Crippens speak of them as quiet folk, who appeared to be in prosperous circumstances. They occupied a well-furnished and well-maintained semi-detached house of twelve rooms. They did not mingle with their immediate neighbors, but from the number of callers at their home it was judged they had many friends.

Mrs. Crippen was very well known in vaudeville circles. She attended the meetings of the music hall artists' guild regularly up to the time of her disappearance last February. Miss Leneve was the doctor's stenographer.

The similarity in the fate of Belle Elmore and Mrs. Crippen, who was recently murdered by her husband in Italy, is most striking. Both women were actresses who left their American homes to meet death by violence in a foreign land, and in each instance the police pursued the American husband to the shores of his native land. Porter Charlton was arrested at Hoboken, but in the absence of extradition treaty between the United States and Italy, specifically providing for the return to either country, a citizen of the other country who has committed a crime abroad, may go free.

In the Crippen case no such complications are probable, as the British-American extradition treaty leaves no hole of which a suspected criminal may take advantage.

The London police have made a definite charge against Dr. Crippen and propose to get him with the co-operation of the American authorities.

CRIPPEN FORMER RESIDENT OF COLDWATER, MICHIGAN

COLDWATER, Mich., July 14.—Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen, wanted in London in connection with the alleged murder of his wife, comes from a family once well known in this city. He left here about thirty years ago to complete a course in dentistry in Detroit. From Detroit he went to Los Angeles with his parents. His mother has since died, but it is believed his father still resides there. A cousin lives here, but says he has known little of the doctor's life for several years.

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