

INVESTIGATING THE PAST

The Police Seeking More Clues in the Kenmore Mystery.

Ayers' Whereabouts on the Night of the Murder and on the Preceding Day—An Unknown Woman Who Ensnared Him in a Controversy.

It is still believed that Miss Mary E. Minas holds the key to the Ayers murder mystery. It is to be expected that she will have thus far held her peace because of the humiliation to which she has already been subjected. There are those who imagine she may have told more than that included in her testimony at the inquest. Such persons are not without ground. District Attorney Gould would be zealous to get an important part in the coming trial of the case.

It is known that Miss Minas spent an hour at the City Hall late Monday afternoon. She was escorted by the District Attorney. What transpired at the interview has not been divulged. Whether any new light was thrown on the mystery is yet a profound secret. At the inquest Miss Minas told of a night of horrors when Ayers was killed. Since she has steadfastly repeated her story without deviation, so far as known.

A huge package of anonymous letters addressed the desk of Captain-Inspector Boardman at Headquarters. They all refer to the Kenmore tragedy. Some have been investigated, their writers hunted down, while others have been passed over for future enquiry. A majority of these letters appear to have been written by clerks in the Census Office, or personal friends of Ayers. One epistle may refer to the life of Ayers, his habits, his acquaintances; another to Mrs. Bonine, her husband or even lawyers, while still others tell of theories innumerable on which the writers suggest that the police work.

Mrs. Bonine went down to the school yesterday afternoon and spent two hours with her wife. Afterward she read a great deal, especially the newspapers, with which she is daily provided by clerks. Following her usual custom, Mrs. Bonine retired shortly after 8 o'clock last night.

So far as actual evidence is concerned the police are yet at sea. Nothing important has been discovered since the confession of Mrs. Bonine, in which she has decided upon a conviction. The detectives have gained knowledge of Mrs. Bonine, especially as to her past life. They have run down clues without number; but the body of Ayers, which is so much like the body of the woman who resembles him, has not been found. It is known that efforts have been made to find this woman. Detectives have even visited the dental school, it is said, and talked with the students, from whom a description of the woman has been secured. This description is identical with that of a woman seen early on the night of the murder at the Alhambra, a summer garden in Northwest Washington.

Ayers was visited at the Alhambra. Ayers met her near the university; he walked with her, and yet no trace of her identity has yet found its way toward the detectives. Friends of Ayers seem not to recall the woman, but she resembles him so much that it is not surprising that she should be seen at the undertaking establishment of Hines, of Fourteenth Street, by a man who was at the Alhambra, and was identified as that of the man who accompanied the body of Ayers to the Alhambra, returned to the Kenmore, danced with friends, and then went to his room and his death.

A clue which is under investigation by Lieutenant Moore is the Alhambra, which was divided by information that Ayers was at Chesapeake Junction with a strange woman the night before his murder. A dispute arose between Ayers and the woman, and the latter, who was a brief case, which ended before the authorities took action toward making an arrest. After Ayers returned to this city, whether the woman followed is not known.

Although there is little evidence of importance being gathered by the detectives in the Kenmore case, so far as is apparent to the public, many little leads in the skin of evidence are being picked up and the officials seem confident that a conviction will be secured. The identification of the revolver that figured in the tragedy still occupying the attention of several of the detectives, but they have been able to accomplish but little.

Dever Rollins, who was formerly employed as a messenger at the Alhambra, visited Police Headquarters yesterday morning and informed Captain Boardman that he had seen a woman who carried a weapon with which the shooting was done. Rollins said he was told that this man had loaned it to another man, who was employed in the Government Printing Office, and who boarded at the Kenmore Hotel. Rollins was equally in ignorance as to the name of the man. He led the way to the District Attorney's carpet bag, and in the room he found a revolver, which still contains the large blood stain from the head of the unfortunate young man. It will be preserved as evidence.

Young Ayers was buried in the family vault at Port Austin, Michigan, Thursday and the body lies beside that of his mother. The services were held in the Baptist Church and were impressive in character. The sermon was preached

MANY DEGREES CONFERRED

The Last Part of the Columbian University Commencement.

Students of the College Department, Scientific and Graduate Schools Receive Diplomas—An Able Address by the Rev. Dr. Hitting.

With the granting of degrees to the students of Columbian College, the Commencement School, and the School of Graduate Studies, the commencement exercises of Columbian College last night came to a close.

As on the other two evenings the National Theatre was crowded with thousands of those who were to receive diplomas. The decorations of blue and yellow still in place, and the fresh bunches of roses and bouquets of spring flowers that hid the footlights from view, added color and perfume to the occasion. The Marine Band, while the audience was assembling, played Suppe's "Jolly Fellows" overture, and "Grand Scenes" from Bizet's "Carmen." A prayer was read by Rev. Dr. Hitting, D. D., opened the ceremonies, after which Wagner's "Albion Blat" was rendered by the musicians.

The Rev. W. C. Biting, D. D., of New York, delivered the address to the graduates. He made a very earnest appeal for individuality and originality, taking as the topic for his speech, "Personality the Determining Factor in Life." He sought to impress upon his listeners the necessity of living their own lives, and of not allowing themselves to be led by the lives of others. He urged that in the art of life the greatest aim is individuality.

"Success," he simply raising the subject of his own personality to the N-th power. It is not being a parasite, a ghost of a great name, an everlasting amen to the precept and example of a noble life. We have reached the point where we must find our own way, and we must find it. An invitation to attend the convention has been extended to the bankers of this State, Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina.

On the second day a business meeting will be held up to noon and reports will be heard from the executive council, the secretary, the treasurer, and the committee on the part of the American Bankers' Association of New York City, will speak on "The Benefit of Bankers' Association." An address will also be made by Ellis H. Roberts, Treasurer of the American Bankers' Association.

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RELIEF FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS

Tennesseans in Washington Hold a Meeting to Raise Funds.

A number of prominent Tennesseans, resident in Washington, held a meeting at the Edith House last night for the purpose of starting a movement for the relief of the people who have suffered in the recent disastrous floods in Johnson, Washington, Greene, Carter, and Unicoi counties in the eastern part of Tennessee.

It has become known that thousands of people were rendered homeless and destitute by the inundation and that the suffering is beyond description. Reports were delivered at the meeting which show that the destruction of property and loss of life have been greater in this flood, in proportion to the population, than resulted from any similar occurrence in this country in many years, not even excepting the Galveston disaster.

The appeal of the sufferers found quick response, and when H. Clay Evans, Commissioner of Pensions, called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock, nearly sixty natives of the Big Bend State had assembled.

Mr. Evans briefly explained the reasons for the call of the meeting and said that he had received letters from Elizabeth Welch, of Tenn., reciting sad tales of privation.

A. M. Hughes, on nomination of J. A. Smithson, was then elected chairman of the meeting, with Milton Atkins as secretary.

Milton Atkins spoke briefly on the history of the State and the grand traits of the people living in the flooded sections.

Judge John V. Wright addressed the meeting briefly, saying that the whole country ought to help the flood sufferers, but that Tennesseans ought to set a good example by contributing to the good cause.

Mr. Evans suggested that a committee be appointed to take the matter in hand and to see all Tennesseans in the District of Columbia and ask them for aid.

"We would like outside aid," said he, "and will welcome it, but we must first do something ourselves. It has been ten days since this disaster occurred and the poor people cannot wait while we talk."

Gen. Allen S. Tate made a motion that the chairman appoint a committee of three, this committee to select sub-committees, to work in the Government departments. This was agreed to and A. M. Hughes, B. H. Warner, Gen. Allen S. Tate, and John V. Wright, and Milton Atkins were named as the committee.

ACQUITTAL FOR BRADLEY

His Explanation of Finding the Stuart Bonds Accepted.

George A. Bradley, who was charged with the larceny of two \$100 United States bonds, was yesterday acquitted of the charge by a jury in Criminal Court No. 1.

Bradley was employed as receiving teller at the Ohio National Bank, where Mrs. Stuart had deposited the bonds in her lock box. In July, 1898, the bonds were missed, and search by the bank officials failed to locate them.

In September of that year, Bradley was searching for lost drafts among the waste paper, he found the bonds. He advertised for the owner, but received no response. After keeping the bonds for a long time, he was notified by Joseph Shillington and W. McK. Clayton applied as counsel for Bradley.

NO MONEY WHEN HE AWOKE. An old soldier complains of being robbed by women.

Thomas J. Young, an old soldier, has complained to the police of the actions of May Hamilton and Irene Ferguson, young women, who, he says, robbed him of \$100 in the city of Washington.

Three Petitioners Desire Action Against the Johnston Company. Frank Hume, of the City of Kennebec, Maine, has been granted a temporary restraining order, which will prevent the Johnston Company from operating the stock in trade and dispose of it under order of the court.

THE HIGH SCHOOL GAMES. The Central and Westerns Likely to Lead in the Contest.

Mr. Thompson, of the Southern Railway, has been secured to manage the inter-high school track and field games, which will be held on Georgetown Field on June 7, for the prize trophy.

Edinburgh Could Not Refuse to Accommodate a Stranger. George Edinburgh, colored, was hounded out of his room by the Southern Railway, stated yesterday that there was no chance of that road granting a nine-hour scale to the machinists.

APPLIES FOR A MANDAMUS. Filing of a Petition to Compel Action by the Register of Wills.

DEATH OF HENRY V. PARSELL

A Holder of Large Local Interests Expires in New York.

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Mr. Parsell had been in ill health for some time. He had a brother-in-law of the firm, late Norris Peters, the best of the firm, the former having married Hannah Peters, a sister of the deceased. Upon the latter's death, two years ago, Mrs. Parsell was appointed quite a large interest in the firm. This she turned over to the management of her husband, but he, owing to his ill health, had been unable to do so.

Mr. Parsell did not move to this city, but made monthly trips throughout the winter to look over the affairs of the estate here. The active management of the company consequently fell upon the shoulders of Daniel Fraser, who acted as general manager, as Mr. Eugene Peters, a nephew of the late Norris Peters and the only other member of the firm, had been committed to St. Elizabeth's Asylum for the insane several months ago, owing to his mind being affected by a protracted illness.

What effect the death of Mr. Parsell will have upon the management of the company in which he was interested is not yet known.

Mr. Parsell was a native of New York, and had been in this city several weeks ago, when he was taken seriously ill, and he never recovered. He was buried in New York and he was carried in an invalid's chair. He was considered a very wealthy man and was the possessor of a beautiful summer residence at Lake Shoreham, in the State of New York, where he spent nearly all of his time every summer. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Hannah Parsell, and a young son.

HOUSING FOR THEIR GAMES. Friends' School Athletics Forced to Postpone Their Contest.

The spring track and field games of the Friends' School which were to have been held yesterday afternoon on Georgetown Field were postponed until next Monday afternoon on account of the muddy condition of the ground.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFFS. An Award of \$300 Damages Against the Street Car Company.

In the suit of Charles M. Sanford and his wife, Anna Sanford, against the Metropolitan Railroad Company to recover \$300, claimed as damages for personal injuries sustained by Mrs. Sanford, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

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CRIMINAL COURT PLANS. Suspension of Trials Shortly for the Summer Season. Decorative day will be generally observed at the City Hall today. There will be no business transacted in any of the branches of the Supreme Court or in the offices of the Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds. In fact, after the close of this week there will not be any jury trials in either the circuit or criminal divisions of the court, except in Criminal Court No. 1, where criminal cases will be heard during the month of June. Beginning on Monday next, Justice Anderson, in Criminal Court No. 2 for the last month, will relieve Justice Barnard in the office of the District Judge. The District Judge will be in the office of the District Judge. The District Judge will be in the office of the District Judge.

MOON VETERAN ELECTRIC CARS. The Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, under the leadership of Mrs. J. M. Taylor, has been granted a franchise for the use of the electric cars in the city of Washington. The cars will be used for the purpose of transporting the members of the chapter to the various points of interest in the city. The cars will be used for the purpose of transporting the members of the chapter to the various points of interest in the city.

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