

A GIRL IS MURDERED

But There is No Clue to Perpetrator of the Crime

Abilene, Kas., Aug. 15.—Without even a clue to the murderer of Bertha Benigus, who was found dead in her parents' house Sunday morning, the police today found other evidence which makes it certain she was killed by some one who entered her bedroom. Ladder prints beside the porch, paint rubbed off the side of the house, a hole cut in the screen of her bedroom window, were discovered. At this point all trace is lost, and not even tangible suspicion is held.

Miss Benigus was one of the town's most popular young women. Her father has a meat market and she was born here. For several months she has been employed in the local telephone office. Saturday evening she was down town with some young friends and left them about 10 o'clock, asking one girl friend to spend the night with her. Miss Benigus was planning a surprise on some of her friends, and was to have left today to meet Carl Livingston, a former schoolmate and long-time sweetheart, who he married. Livingston has been employed as cashier in Harvey's eating house at Topeka. He was sent for immediately after the young woman's death was discovered. He arrived yesterday.

A suicide theory was disposed of by a search of the room. Around one of the girl's wrists was tied a silk handkerchief, which appeared to have been used to blind both hands. Other than this there was no indication of a struggle. An empty chloroform bottle stood on a dresser five feet from the bed. This, the physicians say, was too far away for her to have used the poison and then have reached the bed. Miss Benigus' body was so carefully covered that when her father first went to the room, he thought the bed had been made, and he had left the house. Returning to search further, he found her beneath the covering.

All the family was in the house all night, yet none heard any noise. Mrs. Benigus slept in a room adjoining her daughter's.

Miss Benigus was known to have had a \$100 diamond ring given her by her father. This ring was in another part of the house. Two weeks ago the house was entered and a diamond necklace stolen, but it was found a hundred feet from the house in the grass. The robber had been frightened away from the dwelling.

The mysterious part of the affair is a note scribbled in German on a bill head and found in the yard. This note bears evidence of having been written under strain of great excitement. It was placed in the yard Saturday evening, just below Miss Benigus' window, and reads:

"I have murdered; bring jewelry two blocks."

There are several vacant lots to the west of the house. The trees at the side of the house are being cut down by the sheriff's hands, and will be submitted to the coroner, who probably will take up the case this afternoon.

Attempted robbery, or the work of some jealous rival for Miss Benigus' hand, are theories on which the authorities are working. Robbery committed by two persons is considered the most reasonable theory. Miss Benigus was popular with the young folks of town, and had many friends. Her engagement, though of short duration, has been well known.

The funeral will be held from the Grace Reformed church Tuesday afternoon.

JAPANESE ADVISES "STAY WITH THE FARM"

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—Baron Kanetake Onra, minister of state for agriculture and commerce of Japan, who is traveling over the world to study industrial conditions, says, "Stay with the farm." In an interview here yesterday he stated that he was personally opposed to the massing of people in cities, and that in Japan the desire is to keep the men in the fields.

FOREST MUST BE FIRE PROTECTED

Washington, Aug. 15.—Protection from forest fires is the first measure

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GREAT SUMS ARE STOLEN

Illinois Central Robbed by Officials of the Company

Chicago, Aug. 15.—The new graft investigation in connection with the letting of grading and construction contracts may reveal stealings which will rival the car repairing operations, according to Chicago men in close touch with the latest inquiry.

Local officers of the railroad yesterday were inclined to discount the reports that as much as \$1,000,000 had been stolen from the road in construction work on the Southern lines. They, however, said that the inquiry had not gone far enough to determine the amount.

From other sources it was learned that detectives have discovered that the alleged graft occurred with the letting of contracts for construction of many miles of road. The total of these contracts is said to run up into millions of dollars. It is asserted the road paid for as much as 30 per cent more work than was actually performed.

HE RECEIVED 10,000 VOLTS

Son of Millionaire is Uninjured by the Mighty Force

Platteville, Wis., Aug. 15.—Elliott McMillan, son of a California millionaire received a 10,000 volt charge of electricity at Tores' separating plant in the morning and played in the afternoon a game of billiards. McMillan brought his hand near one of the high voltage separators yesterday and the current broke through the machine, passing through his body and out through his feet. The power was hurriedly turned off, and the young man fell to the floor unconscious. He recovered in a few minutes, and it was found he was uninjured, except for slight burns on his hand and foot.

SEVERAL ITALIANS KILLED

Watertown, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Several Italian laborers were killed and a large number injured by the collapse today of a portion of a dam of the T. A. Gillespie company at Massena, on the big power canal. The injured were taken to a hospital at Cornwall, Ont.

PITTSBURG'S POPULATION

Washington, Aug. 15.—The population of Pittsburgh, Pa., is 533,905, an increase of 82,393, or 18.2 per cent as compared with the combined population of Pittsburgh and Allegheny of 451,512, in 1900.

BASE BALL OGDEN'S LEAGUE TEAM Vs. NORTH OGDEN

Champion of Weber County League
Side Bet of \$100.00
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
Fair Grounds
GAME CALLED AT 4:30 P. M.
The North Ogden Team shut out Huntsville July 24th with Red Toner in the box for Huntsville and Plake at short-stop. Shut out Hooper Saturday, 7-0 nothing.

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New York, Aug. 15.—"One more day and we will be able to call Mayor Gaynor a convalescent," was the declaration at St. Mary's hospital in Hoboken today. The patient's condition continued satisfactory when he awoke this morning from his sixth night on a hospital cot. His attendants were frankly cheerful and more optimistic than on any previous occasion.

The physicians will watch the passing of the day with keen interest, for with its safe conclusion the dreaded bugbear of a "crisis" will be practically over, and they will allow themselves to consider recovery assured.

"Today is a milestone," declared Robert Adamson, the mayor's secretary. "If any serious turn for the worse is to develop, it may come today, and if he passes the end of what is practically a week's illness without sign of complications, he will be in a good way toward recovery. There is little to fear after today."

The blood tests made last night proved satisfactory, and the patient's temperature, pulse and respiration were about what any healthy man's would be if he had been lying on his back for a week.

The mayor heard from his secretary last night that among the many delicacies that had come to the hospital from well-wishers was a case of a dozen bottles of champagne. The mayor said that he did not care to partake of any of the wine just now, and directed Mr. Adamson to distribute the bottles among those patients in the hospital who need it.

The following bulletin regarding Mayor Gaynor was given out at 1:25 o'clock this afternoon:

"Improvement continues. The mayor has had a comfortable morning."

One of the physicians who is attending Mayor Gaynor said that, barring unforeseen and improbable complications, Mayor Gaynor would be able to leave the hospital two weeks from today.

A CHINESE SLAVE GIRL

Saved from a Terrible Fate by a Dash for Liberty

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—Escaping from her captors, Li So, a Chinese slave girl who claims to have been imported to this country, fled through the alleys of Chinatown yesterday chased by several Chinamen and, running into the arms of a policeman, begged protection from the officer. Fung Bing King, an interpreter for the Hop Sing tong, who was one of the men in pursuit of the girl, was taken into custody. He is accused by Li So of holding her in the alley house against her will and is now in custody. Li So, upon her request, will be sent back to China to her relatives.

CALIFORNIA PRIMARIES

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—With the close of the state primary campaign, Republican leaders are predicting that their party vote tomorrow will exceed that cast in the general election two years ago. The Democratic registration is light owing to the absence of contests for places on the state ticket. Five Republicans—one insurgent and four stalwarts—will compete for the Republican nomination for governor.

HE LOST HIS LIFE TRYING TO SAVE GIRL

Venice, Cal., Aug. 15.—John R. Ridgeway of this city was drowned in the surf early today while attempting to save the life of Miss Bessie Hardner of Pasadena, who was being swept out to sea by a swiftly moving current. Miss Hardner was later brought safely to shore.

CAUGHT AFTER A CHASE OF 5,000 MILES

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 15.—Deputy Sheriff William Geary of Missoula, Mont., arrived in Seattle yesterday with Edward Church, 21 years old, whom he apprehended at Valdez, Alaska, after a chase of more than 5,000 miles. Church is wanted in Montana for the alleged theft of three

SHOCK AT A GRAVE CAUSES WOMAN'S DEATH

St. Louis, Aug. 15.—Dirt rattling on the coffin containing the body of her life-long friend and neighbor so shocked Mrs. Evelyn Roumens Hornever yesterday she fainted at the graveside and three hours later died of grief.

Mrs. Hornever was attending the funeral of Henry David, a tobacco dealer. Fainting in the arms of her husband, Charles Hornever, a harness-maker, Mrs. Hornever was lifted into a surrey and hurried to a sanitarium. She did not regain consciousness.

BODY OF A CHILD FOUND

Had Been Petrified for Seven Years in a Coal Bin

New York, Aug. 15.—The Brooklyn police have an unusual mystery on their hands as a result of the finding in a tenement house coal bin of a child's body turned to stone. According to physicians, the body had lain undisturbed for seven years. A yellowed newspaper, wrapped around the body bore the date of February 21, 1903.

The police believe the body was treated with some chemical that petrified it. There is no clue to the identity of the child or its slayer.

WORLD'S MARKETS

MARKET AGAIN YIELDS TO HEAVY PRESSURE

New York, Aug. 15.—The stock market opened today dull and steady, but soon afterward displayed a yielding tendency in sympathy with the pressure against the metal stocks. Room traders followed the lead of the professionals and sold stocks, causing a further general decline. The western railroad stocks, Reading, United States Steel and the coppers were the weak features.—Union Pacific lost 15.8; American Smelting and Amalgamated Copper 11.2; Southern and Missouri Pacific, Cincinnati & Ohio and St. Paul 1.

Several more of the representative stocks scored losses of a point before the selling movement was done. The market was off on realizing and some profits on the recent sharp advance and selling by bear traders, who took advantage of the absence of any important buying to put out new short lines. Prices at noon were slightly above the lowest. Union Pacific rallied a point.

Bonds were easy.

Chicago Livestock.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 20,000; market 10c off. Beeves, \$4.55@8.20; Texas steers, \$3.50@5.70; western steers, \$4.00@6.70; stockers and feeders, \$4.00@6.20; cows and heifers, \$2.50@6.30; calves, \$6.50@8.50.

Hogs—Receipts estimated at 22,000; market 5c off. Light, \$8.45@8.95; mixed, \$7.85@8.85; heavy, \$7.65@8.70; rough, \$7.60@7.80; good to choice heavy, \$7.80@8.45; pigs, \$8.50@9.00; bulk of sales, \$8.05@8.35.

Sheep—Receipts estimated at 30,000; market 10c off. Native, \$2.25@4.25; western, \$2.50@4.20; yearlings, \$4.00@5.40; lambs, native, \$4.25@6.60; western, \$4.25@6.55.

Omaha Livestock.

Omaha, Aug. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,900; market steady to easier. Native steers, \$4.75@7.80; cows and heifers, \$3.00@3.80; western steers, \$3.50@6.75; cows and heifers, \$2.75@4.25; canners, \$2.25@3.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@5.55; calves, \$3.00@6.25; bulls, \$3.25@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,100; market steady to 5c higher. Heavy, \$7.80@8.20; mixed, \$8.00@8.15; light, \$8.00@8.60; pigs, \$7.90@8.00; bulk, \$7.90@8.20.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,700; market strong to 10c higher. Yearlings, \$4.50@5.40; ewes, \$3.50@4.25; ewes, \$3.25@4.10; lambs, \$6.25@8.25.

Chicago Close.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Close. Wheat—Sept. 1.02@1.8-1.4; Dec. 1.05 3-8 to 1-2; May 1.10 1-4. Corn—Sept. 63 5-8; Dec. 60 7-8 to 61; May 63 1-8 to 1-4. Oats—Sept. 36 1-2; Dec. 38 5-8; May 41 1-8. Pork—Sept. \$21.57 1-2@20; Oct. \$21.57 1-2. Lard—Sept. \$11.85; Oct. \$11.75; Nov. \$11.10; Jan. \$10.65. Ribs—Sept. \$11.90; Oct. \$11.27 1-2; Jan. \$9.67 1-2. Barley—Cash, 68 3-4.

Chicago Produce.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 25@29c; dairies, 23@26c. Eggs—Steady; receipts, 9,631 cases; at mark, cases included, 19@14c; firsts, 18c; prime firsts, 20c. Cheese—Steady; dairies, 16c; twins, 15@15 1-4c; young Americans, 16c; long horns, 16c.

Metal Market.

New York, Aug. 15.—Copper—spot and September, \$22.0@12.50; lead, steady, \$4.40@4.50; bar silver, 57 1-4c.

EXTRA SESSION IS TO APPROPRIATE MILLIONS

Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 15.—Convened in extra session to consider a proposition for raising \$6,000,000 in support of an expedition to be held in New Orleans, in 1915, to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal, members of the Louisiana general assembly gathered here today.

WANTED BY THE POLICE

Young German Suspected of Having Murdered a Woman

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15.—While detectives are searching the city, deputies from the sheriff's office are scouring the city today for Otto Schultze, the young German wanted in connection with the murder of Mrs. Frieda Castine, whose body was unearched from a shallow grave by a pet dog yesterday at her ranch near Lancaster. It is practically certain, however, that with 24 hours' start, the fugitive, who was formally accused of murder in the coroner's verdict rendered last night, has traveled as far as he could from the scene of the crime.

Some of the police and deputies here are inclined to believe that Schultze, with the \$5,000 he is alleged to have stolen from his victim, has sought to enter Mexico by way of the Arizona border, or through El Paso. Others are of the opinion that he will try to embark for Germany through San Francisco or some eastern port. Wherever he goes, though, he will be faced with the possibility of arrest by officers in any city between San Francisco and New York, as a full description of the fugitive has been telegraphed broadcast.

According to the description, Schultze is between 20 and 25 years of age, five feet eight inches in height, of medium build, and wears a light mustache, setting off a florid complexion.

He speaks English so brokenly that he sometimes denies ability to speak the language at all. He is well supplied with money, as he showed the station agent at Lancaster a large roll of bills.

A curious feature, following the murder of Mrs. Castine, is the disappearance of Mrs. Martha Chat, wife of a Los Angeles realty dealer, and her escort, John Underbetton, while the two were on their way to a ranch near the Castine farm. They have been missing for a week, and the woman's husband has asked the aid of the sheriff to find his wife.

PACK TRAIN MAROONED

Fire Has Swept Across the Path of Escape

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 15.—No new word has been received here by the forestry officials today concerning the pack train of 20 horses which were reported as marooned in the heart of the Clearwater forest yesterday.

The word first came from Major Fenn, supervisor of the Clearwater reserve, at Kootenai, Idaho. Forester Greeley said today that the word from Major Fenn meant nothing more serious than that the pack train, and that it would be compelled to go a more roundabout way, possibly build some trail and probably be delayed several days.

JEFFRIES AGAIN TO MEET JOHNSON

New York, Aug. 15.—The rumor that James J. Jeffries was dragged before he entered the ring at Reno on July 4, to suffer defeat at the hands of Jack Johnson, was revived in New York today.

Robert Edgren, sporting authority and writer, who has spent some time with Jeff in the last few weeks, says today without qualification that he believes Jeff was beaten by drugs. He also declares that Jeff still wishes he could fight the negro again.

Edgren's statement reads: "There are curious facts coming out gradually. Jeff believes, as scores of his most intimate friends in the west believe, and I almost absolutely believe, that he was drugged. It would be a curious thing if it were proved some day that a cup of tea beat Jim Jeffries at Reno. Such things come to light sometimes."

"Once I asked Jeff point blank, 'If it is proven in the next few months that you were drugged before the Reno fight and if there is a chance public opinion would force Johnson into the ring, are you going to challenge him and fight again?'"

"I don't know," said Jeff, "but I will never fight any man but Johnson. And if I fight him again I'll beat him."

SALT LAKE MAN IN GOLF COUNTRY

Denver, Colo., Aug. 15.—F. E. Patterson of Oklahoma City and E. D. Uppham of Denver will drive off from the first tee of the Denver Country club course today in the qualifying round of the trans-Mississippi tournament and will be followed at four-minute intervals by the other 202 golfers who will contest for the title.

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SERIES OF FATAL FALLS IN JERSEY CITY

New York, Aug. 15.—Fatal or serious injuries from falls seems to be the order of the day in Jersey City, according to popular reports there for the last twenty-four hours. Robert Lindsay, 52 years old, fell over the palisades and his skull was fractured. Walter Gehring, 18 years old, tumbled from the top of a moving freight car and will die. Patrick Connelly, a foreman employed in the construction of a new building, fell from a window while inspecting the work and was fatally injured. Louis Olsen, 21 years old, while sleeping on the roof in his apartment, rolled off and died. Eleven other persons were less seriously injured by falls.

COMPETING MOTOR BOATS.

New York, Aug. 15.—The three British motor boats which will compete for the Harmsworth international challenge cup on next Saturday, departed here today on the steamship Minnetonka.

The boats are the Maple Leaf, owned by Mackay Edgars; the Signorella, owned by Daniel Hanbury, and a new hydroplane, owned by the duke of Westminster.

PRODUCING A STORM

By Hanging Dynamite on Trees and Exploding the Powder

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 15.—At Wallace, Idaho, hundreds of pounds of dynamite hung to the limbs of trees on the high points surrounding the city and exploded yesterday in the hope that the effect might produce rain to check the drought by forest fires. It is said to have had a result, for at midnight last night rain began falling for the first time in two months. The fall has been heavy.

SOCIETY MEN AND WOMEN SAVED A HUMILIATION

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Aug. 15.—The fears of more than a score of men and women, caught in the raid on the Narragansett club a week ago, that they would have to appear next Monday as witnesses, were dispelled today when Nathan B. Lewis advised Constable John G. Cross, the young leader of the raiders, not to summon the witnesses for that date.

The crusade against gambling was brought before the court today for the second time, when W. E. Arnold, who is charged with maintaining a gambling nuisance, reiterated his plea of not guilty and filed a demurrer to the complaint.

Judge Lewis said that arguments on the demurrer would be heard next Monday.

ESPERANTO CONGRESS.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The international Esperanto congress for the further propagation of the neutral laying of hope for all the peoples of the earth, was opened here today with hundreds of delegates from thirty-seven nations and official representatives of nine countries in attendance. The gavel, which signaled the beginning of the congress, was wielded by Captain Joseph Perrotto, representative of King Alfonso of Spain, and vice-president of the international congress held last year at Barcelona. The principal feature of the day's program was the address by Dr. Ludwig L. Sameshoff of Poland, inventor of Esperanto. More than a thousand delegates are expected by tomorrow.

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NEW YORK'S LABOR PARTY

Independent Organization of Union Men for Politics

New York, Aug. 15.—New York city is to have a brand new political party. Its platform and declaration of principles has just been made public. It is the first municipal labor party in this city since the Henry George campaign of 1886.

The organization, which is to be known as the Federated Labor party of New York, had its inception at a meeting of prominent labor men on July 28. According to the organizers, its scope for the present is to be only local, but plans for making it a national party are to be launched in time for the next presidential campaign.

The party's platform demands, among other things, the enactment of laws to accomplish the following desirable ends:

Ownership and operation by municipality, by state or nation, of all public utilities, including ice plants; the establishment of postal savings banks and postal express; laws prohibiting the use of the injunction process in labor disputes; a national eight-hour law; abolition of the electoral college and direct nomination and election of president, vice president, United States senators and judges and all elective officers; extension of the provisions of the employers' liability laws and compensation laws, so as to include within their provisions all classes of employment, and ballot reform.

The leaders of the movement hope to nominate John Mitchell, lately leader of the coal miners, for governor at the next state election.

LIVES LOST IN FLOODS

Death List in Tokio is Much Over One Thousand

Tokio, Aug. 15.—Casualties from the great floods which last week inundated many districts in Japan and on Friday and Saturday almost submerged two of the principal wards of Tokio were given out today, after official investigation, as 1,112 dead and missing. Three thousand nine hundred and thirty horses were washed away, in addition to the thousands which were under water during the flood, but resisted the strain.

Thousands of persons are homeless and dependent on public relief.

LONG FLIGHT OF THE AEROPLANES IN FRANCE

Amiens, France, Aug. 15.—Favored by magnificent weather, the competitors in the great cross-country aeroplane race of 488 miles, arrived here today, completing the fifth lap of 19,610 miles, from Douai, and ubun, descending. La Blane and Auburn, who alone went in the contest for the \$25,000, were accompanied by Lagagnaux. La Blane increased his lead in the contest, covering the distance in 1 hour 16 minutes and 29 seconds. Lagagnaux taking 1 hour 23 minutes and 51 seconds, and Auburn 1 hour and 51 minutes and 12 seconds. La Blane's total time for the five laps thus far completed is 10 hours 10 minutes and 49 seconds; Auburn, 11 hours 29 minutes and 57 seconds.