

WOMAN ATTACKS FIREBUG

Finds Him Entering Window of Her Dwelling.

Thrusts Him Back and Calls for Assistance.

Culprit Escapes After Fight With Her Husband.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN RAFAEL, Sept. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Muller have seen San Rafael's notorious firebug at close quarters. This incendiary, to whom nearly thirty fires have been charged in the past year and who has laughed at the efforts of the police to capture him, entered the Muller home at 1 o'clock this morning, in an attempt to destroy the dwelling, with its sleeping inmates. He was discovered by plucky Mrs. Muller, who thrust him back through a window which he was entering, and before he could escape from the yard her husband had leaped through the window and grappled with him. Muller was unable to hold the incendiary, but he and his wife have given to the police a description of the culprit which, it is believed, will lead to his early capture. In his flight the criminal left behind a sack of powder, and piled against the outside of the building was found a stack of shavings, saturated with kerosene.

Mrs. Muller was the first to catch a glimpse of the firebug. She saw him as he was entering the window of her sitting room. He was half way through the aperture when the brave woman entered the room. Rushing at the intruder, she thrust him from the window and screamed for help. Her husband responded immediately and a fierce struggle with the man in the yard followed. When the fellow got free Muller pursued him for two blocks, but finally lost trace of the fugitive.

MULLER'S STORY OF COMBAT.

Mr. Muller gives the following account of his experience with the intruder: "Late last night Mrs. Muller and Mrs. Keeny, her sister, went up town to take to the latter's husband his midnight luncheon, he being employed at the Marin County ice factory as night engineer. They returned home at 11 o'clock. I had retired and my wife soon followed. At 1 o'clock this morning Mrs. Muller was awakened by a noise in an adjoining room. Arousing me, she said she believed some one was trying to enter the house. I scoffed at the idea, but she arose to investigate.

"As soon as she entered the adjoining room she saw a man half way through the window. Without hesitation she rushed at the intruder, screaming as she did so. I ran to her aid and found that the man had dropped from the window sill to the ground below. I went through the window after him. The fellow was evidently dazed by the unexpected interruption and ran against the gate, but could not open it.

FIREBUG MAKES HIS ESCAPE.

"He then attempted to jump the fence and just as he was going over I caught hold of his coat. We struggled for awhile, but I could not retain my grip and the fellow ran down D street. While giving chase I yelled to him to stop or I would shoot. At this he crouched down and ran in a zigzag course. I followed as far as Third street, but there lost track of him. Being clad only in my night clothing, I returned home.

"On re-entering my house and lighting a lamp I found a small sack containing gunpowder on the floor, dropped there by the marauder in his hasty flight. This morning a search of the yard was made. It was discovered that a quantity of shavings had been piled up against the house and that this material was saturated with kerosene.

"I would give two years of my life if I had only a pistol last night. It just happened that I had no firearms in the house. If I had any I should have saved the authorities the trouble of capturing the firebug. I could have killed him easily. He was a young man, and wore a sack suit and a crusher hat. He had a small mustache, weighed about 150 pounds and was not tall—well proportioned, I should judge."

MRS. MULLER NOT SCARED.

Mrs. Muller corroborated her husband's description of the man. She vehemently asserted that she, too, wished she had had some weapon at the time she first saw him half through the window.

"No, I was not frightened at all," said Mrs. Muller. "I only wish Henry could have caught the fellow."

Muller was for a long time a guard in San Quentin prison and is known to be an expert shot. The Muller home is just back of the Donohue house, which was destroyed by fire this afternoon from unknown causes.

INCENDIARY KEEPS BUSY.

Adds Another San Rafael Dwelling to His Account.

SAN RAFAEL, Sept. 22.—The residence of Mrs. Rose Donohue on E street was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The alarm was turned in at 4 o'clock and the department responded quickly, but the flames had gained such headway that the contents of the building could not be saved. Mrs. Donohue was absent, and no one was in the residence at the time the fire was discovered. It is believed that this dwelling is another to be added to the long list of buildings destroyed by the San Rafael incendiary.

ADMITS WOMAN'S MURDER

Capture of Slayer of Mrs. Anna Nelson Pulitzer.

Wm. Hooper Young Confesses Awful Crime.

Derby Suspect Turns Out to Be Gotham Assassin.

DERBY, Conn., Sept. 22.—William Hooper Young, for whom the police of New York have been searching in connection with the murder of Mrs. Anna Nelson Pulitzer, has been found and is also said to have made a confession regarding the killing of Mrs. Pulitzer.

In the guise of a tramp he had been wandering about the country for several days and was arrested last evening by the Derby police on suspicion. Although his description corresponds closely with that sent out by the New York officers, the prisoner at first stoutly denied any connection with the murder, and even when he was confronted with a man who was formerly a fellow workman he still denied his identity. But this evening, upon the arrival of a man with whom he was intimately acquainted, the prisoner acknowledged that he is William Hooper Young. He consented to go back to New York without the formality of requisition papers and will be taken there probably to-morrow morning.

It was Mac Levy, a physical culture instructor of Brooklyn, and Detective Sergeant Edward Hughes of New York that the prisoner admitted his identity.

IMPLICATES AN ACCOMPLICE.

During the interview with the officers which followed Young's admission of his identity he is said to have made a confession regarding the crime. The exact nature of this confession was not made public to-night. It was said that Young had spoken of an accomplice, but one of the officers, when questioned about this, replied:

"If you say simply that a confession has been made you will tell the whole story."

From another reliable source, however, came the information that Young did say that he had an accomplice.

Shortly before 9 o'clock the officers withdrew from the prisoner's cell and left him for the night, the announcement being made that the man would not be taken to New York until to-morrow evening. Young is reported to have made a confession, in which he claims that an accomplice actually committed the murder. Young is said to have told Mac Levy that he and one Charles Simpson Eiling of Bridgeport, Conn., lured the woman to Young's flat, where Young left them for a while. On his return Young says that Eiling, who immediately fled, told him that he had killed the woman by giving her a dose of chloral hydrate in a glass of beer. Anxious to save his friend, Young said, he attempted to dismember the body, but his nerve failed him and he subsequently removed it in a trunk. No such man as Eiling is known in Bridgeport, and the police regard the confession as a clumsy effort on the part of Young to shield himself. Eiling is the name to which Young addressed the trunk to Chicago. Young says that he expected Eiling to go to Chicago and claim the trunk.

QUEST OF POLICE ENDS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The quest for the supposed murderer of Mrs. Anna Pulitzer was ended to-night when news reached police headquarters in this city that the man claiming himself to be Bert Edwards, who was arrested last night near Derby, Conn., had admitted that he was William Hooper Young after he had been positively identified by Mac Levy, a professor of physical culture, in whose establishment in Brooklyn Young was at one time employed. The police announce that Young will be brought to this city to-morrow morning, his counsel in this city having said that he would waive extradition proceedings, which might delay his surrender to the New York authorities for a day or two.

ELDERS ARE EXONERATED.

The articles of feminine apparel found in the trunk brought back from Chicago were positively identified as belonging to his wife by Joseph Pulitzer, who was deeply affected when shown the little bag of cakes his wife had bought for him when she went out on Tuesday night last. The trunk was also positively identified by Alfred Dolby, the hall boy, as the one which he had helped Young carry out of his flat.

Captain Schmittberger held a conference to-day with the Mormon elders who lived in the house where the murder was committed. The captain afterward said he was satisfied the Mormon elders were in no way connected with the crime.

YOUNG IS ALSO A FORGER.

Crooked Career of the New York Murderer at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Sept. 22.—W. Hooper Young is wanted in Seattle on a charge of forgery. His former wife, who secured a divorce from him in the King County Superior Court, is living here at the present time. Young was in Seattle sixteen months ago and went from here to San Francisco. These facts were established by Detective Lane of the Seattle police force. Lane not only found that he knew the man while he lived in Seattle, but that he had seen him several times about the streets.

KING LEOPOLD'S WRATH DRIVES DAUGHTER AWAY



SECOND AND THIRD DAUGHTERS OF THE LATE UNHAPPY QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS.

Unable to Attend the Funeral of the Late Queen.

bringing up the rear. The route of the funeral procession was lined with troops and crowded with people. After the requiem mass the cortege proceeded to the railroad station, the King, Prince Albert and the Princess Clementine and the Ministers accompanying the body to the train.

Princess' Stephanie Talks About Message Received at Mother's Bier.

RUSSELS, Sept. 22.—The scandal arising from the revival of the family quarrel between King Leopold and his daughter, the Princess Stephanie (Countess of Lonyaya) beside the bier of the late Queen Marie Henriette at Spa yesterday is agitating all classes. Popular sympathy on all sides is expressed for the Princess, who though deeply affected by the incident makes no complaint. The Princess herself has given out a simple statement of the facts, as follows:

"The precise facts are these: I was praying at the bier of the Queen when some one came about 4 o'clock to tell me the King would not receive me. I immediately left the death chamber. I had no interview with his Majesty.

"I was at Cromer, England, when I learned of the death of the Queen. Like a loving daughter and a patriot, I hurried to Spa to render the last honors to my mother.

"As the King has caused an intimation to be conveyed to me that he does not desire my presence, I am going to Calais, where my husband will meet me. Thence I shall probably return to England. There was no scene between the King and myself at Spa."

RUPTURE NOT HEALED.

It was hoped by the public, which applauded Princess Stephanie's match with the Count Lonyaya, that the death of the

Queen would lead to healing the rupture, but the incident at Spa is taken to demonstrate that the King is as irreconcilable as ever to what he openly has designated as a mesalliance, even after the approval of the Austrian Emperor Francis Joseph.

During the whole railroad journey from Spa to this city the Princess was shaken with sobs, and arrived here nearly prostrated. This morning she attended a special requiem mass ordered by herself. On leaving the church she was sympathetically greeted by the assembled crowd.

The Princess will not be present at her mother's funeral. Princess Stephanie started for Calais this afternoon. She was accorded a most enthusiastic greeting by large crowds at the railroad station, while cries of "Viva la Comtesse" were raised, to which she replied, "I thank you with all my heart."

Then, apparently overcome by the popular demonstration, the Princess burst into tears.

QUEEN MARIE'S FUNERAL.

The funeral services preparatory to the removal of the remains of Queen Marie Henriette to Brussels were held this morning in a church at Spa. The coffin later was placed in a car and was completely hidden by flowers. King Leopold, leaning on the arm of Prince Albert of Flanders, the heir presumptive to the throne, followed on foot, the Ministers, generals and other distinguished persons

REBELS ON THE RETREAT

Railway Traffic on the Isthmus Is Again Clear.

Colombian Legation Gets Encouraging Reports.

Belief That American Marines Will Stay on Railway.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The following important dispatch was received at the Colombian legation to-night from Governor Salazar of the Department of Panama:

"PANAMA, Sept. 22.—Rebels have retreated to Agua Dulce. Railway traffic perfectly free. Interior of Colombia completely pacified. To-day additional reinforcements reached Colon from Barranquilla. Rebels admit hopelessness of their cause."

The legation officials assert that the retreat of the rebels to Agua Dulce marks practically the collapse of the rebellion. For a long time the only complete revolutionary movement, they say, has been in the Department of Panama. Agua Dulce is eight days' hard march from Panama. The large number of troops being concentrated in and around Panama and Colon, the legation reports say, will forestall the probability of any attack by the rebels even should they rally their forces at Agua Dulce. The opinion is expressed at the legation that the latter either will be forced across the boundary line into Costa Rica, or they will be dispersed, or attempt to reach Corinto, Nicaragua.

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT.

A late dispatch received at the Navy Department to-day from Commander McLean of the Cincinnati contains an encouraging report of the condition of affairs at the Isthmus. It was to the effect that railway traffic now was perfectly free and was being conducted without any obstruction.

The Navy Department is in receipt of the following cablegram from Commander McLean of the cruiser Cincinnati:

"COLON, Sept. 20.—Secretary of the Navy, Washington: The United States guards and guarantees traffic and the line of transit. To-day I permitted the exchange of Colombian troops from Panama to Colon, about 1000 each way, the troops without arms, in train guarded by American naval force in the same manner as other passengers, arms and ammunition in separate train guarded also by naval force in the same manner as other freight.

PREDICT DISAPPROVAL.

Officials of the Colombian legation here predict that a storm of disapproval will arise in Colombia as a result of Commander McLean's action in disarming the Colombian troops before their passage across the Isthmus. It is stated here that Colombia's agreement with the Panama Railroad Company specifically provides for the transportation of Colombian soldiers by the railroad when occasion arises, and the commander's action is regarded at the legation here as a direct infringement of Colombia's sovereignty over the Isthmus.

Commander McLean, in having the troops transported in a separate train from their arms, is acting apparently in accordance with his construction of that part of Secretary Moody's instructions, dated on Saturday, which read:

"Any transportation of Government troops not in violation of treaty and which would not endanger transit or provoke hostilities may not be objectionable. The department must rely upon your judgment to decide such questions as conditions may arise from day to day."

Naval officers say the commander evidently believed the transportation of the troops, rifles in hand and cartridge belts full, might "provoke hostilities" while en route across the Isthmus and create an interruption of traffic.

WILL STOP HOSTILITIES.

A belief which has grown so strong that it no longer can be disregarded is held in Central and South American diplomatic quarters here in regard to this latest, and, in point of numbers, almost unprecedented dispatch of naval forces to the Isthmus. This belief (and it should be stated that the impression prevails in spite of emphatic expressions of high officials of the United States Government to the contrary) is that the large naval force which has been sent to keep traffic open across the Isthmus will prevent, by its very presence, the continuation of hostilities along the railroad on an extensive scale and soon bring them to a halt altogether; that the force has been sent there in anticipation of an early signature of the Panama canal treaty, and that it will be kept there to maintain order and quiet along the trip from Panama to Colon, which, by the terms of the prospective treaty, the United States is to control.

PANAMA, Sept. 22.—Government soldiers were captured by General Herrera at Agua Dulce and who were compelled to join his army and who succeeded in escaping, arrived here to-day. They confirm the report that the whole revolutionary army has abandoned its camp near Chorrera and is retreating toward Agua Dulce.

COLON, Colombia, Sept. 22.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Panther, from the League Island Navy Yard, with a battalion of marines on board, has just arrived here. Efforts are being made to secure suitable quarters here for the American marines.

CASTRO NOW HAS NEW FOE

Venezuela and Great Britain on Verge of Rupture.

Affairs of Caracas Government in a Muddle.

Seizing of Goose Island Increases Friction.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—The Associated Press is in a position to announce that diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela are on the verge of being severed. Any day, almost any hour, may bring the announcement that the British Minister at Caracas has been given his passports, with corresponding action toward the Venezuelan representative in London. The cause of the crisis seems not to be confined to any particular instance, but consists in various differences which have culminated in Venezuela assuming such an angry attitude as to leave Downing street fully impressed with the belief that the Venezuelan Government intends to force matters to a crucial issue. That a diplomatic rupture would result in hostilities is a contingency thus far scarcely contemplated.

RELATIONS BADLY STRAINED.

The present diplomatic relations are so strained that, to quote a responsible British official, it would make really very little difference if the fact became public property by the absence of the diplomatic representatives from Caracas and London.

The view of the Foreign Office is that affairs have reached a stage where it is impossible to deal satisfactorily with Venezuela in any matter which may come up. In proof of this contention the Foreign Office instances the report of the United States Minister at Caracas, Herbert W. Bowen, announcing that the Venezuelan Government had protested against the British flag being raised over Patos (or Goose) Island, over which the Venezuelan Government claimed sovereignty. According to the British Government's understanding Patos Island belongs to Great Britain just as much as Trinidad and so far as known no question as to its ownership has ever arisen. Inhabitants of the island have recently been shot or otherwise endangered through the action of Venezuelans, whether Government or revolutionary partisans is not known. For purposes of protection the local West Indian authorities ordered the British flag to be prominently displayed on the island, hence the protest, which the Foreign Office says is only one of many.

HOPELESSLY MUDDLED.

An exceptionally prominent official said to a representative of the Associated Press this evening:

"Affairs in Venezuela are so hopelessly muddled that we can get nothing done. There is no concealing the fact that the Venezuelan Government has made heated protests to our Minister. The chief grievance appears to be the allegation that the British Government is aiding the revolutionary army. It is needless to say this is perfectly baseless. We only wish the United States would take over the whole country and then perhaps we could get some peace. Of all the disturbances of the last decade the present seems to be the worst. This, combined with the nominal Government, makes us somewhat indifferent to any action which may take place. The Venezuelans appear inclined to be rather reckless, trusting chiefly to what I presume is the mistaken notion that Washington will protect them from the results of their own folly, however inimical that might be to the lives and property of British subjects and those of other Europeans. As we understand Monroism, Venezuela is quite mistaken in this matter, though apparently the impression has much to do with her present action."

GOOSE ISLAND AFFAIR.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—No notice of a strain of the diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela has reached the Department of State. If such is the case, however, the department officials would have no hesitation in ascribing the cause of the threatened rupture to the dispute which has been revived between the two countries over the ownership of Patos, or Goose Island, lying in the Dragon's Mouth, between Trinidad and the Venezuelan coast. Minister Bowen last week informed the department that the dispute had taken an acute phase through the assertion of British sovereignty over the little island, and as he at the same time said that Venezuela had protested against the hoisting of the British flag it is not doubted that to this incident must be traced any serious difference between the two countries.

STARTS IN HIS BALLOON TO CROSS MEDITERRANEAN

PARIS, Sept. 22.—Count de la Vaux has made a second attempt to cross the Mediterranean in his balloon Mediterranean. He made a favorable start from Palavas, on the coast of France, this morning. His destination is Algiers. Five aeronauts accompany the Count, and this afternoon the balloon was reported twenty-five miles to the southward.

A later unconfirmed report from Montpellier says the balloon got out of order and fell near Beziers.

VIENNA, Sept. 22.—The Allgemeine Zeitung reports the explosion of a balloon at Reichenberg, Bohemia, by which thirty persons were injured, several severely.

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