

DELAWARE VIEWS OF BOTKIN CASE

New Witness in Coming Murder Trial Is Denounced.

Attorney General H. H. Ward Makes a Few Forceful Remarks.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 15.—If there is a physician who will testify at the coming trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin...

This statement was made to a representative of The Call by Attorney General Herbert H. Ward when he was shown a story appearing in a New York paper...

There were but two physicians in attendance during the last illness of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane...

The physicians who gave such damaging testimony against the defendant are Dr. L. A. H. Bishop and Dr. D. T. Downes of Dover, Del.

"We are convinced beyond a doubt that Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane died from the effect of arsenical poisoning alone."

The population of Dover, Delaware's State capital, desires the meting out of justice to avenge the deaths of Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane...

That Mrs. Botkin is guilty is the firm belief of J. D. Deane, the husband of one of the murdered women.

Attorney General Ward is making preparations for the trial, which will take place the first of next month.

FUEL COMPANY PLANS BIG HYDRAULIC SCHEME

Proposes to Furnish Water for Colorado Steel Works and Also for Irrigation.

PUEBLO, Colo., Nov. 15.—The most extensive hydraulic scheme undertaken in the Arkansas Valley in many years has been planned by the Colorado Fuel and Iron company...

Confederate Veterans Will Meet.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 15.—Judge A. W. Hutton, of this city has been elected major-general of the Pacific division of the United Confederate Veterans' Association.

Raid Made on Cleveland Saloonmen.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 15.—The five police captains who are to be retired on January 1 by the order of Director Dunn were showing how to close the saloons in this city to-day.

School Teacher Commits Suicide.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Dread of being summoned to answer a charge of roughly treating one of the children of her class is supposed to have been the cause of the suicide of Miss Celia Ertton, a public school teacher...

Dr. Parker's Illness Critical.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—A bulletin issued by his physicians to-day says the condition of Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, who has been lying seriously ill for some months, has now become very critical.

Baker Commits Suicide.

Anthony Gambold, a baker, out of employment and without funds, swallowed a two-ounce vial of carbolic acid in his room at 106 1/2 Third street some time during Saturday night.

Mellin's Food is nourishing and comforting. Mellin's Food Co., Boston, Mass.

ELKS LAY CORNERSTONE OF HOME TO BE THEIRS IN FUTURE YEARS



THOMAS E. DUNNE OF SAN FRANCISCO DELIVERED A SHORT ADDRESS.

CROWDS BRAVED THE RAIN TO WITNESS THE CEREMONIES.

SCENES DURING THE DELIVERY OF THE ORATION AT LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE OF NEW BUILDING WHICH WILL BE OCCUPIED BY OAKLAND LODGE, ORDER OF ELKS.

TWO FREIGHT TRAINS MEET IN COLLISION

One Man Is Killed and Ten Others Are Badly Burned and Scalded.

RIFLE, Colo., Nov. 15.—A collision between an extra stock train of the Colorado Midland road and a freight train of the Rio Grande road half a mile west of here caused the death of E. R. Thorp, fireman of one of the Midland engines.

Explosion on Engine Causes Man's Death

Body Found in an Artificial Lake After Accident at a Dredge.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 15.—William Morrison, engineer at dredge No. 1 at Idaho City, was killed at 4 o'clock this morning by an explosion.

RAILS WILL NOT HOLD THE LONG FREIGHT CARS

REDDING, Nov. 15.—There were three freight wrecks on the Southern Pacific line between Redding and Sisson during last night and to-day.

GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH WILL VISIT OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Nov. 15.—General William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, has arranged an itinerary for his westward trip, which includes a stop in Oakland on Saturday, December 27.

George Alfred Henly.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—George Alfred Henly, the well-known author and former war correspondent, died to-day.

OFFICERS HOPE FOR CONFESSION

Fort Stevens Incendiary Mystery May Be Cleared.

ASTORIA, Nov. 15.—The mystery which has surrounded the repeated attempts to destroy Fort Stevens is about to be cleared up.

COMMITTS SUICIDE TO ESCAPE ARREST

Attorney of Idaho Faces Death in Preference to Answering a Charge of Embezzlement.

POCATELLO, Idaho, Nov. 15.—Attorney R. C. Sneed, who last summer made an attempt to kill H. V. Platt, agent for the Oregon Short Line at this place, and who now occupies the same position at Salt Lake, died here at 3 o'clock this morning from the effects of a hypodermic injection of morphine.

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MRS. WILKINSON DIES SUDDENLY

Is Stricken by Apoplexy While Crossing Bay for Home.

Attends Dean Reception in Afternoon in Seemingly Good Health.

BERKELEY, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Florence W. Wilkinson, wife of Superintendent Wilkinson, of the State institution for the deaf, dumb and blind at Berkeley, died this morning with a suddenness that was a great shock to her family and friends.

Accompanied by her husband, her daughter, Mrs. Leon J. Richardson, and her son-in-law, Professor L. J. Richardson, Mrs. Wilkinson attended the Dean reception given yesterday afternoon at the Palace Hotel across the bay.

While there she complained of the heat and drank a large amount of ice water, but no signs of her impending illness made themselves felt until the party took the 7:30 o'clock p. m. boat for Berkeley.

While on the boat a severe illness overcame her and it was thought best to take her back to the city, where medical aid could be summoned immediately.

The physician pronounced the case one of apoplexy and after a time seemed to have the patient out of danger.

At 3 o'clock her husband, hearing a slight noise, went to her bedside to find her breathing her last.

The deceased was 54 years old and a former resident of San Francisco, her maiden name having been Walton. She has been for a long time a familiar figure in society circles, both in Berkeley and across the bay.

The funeral will be held from the residence of Superintendent Wilkinson on the institution grounds at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

BODY THOUGHT TO BE THAT OF SAILOR IS RECOVERED

On Remains Is Found a Certificate of Seaman's Bearing Name of Robert Waldon.

Once more the waters of San Francisco Bay have given up their dead. Last night a boy named Arthur Freeman noticed a floating body butting the piles of the Spear street wharf and told the watchman, who secured it and notified the coroner's office.

The only thing on the person to identify the corpse was an able seaman's certificate from the Board of Trade of San Francisco, which showed that the person to whom it was issued had sailed the Seven Seas since 1877 as a seaman, and it was issued from nearly all the important ports of the world.

The alarming frequency with which floating bodies have been found in the bay during the last three months has aroused the suspicion that many of them may have been the result of foul play.

In every case one of the entire number recovered no money has been found on the persons, and many of them had nothing by which they could be identified.

Dies From Exposure.

An old man named Andrew Olsen, a ship rigger, whose home is at 409 Harrison street, while in a demented condition made his bed on the western slope of Douglas and Eighteenth streets on Saturday night.

The old man was discovered at an early hour yesterday morning and was removed to the City and County Hospital, where he died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from exposure.

On his arrival at the hospital he stated to Dr. McElroy that he had been kicked by a horse on the head. The body was removed to the Morgue and Detective Fitzgerald was detailed to investigate.

fact that he had been drinking. He disappeared eight days ago, and it is supposed he committed suicide because he lost his job. He was unmarried.