

DETECTIVES QUIZ SERVANTS AT MANSION

DETECTIVES INTERROGATE EMPLOYEES

Ah Wing and Nora Hopkins Are Questioned by Police at Stanford Home.

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was naturally nervous, but her replies were straightforward and direct.

The point that the police are working on is that an uncorked bottle of Poland water was left in Mrs. Stanford's room some time between 6:30 p. m. on January 13 and 9 p. m. of January 14. Mrs. Stanford drank from it at 9 o'clock and narrowly escaped death from strychnine poisoning.

The bottle had lain over twenty-four hours in the room, to which all of the household had access. Some one of the household is supposed to have placed poison in the bottle during the intervening time. The same person undoubtedly put poison in the bicarbonate of soda bottle.

Miss Hopkins was made to rehearse the events of the 14th, both before and after the poisoning. She could give no clew that would place suspicion on any one.

The phlegmatic Chinese were questioned on the same lines in hope of narrowing down the suspicions held by the detectives to some one person.

CHINESE QUESTIONED.

Through the interpreter Detective Ed Gibson questioned the Chinese as to their antecedents. He is the best qualified man on the detective force to prove or disprove their stories.

The rooms of all the servants were thoroughly searched, as were all of Mrs. Stanford's effects. Particular attention was given to the apartment of the dead mistress of the house.

The pantry where the supply of mineral water used by Mrs. Stanford was opened and examined. In fact, the entire building from cellar to attic was searched thoroughly by the detectives.

The examination took up several hours and the questioning consumed nearly the same time. All the detectives asked questions of the witnesses on points in the case that impressed them.

"The object of the visit," said Captain Burnett, "was to familiarize ourselves with the house to fix upon certain points regarding which we have been doubtful."

"Do you contemplate an arrest?" "To both," replied the captain, "waiting the result of the inquest," replied the detective. "When that comes we will be ready to act."

"Was this investigation made in regard to the first poisoning?" "To both," replied the captain.

"That point is fixed in the minds of the police that the strychnine was placed in the bicarbonate of soda at the same time the Poland water was fixed."

TEST OF BICARBONATE.

The bicarbonate of soda found in the Palo Alto home of Mrs. Stanford has been analyzed by the City Chemist. It was found to be entirely pure and without a trace of strychnine or any other poison in it.

Captain Burnett says that the local police will not act until the result of the inquest on the death of Mrs. Stanford is heard. This is expected hourly. Then the detectives will "show their hand" in a startling manner. It is known that a verdict declaring that Mrs. Stanford died of strychnine poisoning will cause an arrest or several arrests.

WAITS WORD FROM REYNOLDS.

Burnett Says He Will Make No Arrests To-Day.

When told of the verdict found at the inquest on the death of Mrs. Stanford, Captain Burnett said last night: "There will be no arrests made to-night and none to-morrow, so far as I know."

"So the verdict was murder. Well, we ought to have word from Detective Reynolds or Captain Callundon to-morrow."

This would indicate that the detectives who have been working on the case have not yet collected evidence enough to warrant an arrest being made.

"We do not contemplate making any arrests at present," said Captain Burnett decisively. "If we do we have every one we want within reach."

Nevertheless it is thought that an arrest or several arrests will be made to-day.

WILL NOT SERVE AS EXECUTOR.

Illness of Russell J. Wilson Will Prevent Acceptance of Appointment.

It is not likely that Russell J. Wilson will act as one of the executors of Mrs. Stanford's estate. His illness will probably prevent his acceptance of the appointment made in the will.

Mrs. Stanford took the precaution to name six executors for her last will and testament. They are Charles G. Lathrop, Timothy Hopkins, Joseph D. Grant, Whitelaw Reid, T. G. Crothers and Russell J. Wilson. The last named is a brother of Mountford Wilson and his law partner.

But it is understood that Russell J. Wilson has indicated his purpose as not desiring to take part in the administration of the big estate, his health not permitting him to engage actively in business. The duties will therefore devolve on the other appointees. There could be no new appointment of an executor by the courts, unless all those nominated in the will were incapacitated or dead.

POLICE DETAIN WOMEN.

Must Await Arrival of San Francisco Detectives.

HONOLULU, March 9.—The fact that Bertha Berner and May Hunt, secretary and maid respectively of the late Mrs. Stanford, will not leave Honolulu on the Pacific Mail Company's steamer China to-morrow, but will remain until the sailing of the Okeanic Steamship Company's vessel Alameda, is due to police instructions to the women. Attorney General Andrews suggested that they should not be allowed to leave before the arrival of the detectives from San Francisco on the Alameda, which is due here at dawn to-morrow.

High Sheriff Henry continues to hold out positively against the theory of suicide. Miss Berner remains in her rooms at the Moano Hotel, which she has left only for attendance at the inquest since the death of Mrs. Stanford.

CLAIMS HIS HORSE CAN TRAVEL ON SNOWSHOES

Swede Will Attempt to Transport Mails Through Deep Snow in Wyoming.

SARATOGA, Wyo., March 9.—Great difficulty has been experienced by the mail contractor between Saratoga and Dillon, a mining camp at an altitude of 9000 feet, in getting the mail through to the latter place regularly on account of the deep snows. To-day the contractor engaged Olat Nelson, a Swede, to carry the mails. The latter claims to have a horse that he has taught to wear snowshoes, which he will use with a sled of special design, the roads and trails being impassable to ordinary vehicles.

People here are anxiously waiting to see a horse that can travel on snowshoes. Nelson insists that he will prove his statement.

FURTHER REDUCTION OF LONDON BANK RATE

Now Placed at Two and a Half Per Cent, the Lowest in Seven Years.

LONDON, March 10.—The reduction of the bank rate to 2 1/2 per cent, the lowest in seven years, is the subject of intense satisfaction as expressed in most of the newspapers this morning as showing that the country at last is recovering from the strain imposed by the South African war. Such an indication of soundness of the country's chief finances is expected to have a stimulating effect upon trade and investments.

BILL HIMITS HOURS FOR THE TRAINMEN

Measure Passed by the Missouri Legislature and Sent to the Governor.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 9. The House to-night passed and sent to Governor Folk for his signature the Senate bill prohibiting the railroads from working their trainmen more than sixteen consecutive hours, without eight hours' rest.

MERRY LEGISLATORS.

Members of Assembly Enjoy themselves Between Debates.

SACRAMENTO, March 10.—At 1:30 o'clock this (Friday) morning the attendance in the Assembly had dwindled away until there was no quorum to pass a few remaining bills. A call of the house was resorted to and the Sergeant-at-Arms was sent scurrying about the city to bring in recreant members.

During the intervals between the consideration of bills, the members of both houses gave themselves up to the kind of merriment which is usually levity. Flies were thrown about, songs rendered and felicitous addresses made.

It was nearly 2 o'clock before the Assembly passed its last bills and the Senate had received its final messages.

Masonic Degrees for Fairbanks.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 9.—Vice President Fairbanks will come to Indianapolis the latter part of this month to take the intervening degrees in Masonry between the Blue Lodge and the Thirty-second Degree. He was initiated into the Masonic order on December 27.

Census figures just published show the population of France last year was 39,119,095, an increase of only 157,150 in two years.

BEVERLY ALSO AWAITS CALL

He and Miss Richmond Not Through With "Sweating" for Clews.

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back here with the body of Mrs. Stanford, for with her will come Miss Berner. Then I suppose the detectives will be able to get down to work in good earnest.

"I shall never have a peaceful moment until we are entirely cleared of the awful suspicion that hangs over us. I cannot sleep at night thinking of it. My positions in England have always been with the very best of people, the nobility in fact, and I hate to drag them into this affair by even alluding to their names as references. I want the criminal ferreted out and brought to justice."

Albert Beverly, the ex-butler of Mrs. Stanford, spent the day fishing with his son. He came home late this evening bronzed and jaded from the day's outing. He said:

"I wish this matter would be brought to a focus. Miss Richmond and myself are waiting here expecting to be called to the city again at any moment. This naturally upsets me. I know nothing of the case further than that I was once in Mrs. Stanford's service. All this talk of graft amuses me. I got my commissions when I was acting as courier to Mrs. Stanford, same as any other courier does, and that was all there was to it."

"Any one who has traveled and knows anything of the world knows that every courier gets commissions, that is if the courier has any sense. It is a general custom abroad, nobody will deny it. I want this thing ended. I don't want to be compelled to be hanging around here every day. It is getting very monotonous. I am not spending any sleepless nights, however, over this affair as my wife will tell you."

Charles G. Lathrop said this morning that he could not understand the delay of investigation in Honolulu. He felt that was the arrival of Professor Jordan's matters would be brought to a focus. He was anxious to have the matter probed to the bottom. He did not want any suspicion to rest on innocent people.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—A telegram from Ekaterinoslav, South Russia, says that five miners have been killed and five injured in a conflict between strikers of the Shoberloff mines and the Auerbach quicksilver mines and soldiers in the district of Bakhamut.

Colonel Progulobitsky, Governor of the Province of Kutais, has been the object of an attempted assassination by two men at Sukhum. The would-be murderers fired six shots from revolvers at the Governor, but he was not hit.

TELLS UNTRUTH THROUGH DYING

Wounded Man Swears to Ante-Mortem Statement Police Know to Be False

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Knowing that he is dying and that no human agency can save his life, Charles E. Downes, whose home is near Ukiah, gave to the authorities to-day an ante-mortem statement which they know to be false. Even when Downes was told that it was known he was lying he refused to correct his statement, saying that he hoped his slayer would never be captured.

Downes was found Monday night dying on the sidewalk by members of a horse company returning from a fire. He had been shot in the back. He was placed on the horse wagon and taken to a hospital. He stated that he did not know who had shot him. It developed that the wound was very serious and to-day an operation was performed and thirty inches of his intestines removed. When he recovered partially from the anesthetic he declared to say who had shot him. His statement was that he had met four men on the street and one of them fired at him, but more than that he would not tell.

The detectives have found persons who saw Downes meet a woman on the street and heard her scream. A man approached and called Downes by name and then shot him. The man and woman then disappeared.

When found Downes admitted that he knew who had shot him, but he changed his story and professed ignorance of the man's identity. He will go to his grave with the secret untold because he will die before morning. It is believed he is trying to shield the woman.

CLASSIFICATION OF OREGON WHEAT UNDER DISCUSSION

Chicago Trade to Decide Whether It May Serve for Speculative Contracts.

CHICAGO, March 9.—An important meeting that will have a bearing on the fate of the big May wheat deal on the Chicago Board of Trade was held to-day at the rooms of the State Railroad and Warehouse Commission. Every branch of the wheat trade is represented at the meeting, but the trade was in response to a call to the trade from the commission to present testimony bearing on the admission of Oregon grown red winter wheat to the grade deliverable on speculative contracts on the Chicago Board of Trade.

The commission has been permitting the grading of the Oregon red Russian wheat as "Red winter" at East St. Louis, while in Chicago the State inspection authorities have been following the procedure of the last twenty-five years and have classified the Far Western wheat as "Colorado." It is expected a decision in the matter will be given soon by the commission.

ACCEPTS OFFICE OF CHIEF SECRETARY FOR IRELAND

Walter Hume Long's Appointment May Be Announced by Balfour To-Day.

LONDON, March 10.—Walter Hume Long, president of the Local Government Board, has accepted the office of Chief Secretary for Ireland. It is expected that Premier Balfour will formally announce the appointment to-day. It is still possible, however, that a hitch may occur, as it is stated that War Secretary Arnold Forster, who is in bad health and dissatisfied with the constant criticism of his work, has determined to resign, in which case Balfour will be faced with new difficulties and may be obliged to have recourse to a reshuffling of the cabinet seats.

In the divisions taken in the House of Commons yesterday the Government majority were again dangerously small.

Her Ideal.

"Oh, yes," said Miss Dolly Vassaguri, "of course I have my ideals as to the kind of man my future husband must be. Of course he must be strong and handsome, but not at all stuck on himself; he must also be shrewd and practical, but poetical and artistic; withal, he must be able to make lots of money, and be generous and unselfish, and sing tenor and be a deep thinker, and perfectly straightforward and truthful and a political leader; he must be always thoughtful of the rights of others, and own a racing automobile, and he must never touch liquor and be a thorough yachtsman. I want him to belong to the clubs and societies, to be a man among men and always be home nights; and he must swear he loves me for myself alone, and never talk foolishly; in fact, he must be my mental and spiritual affinity, and no dreamer."—Puck.

PEASANT ARMY IS PILLAGING

Strong Military Force Sent to Check an Invasion of the Kieff District

BURNING AND LOOTING

Three Thousand Russians Despoil Estates and Destroy Government Factory

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LONDON, March 10.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Kieff, Russia, telegraphs:

"An army of 3000 peasants from the Orlovka district, with carts, is advancing southwesterly, burning and looting as it progresses. The peasants have already sacked eighteen estates, burning whatever they could not carry off. They have burned a sugar refinery and robbed all the employes, and it is reported they have burned the Derzheny refinery, belonging to the crown."

"There has been no resistance to them, as there are no troops at hand, but a strong military force has been sent to check the invaders."

KIRKMAN GIVES HIS VERSION

Army Captain Tells of His Connection With Suicide of Mrs. Bessie Chandler

HOPED TO MARRY HER

Also States That It Was His Intention to Take His Life When She Killed Herself

Special Dispatch to The Call.

VALENTINE, Neb., March 9.—The alleged causes of Mrs. Bessie Chandler's suicide were explained to-day in a statement by Captain George F. Kirkman of the Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, whose name has been prominent in connection with the tragedy.

She had told him, he declares, all the circumstances of the differences that led to the estrangement of her family in Baltimore.

"My mother and I have fallen out forever," said she, "and I have been forbidden to return to my home in Baltimore."

"Mrs. Chandler also confided to me," asserted Kirkman, "that her husband owed everything to the influence of her relatives. Henry Gassaway Davis, Senator Gorman and Governor Warfield procured Chandler's elevation from the volunteer service to a lieutenant in the regular army. Nevertheless, so Mrs. Chandler informed me, while he was drawing full pay while in the Philippines he only contributed \$50 to her support within the year and that her relatives paid his debts. Ranking officers at Fort Crook know that while he was there with the Thirtieth he compelled Mrs. Chandler to do the work of a common domestic servant."

"I met Mrs. Chandler about the time that they were going to Fort Riley. Not long after this my hereditary mental troubles compelled me to enter a sanitarium in Brooklyn, N. Y., and my enemies at the fort then trumped up the charges of unsoldierly conduct on which I am now being tried."

Captain Kirkman admits he asked Mrs. Chandler to marry him, but explained that the proposal, which was in writing, would be given to friends and was not to be submitted to Mrs. Chandler until she had been granted a divorce from her husband. He declares that his attempt to commit suicide was simultaneous with hers and due to despondency over not having heard from her for over a week.

He concludes with the statement that he will later have still more sensational disclosures to make and names to give of other people who are directly responsible for Mrs. Chandler's death, and that when he has done this he is determined to follow her to the grave.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Secretary Taft has declined to accept the resignation of Captain George W. Kirkman, Twenty-fifth Infantry, now on trial by court-martial at Fort Niobrara, Neb., on charges of scandalous conduct. The court has taken a recess until May 19 to await the arrival of certain evidence from the Philippines.

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A writer in an English automobile paper claims that roads could be kept permanently clean by the application of strong solutions of calcium chloride or magnesium chloride, and that this would be cheaper than oils and without their objectionable odors.

We always have to sprint after success, but misfortune will meet a man half way.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT UNIVERSITY

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was maintained during the services. The music was most exquisitely rendered throughout. Miss Cooper's lovely voice was heard to great advantage and the delicate playing on the violin by Mr. Savannah added much to the beauty of the services.

The closing number of the afternoon services was of unusually impressive character. It was Mrs. Stanford's favorite hymn, "O Mother, Dear, Jerusalem."

The programs of music for the morning services was as follows:

Verses to "Parsifal" (Wagner), air for violin (Bach), Samuel Savanah, contralto; aria, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" (Sullivan), Miss Paul Cooper; "Elizabeth's Prayer" (Wagner); Romance from Violin, concerto (Gade), Mr. Savannah; march, "Eroique" (Beethoven), andantino appassionato (Lemaitre); organ finale, "In Memoriam."

The afternoon services were: Invocation, chorale from St. Paul (Mendelssohn); contralto solo, "Eye Hath Not Seen" (Gounod); "Cooper's Humilia" strains (a) "Oh, Divine Redeemer" (Gounod); (b) "Du Bist die Ruh" (Schubert); (c) "Oh, for the Wings of a Dove" (Mendelssohn); "Eisa's entrance to the Cathedral," from "Lohengrin" (Wagner); Memorial Chorus from "St. Paul" (Mendelssohn); "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death"; (b) "Thou Shalt be Righteous Shine"; organ finale, "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem."

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

DISEMBOWED MOTHER DETAINED.—A woman who gave the name Jane Quinlan and said she lived on Hancock street was arrested under suspicion of insanity as the sister of a doerstep with an infant in her arms at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. She had \$40 in her possession.

CHARGED WITH BURGLARY.—Edward Hines was booked at the City Prison yesterday by Detectives Harper and Armstrong on a charge of burglary. He is accused of breaking into the room of G. P. Harrison, 12 Mason street, on March 14 and stealing a violin and overcoat, which have been recovered. Harrison is a musician at the circus.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SOLD.—By holding in open court against the administrators of the estate of John Halsey Burke, John W. Truesdell received the personal property of the decedent, consisting of letters patent, for the sum of \$4031.25. The award was made by Judge Coffey after papers filed by the administrators condemning the sale of the property to H. B. Sherman, for \$100 had been received.

ALLEGES UNDUCE INFLUENCE.—After attempting to have her sister, Isabella V. Pomeroy, removed as administratrix of the estate of her father, Article Paul Heintzberg, Mary Strehl yesterday started proceedings to contest the will, alleging undue influence. She also alleges misrepresentation by her sister of the value of the property left by her father and bases her action principally on this fact.

British Averse to Cremation. The slow progress that is being made by cremation in this country must be disappointing to its advocates as well as surprising to the student of human affairs. Twenty years ago the pioneers of cremation naturally met with a good deal of opposition, for we alter our ideas on the subject of "pomp of death" a good deal more slowly than on the mere question of how to live. But it was reasonable to expect that in two decades sentiment would have capitulated to reason to a greater extent than has been the case. Unfortunately, as we think, the law courts early stepped in and stereotyped that sentiment before it had had time to steady itself. Dr. Tristram decided in 1884 that unless explicit instructions had been left in the will an executor is not competent to cremate his testator. The ground of this decision was one that already reads strangely, viz.: That every one is entitled to Christian burial and that cremation is not Christian burial. Thus it is that only those trustees for hygiene who make the stipulations themselves come to be cremated.—London News.

Tom Lawson is not attracting much more attention now than Mrs. Chadwick.

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