

FEAR PEOPLE OF CLINTON WILL ATTACK MAGILL State Officials of Illinois Hire Twenty Detectives to Guard Accused DENIAL BY MERWIN Man Accused of Complicity in Alleged Murder Says He Is Innocent

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. CLINTON, Ill., July 16.—Arthur D. Merwin, who was arrested on a charge of conducting a gambling house, but who is really held by the state's attorney as an accessory after the fact of the murder of Mrs. P. G. Magill, was released on bail today. Merwin said: "There is nothing in this charge of my keeping a gambling house and it will fall by the wayside as will this charge that connects me with the death of Mrs. Magill. I was not at the Magill home until four hours after the death of Mrs. P. G. Magill, and just as soon as the authorities are good enough to bring me to trial I shall show them that there is absolutely no reason to have me connected with this matter. I have been a good friend of Fred Magill for many years, and when I found him in trouble I was the only one who could help him. I lived at his house for three days after the death of his wife, but we never discussed the case and at no time did he make any statement that would indicate that he had any guilty knowledge of her death."

MAGILL DENIES CHARGE Claims That His Wife Committed Suicide While Despondent

SAN DIEGO, July 16.—When Fred H. Magill and his wife, May Graham Magill, were arrested at the Hotel Robinson in this city several days ago, both charged with the murder of Magill's former wife, Pet G. Magill, in Clinton, Ill., in May last, Magill's first words were: "My wife committed suicide." That will be his defense if he ever gets before a jury in DeWitt county, Ill. He will attempt to establish his defense by letters and notes written by his wife before her death and by statements made by her in the presence of several witnesses many times and up to within a short time before her body was found dead in bed with one of the notes pinned to her skirt.

Another note was found tied up in a handkerchief in another room and one or both of these notes told where other letters could be found. All of the woman's letters are in the same hand writing and as they cover 14 or 15 letter sheets there will be little difficulty in showing that they are not the handwriting of the first Mrs. Magill. All are undated, and it would seem that they must have consumed more than one day in the work of writing them. All of these letters and notes are alike in that they all declare that the writer intends to accomplish her taking off for the reason that life has become unbearable by reason of two women—neither of whom is Fay Graham Magill—and because the writer was afflicted by headaches, for which she took morphine, and that she had made up her mind that the headaches were too great an affliction to bear. These letters of the dead woman have, however, referred to dispatches from Clinton. The people there claim that the missives are forgeries. Chief of Police George Moulton of this city telegraphed to Sheriff Campbell today, who is on his way to California, that Magill was willing to return to Illinois without extradition proceedings. Moulton asked Campbell to come direct to San Diego. Sheriff Campbell probably will do this and will arrive in San Diego on the afternoon train Thursday, if he is not too tired to make a return trip at once, his prisoners will be ready to start with him for Clinton on the afternoon train Thursday.

Army Surgeons Will Sail August 15

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Army orders: Captain George P. Howell, corps of engineers, relieved from duty at Charleston, S. C., and will proceed to Manila and report to Lieutenant Colonel John Mills for duty. Orders of June 29 amended to read as follows: First Lieutenants Guy V. Rutke, Henry C. Pillsbury, Edgar King, Arthur C. Christie, Howard H. Johnson, Ray W. Bryan, Bernard S. Goslin and William H. Richardson, assistant surgeons, will sail from San Francisco August 15, instead of July 27.

PORTLAND PRESS CLUB ENTERTAINS FAIRBANKS

Except for Newspapermen's Banquet, Reception Is Chilly

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. PORTLAND, July 16.—After the commercial clubs and other public organizations had completely ignored the coming of Portland Vice President Fairbanks, the Portland press club stepped into the breach and entertained the distinguished visitor. At an informal dinner tonight at the Hotel Sargeant, Fairbanks was the guest of the active newspapermen of the city, more than 60 attending. A hearty welcome was given the guest of honor and in return the president paid a tribute to the cordiality of the newspapermen. The lack of preparation for any reception to the vice president has occasioned no little comment. As a rule Portland opens wide her doors to any visitor of prominence. This time, however, the visitor arrived today with no reception planned and outside of the press club dinner, received no more attention than an ordinary traveler. The general impression is that this was due to the influence of men hostile to any aspirations of Fairbanks for a higher position than he now holds.

PETALUMA PIONEER DIES

PETALUMA, July 16.—Dr. Louis Hilmer, a pioneer of Petaluma, died Saturday, after a brief illness.

CHARGES THAT PRETTY WIFE WAS KIDNAPED

Lem Wilson of Bakersfield Makes Sensational Accusation

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. BAKERSFIELD, July 16.—Lem Wilson, whose pretty little wife deserted her home on the morning of July 4, added another sensational chapter to the mysterious case today by demanding the arrest on a charge of kidnaping of Bert F. Snyder and wife, close friends of his missing helpmate. Mrs. Wilson bade her husband good bye on the morning of Independence day, after promising to meet him some hours later, and has not been seen since by the husband. The police found that the woman had been staying at the residence of the Snyder family, and when the disappearance was made known the three took the night train for Los Angeles. Wilson declares that his wife had been taken away by force and has sworn out warrants on the charge of kidnaping, which will be forwarded to Los Angeles, where the trio is supposed to be in hiding.

DEMAND FOR RANSOM IS FOLLOWED BY MURDER

Body of Aged Man Found in Woods, After Son Had Received Threat

NEW YORK, July 16.—The body of William D. Wines, a retired merchant of Brooklyn, was found by searching parties in the woods at Mount Kisco, N. Y., today after his son had received a letter demanding payment of \$5,000. Wines, who was 80 years of age, disappeared June 28 from the home of his son in law in Mount Kisco. His son in Brooklyn received last Saturday a letter decorated with skull and crossbones declaring that Wines would be sent home if \$5,000 was left at an indicated spot in Brooklyn. A decoy letter was placed there, but no one came for it.

TOLSTOI ESCAPED BATH-HOUSE FIRE AND LIVES

Report of Noted Russian's Death Due to Act of Revolted Peasants

ST. PETERSBURG, July 16.—There is no truth in the report that Count Leo Tolstoi is dead. The count is in excellent health. The bathhouse upon the estate of Count Tolstoi at Yasnaya Polyana was burned last night by incendiaries. This gave rise to the report that the bathhouse had been destroyed and that several members of the famous family, including the count, had perished. Peasant reprisals in the province of Tulama are growing. Buildings on two estates adjoining the land of Count Tolstoi were fired by incendiaries last night.

DIES AT HAGUE CONFERENCE

THE HAGUE, July 16.—Tehun, a member of the Korean mission to the peace conference, which was refused official recognition, died suddenly yesterday and was buried today. Wild reports regarding the death of Tehun were circulated after his internment. Some declared that he had committed suicide. The doctor said that he died of apoplexy.

FROHMAN BRINGS PLAYS

LONDON, July 16.—Charles Frohman will leave Southampton tomorrow on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse for New York. He is taking with him, according to his own statement, a large number of plays for production. Next season Frohman will have nearly 2,000 English players under his management in the United Kingdom during the coming season.

PUEBLO WOMAN'S DEATH WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Father of Nora Popejoy Is Coming to Probe the Mystery

COMPANION MISSING Mrs. N. T. Young Cannot Be Found by Relatives of Dead Girl

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. PUEBLO, Colo., July 16.—The father and other relatives of Miss Nora Popejoy, who came to her death by gas asphyxiation last Saturday night, have announced their intention of going to San Francisco to make a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the young woman's death, as they seem to think there is something mysterious about it. They are worried about Mrs. T. N. Young of this city, the girl's companion, with whom they have been unable to establish communication since Miss Popejoy's death. They say Mrs. Young should have been with Miss Popejoy, as they intended staying together. The first information of the young woman's death was conveyed to her father through relatives in Pueblo with whom she had visited previous to starting on the trip to the coast. Miss Popejoy came to Pueblo over two weeks ago to visit her aunt, Mrs. S. T. Robertson. She left here July 6 with her cousin, Mrs. T. N. Young of this city, for an extended trip through the west. She was well supplied with money when she left Pueblo. Relatives here believe she met death through accident, as they say she had no cause for committing suicide, but they have determined to investigate. The girl's aunt, Mrs. Robertson, leaves tonight for Monte Vista to attend the funeral and will then accompany Popejoy, the young woman's father, to San Francisco. Miss Nora Popejoy was the daughter of E. C. Popejoy, a wealthy rancher and stock breeder of San Luis valley, with postoffice address at Monte Vista, Colo. The family is well known throughout the state.

SEND GIRL'S BODY HOME

The body of Nora Belle Popejoy, the young woman who was accidentally asphyxiated by her room at 646 Cole street Saturday night, will be sent back to her father's home at Monte Vista, Colo., this morning. A telegram was received yesterday by N. Gray & Co., the undertakers, to prepare the body for the journey.

SAN FRANCISCO GIRL HELPS Her Bashful Lover's Tardy Proposal

SEATTLE, July 16.—When Miss Ruby Norton, second soubrette of the San Francisco opera company, began the third verse of her Teddy bear song at the opera house last night the orchestra instead of playing her music struck up the strains of a wedding march and then the details of a romance, accompanied by rice, came forth. Miss Norton and George Sinclair Knarston, treasurer of the company, were married Monday after a hasty wedding party had been gathered together.

TRAIN ROBBERS SLAY A VICTIM WHO RESISTED

Kansas Harvester, Beating His Way, Loses Life for Refusing to Give Up Money. CHERRYVALE, Kan., July 16.—Two robbers held up a St. Louis and San Francisco freight train five miles east of Cherryvale early today, shot and killed the driver, and seriously wounded Otis Taylor, harvest hands. The victims were beating their way. They resisted the efforts of the men to rob them. The robbers escaped and a posse has started in pursuit.

WATER AS COSTLY AS OIL IN SUNSET'S BOOM DAYS

One Dollar a Barrel the Price in Flooded District

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. BAKERSFIELD, July 16.—Oil is no longer king in the Sunset field. Water is its conqueror. The Buena Vista flood has stopped train service to the field and as a result the section is suffering from a dire scarcity of water and provisions. Water formerly was hauled from Bakersfield in tank cars on the daily trains and sold for 25 cents a barrel, but now transportation is by automobile and team and the price of the precious liquid has risen accordingly to \$1 a barrel. Provisions also are at a premium, all having to be hauled from McKittrick.

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RECEIVER FOR PASADENA HOTEL

LOS ANGELES, July 16.—Henry V. McKee was appointed in the superior court today receiver of the Hotel Wentworth company of Pasadena. His bond was fixed at \$100,000. The debts of the company are about \$400,000. The hotel, although open for more than a year, has never been completed, owing to the fact of the cost having far exceeded the original expectations of the owners. The cost of construction was in excess of \$1,000,000.

COUPON. 20c INDIA LINON 10c. We have 100 pieces of fine, sheer, even thread India Linon, a beautiful material for waist and summer costumes that washes perfectly. Present Coupon. PRAGERS.

COUPON. 50c ALLOVER LACE 10c. A beautiful display of new, all-over lace; in white and ecru; it comes 18 inches wide and is a serviceable material for the making of lace waists. It has been reduced from 50c. Present Coupon. PRAGERS.

COUPON. 50c POWDER JARS 20c. The cut pictures one of our handsomely designed "Near Cut" Glass Powder Jars; each one is 5 inches tall and has a rose designed, Ormolu gold, silver plated or French gray finish cover. Present Coupon. PRAGERS.

COUPON. \$1.50 AND \$2 WRAPPERS \$1.05. These serviceable house gowns are made of a fine, heavy percale, in all colors; the waists are plaited and strapped and the skirts have a wide flounce. Present Coupon. PRAGERS.

COUPON. 25c LUNCH SETS 12 1/2c. A dainty luncheon set, consisting of table cloth, 42x70 inches, 12 napkins and 12 spoons; in your choice of violet, California poppy and other attractive designs, for parties and picnicking. Present Coupon. PRAGERS.

ALWAYS RELIABLE MARKET & JONES STS. PRAGERS.

COUPON. LARGE 5-LB. BLANKETS, \$1.85 PAIR. If ever there was a remarkable value offered in Bedding this splendid double bed size 5-lb. blanket at \$1.85 a pair. They are almost identical with any \$10 Blanket you have ever purchased and have the same wearing qualities. They have a fine thick, long nap; in your choice of either light gray or white, with borders of blue, red and pink. A great special at pair. Present Coupon—PRAGERS. \$1.85

COUPON. 35c UNDERWEAR 19c. Children's Jersey ribbed, medium weight cotton Vests; trimmed with silk edge and pearl buttons; your choice of white or ecru; an excellent 50c garment; reduced to, each, 19c. Present Coupon. PRAGERS.

COUPON. \$1.50 IRON FRAME YARD WIDE PONGEE 27c. This is one of the greatest values that has ever been offered by any house in San Francisco. Never before has such an excellent quality of heavy yard wide iron frame pongee been sold at such an absurdly low price. It is even a better grade than that which was placed on sale a month or so ago. The natural color predominates, but you have a wide selection, also of light blue, pink, French blue, cream, black and brown. Limit, 15 yards to a customer. Present Coupon—PRAGERS.

COUPON. \$1.00 READY TO WEAR VEILS 49c. A most pleasing assortment of novelty, ready to wear veils will be offered today. You will find your most becoming color among them in your choice of dotted, figured or flowered effects. They are made of chiffon, with neatly hemstitched ends, and have been reduced from \$1 each. Present Coupon—PRAGERS.

RIDE FREE TODAY IN PRAGERS BUSES

COUPON. LACE BED SETS \$1.95. These Arabian Lace Sets consist of one large lace bed spread and two pretty lace shams; there are several striking designs, each with a deep lace flounce effect. Present Coupon.

COUPON. \$1.00 WHISKY, QT. BOTTLE 63c. This liquor is a pure, distilled and fully guaranteed whisky; distilled by the Old Reliable American Distilling Co. You can't purchase it elsewhere for less than \$1 a bottle. Present Coupon. PRAGERS.

COUPON. 25c CANISTERS 13c. Tea and Coffee Canisters, of a convenient size, in the octagon shape; each one is handsomely decorated with pretty Dutch scenes in deift blue or flower designs. Present Coupon. PRAGERS.

COUPON. \$1.50 LAWN WAISTS 48c. Most of them are of colored lawn, but some charming white lawns are included. Due to being somewhat soiled from handling, they've been reduced to 48c. Present Coupon. PRAGERS.

COUPON. 25c STATIONERY 12c. Today you may purchase a hand-somely decorated box, containing 24 sheets of excellent linen stationery and 24 envelopes for just 12c. Present Coupon. PRAGERS.

WANTS LAW TO PROTECT STATE'S FRUIT GROWERS

Alden Anderson Denounces Importation of Pests Which Harm Trees

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. VALLEJO, July 16.—Former Lieutenant Governor Alden Anderson, manager of the California fruit distributors' association, whose business interests are centered largely in the Suisun valley, has proposed the adoption of a new law which would require nurserymen and others dealing in plants and trees to obtain a license from the horticultural commission to conduct the business and to prevent the importation of pests to the injury of the state's fruit industry. In speaking of the proposed law, Anderson said: "The importation of the dreaded white fly pest of orange and lemon trees to the Marysville district is a very serious matter, not only because of the damage it does to the fruit, but because of the fact that if unchecked it will spread to other places and to the commercial orchards of the state and thus do incalculable damage. This pest, as has been the case with most other destructive parasites of this state, was imported here and in this instance, I believe, by an amateur nurseryman. The horticultural commissioner performed a proper and legal act in quarantining the infected district after the introduction of the pest. He has full power and authority under the law to take such action. I believe it will be necessary to have passed at the next session of the legislature a license law, whereby any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of importing and selling nursery stock, tree fruit plants, vine cuttings, grafts, scions, buds or fruit pits, or fruits or ornamental plants, shall be licensed. It should be made a misdemeanor punishable by a heavy fine to import and sell any such imported material which is known to be infected with any pest which is destructive to the fruit industry of the state, and which is prohibited by law from being imported into the state. It should be made a misdemeanor punishable by a heavy fine to import and sell any such imported material which is known to be infected with any pest which is destructive to the fruit industry of the state, and which is prohibited by law from being imported into the state."

MONEY FOR IRRIGATORS

REDWOOD CITY, July 16.—In compliance with the request of Senator George C. Perkins, the San Mateo county make an appropriation for the national irrigation congress, the supervisors set aside \$200 yesterday to be used by the irrigators. The congress is represented in this county by a committee of six residents, Henry W. Brown of Colma, Paul Pinckney of San Mateo, L. P. Behrens of Redwood City, John McElin of Menlo Park, D. E. Blackburn of Pescadero and Joseph de Beneditti of Half Moon bay.

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DESERTED BY FIANCE WOMAN TAKES POISON

Miss Meda Lelia Holland of San Diego Commits Suicide

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. SAN DIEGO, July 16.—The suicide of Meda Lelia Holland, 26 years of age, was discovered this evening, when her room in a Seventh street lodging house was broken open. Miss Holland returned last night from a visit to Los Angeles. She was despondent and told the woman with whom she had a room that she was very tired. She intimated that she had gone to Los Angeles to be married and that the young man had deserted her. Miss Holland was found dead on her bed this evening and an empty four ounce bottle indicated the method of her suicide. A letter addressed to a Los Angeles paper said: "Disappointed in love, I will end my earthly troubles tonight." Miss Holland was to have been married last week to Lewis Wilson.

KENT SHORT \$10,000

BUTTE, Mont., July 16.—Nicholas J. Kent, the assistant postmaster who disappeared three weeks ago, was short in his accounts, according to a statement today by Inspector Paisley. It here today, there were present a number of the deceased's former business associates from Washington, Idaho and Montana.

LARSEN'S FUNERAL HELD

HELENA, Mont., July 16.—The funeral of Peter Larsen, pioneer contractor, banker and merchant, was held here today. There were present a number of the deceased's former business associates from Washington, Idaho and Montana.

ROAD SOON TO CONNECT CHICO AND SACRAMENTO

Northern Electric Railway to Complete Track This Week

MARYSVILLE, July 16.—Nine miles more of track will complete the Northern electric railway between Marysville and Sacramento and the gap will be closed this week. Three weeks from now electric cars will be run from Chico through to Sacramento. The remaining gap is south of Bear river and track laying crews are working in both directions. The most modern electric trains on the Pacific coast are to be put in service on the line.

TOWN HAS CLOSE CALL

BELLINGHAM, Wash., July 16.—Fire at La Conner, Wash., destroyed Gaches Brothers' mercantile house, the oldest in northwest Washington, along with several smaller establishments, last night. Gaches Brothers' loss is \$50,000, with \$30,000 insurance. Other losses will total \$10,000 more. But for assistance secured from Mount Vernon the town would probably have been wiped out completely.

THE CALIFORNIA PROMOTION COMMITTEE

(ORGANIZED 1902) PROMOTION: The act of promoting; advancement; ENCOURAGEMENT.—Century Dictionary.

The California Promotion committee has for its object the PROMOTING of California as a whole. It has nothing to sell. Its energies are devoted to fostering all things that have the ADVANCEMENT of California as their object. It gives ENCOURAGEMENT to the establishment of new industries and invites desirable immigration. It is not an employment agency, although it gives information regarding labor conditions. It presents the opportunities and needs in all fields of business and professional activity. The committee is supported by popular subscription and makes no charges for any service rendered. Affiliated with the committee are 100 commercial organizations of the state, with a membership of over 20,000. Meetings are held semiannually in different parts of California and where matters of state interest are discussed. Headquarters of the committee are maintained in San Francisco in California building, Union Square. CORRESPONDENCE INVITED.

TALKING MACHINES SACRIFICED!

THIS MACHINE, TOGETHER WITH A HANDSOME OAK CABINET (HOLDS 200 RECORDS) 12 RECORDS 1000 NEEDLES All for \$50

A combination of circumstances forces us to make this phenomenal offer. The labor disturbances which have retarded our usually heavy sales and shipments of standing orders still coming find us with an exceedingly heavy stock on hand. Our insurance policies are being canceled even at prohibitive rates. For these reasons we are forced to make this offer. If you want a genuine Talking Machine bargain you must take advantage of this. All you have to do is to buy the machine and we will make you a present of the Cabinet, 12 Records and 1,000 Needles. You are easily saving \$35.00 by the transaction. SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY CLARK WISE & CO. 1420 Van Ness Ave. The Victor Dealers of California. Send us your name and address and we will send you samples of a Needle that can be used eight or ten times.

INTERNATIONAL THEATER TRUST WILL BE FORMED

American Magnates Join to Control Playhouses in Other Countries

CHICAGO, July 16.—The Daily News says that plans for the formation of a \$100,000,000 trust in theaters throughout the world became known today. According to the report, the International theater trust will control not only the best theaters in Europe, but will also have under contract the highest talent in the legitimate and vaudeville fields. The prospective formation of this new theatrical undertaking is said to have grown out of the recent decision of the New York courts that theaters and entertainment are not interstate commerce and that, therefore, this proposed combination would not be a violation of the law. E. L. Erlanger is quoted as having said: "I will say that it is true that we are about to make our interests coextensive with Europe and America. I can see no reason why a group of management and ownership will not be highly beneficial to the theater owners and the public. Whether some of the principal amusement interests in Europe and America can be welded into one necessary requires a concern of thought and action upon the part of those who are leaders in this line. Our counsel sailed today on the Prinz Wilhelm to investigate and legalize the plan. It will take some time to work out this proposition."

ONE KILLED IN COLLISION

KANSAS CITY, July 16.—Chicago Great Western passenger train No. 4 ran into and damaged the rear Pullman on Burlington passenger train No. 22, both northbound, at Bethel, Kan., 19 miles north of Kansas City, early today. Fritz Eidel of Rochester, N. Y., traveling salesman for a paper box manufacturing, was so badly injured that he died several hours later. Two other passengers on the Burlington train whose names were not learned were slightly hurt, but were able to continue their journey. The other passengers on the Burlington sleeper escaped with a severe shaking. The Great Western engine was damaged, but no one on the train was hurt.

ASK TO JOIN FEDERATION

INDIANAPOLIS, July 16.—Applications for membership were received today by the American Federation of Catholic societies from the Massachusetts court of Catholic Foresters and from the Catholic Church Extension society of America. A letter was read from T. B. Minahan of Seattle, who was the first president of the federation.