

CRIME PLANNED AND EXECUTED IN COLD BLOOD

Confession Shows That Insurance Premium Was Paid Day Before Murder

Policy Originally in Dead Man's Name Was Changed by Wife's Suggestion

pany, which has its main office in Los Angeles. Before I met Powell I lived with Chisholm in Sacramento. My marriage to Powell started with a flirtation in the park. Powell was insured before I married him, but a few days before the wedding I got him to make me the beneficiary, it being originally made out to the Powell estate. He looked after the transfer and then gave the papers to me. Since then I always kept the policies. I made the payments on them quarterly, the last one on March 8, 1911.

"And the man was murdered," said Sheriff Smith, "March 9, 1911."

To the questions put to her by Chief Seymour she declared that after a brief stay with Powell she returned to Chisholm, taking with her the insurance policies.

"You knew that Chisholm was aware that you had the policies," said the chief.

"I do not know that; I am not positive about it," she declared.

Continuing she said that six months ago she quarreled with Chisholm and went into the employ of Doctor Watkins as a housemaid.

BURNED POLICIES "I hid the papers in an attic above my room," she said. "When I read that the collection of insurance was given as the motive of the murder I became frightened and burned them."

"That is sufficient," said the chief.

As the case now stands the evidence gathered by the police shows that Chisholm prevailed on Powell to obtain the insurance through Thomas Fox, an agent, who shared an office with him in Sacramento. The next step was the marriage of Powell to his mistress and the making of her a beneficiary.

PLOT RUN CLEAR After the briefest of wedded life the woman returns to Chisholm. Two years elapse and then Powell is murdered, last being seen in the company of a man positively identified as Chisholm. On Chisholm's arrest the policies are destroyed and a confession to this effect is obtained.

"The case is clear," said McLaughlin, "from a standpoint of evidence. I do not believe the woman told all, but the probabilities are that she will. As I have said before, the cleverness shown in this plot and the manner in which action was delayed and the trail covered convinces me that when the real story comes out we shall hear of more murders than that of Powell. Merest accident brought this one to light."

In the trunk and suitcases we found clothing of a rich and expensive kind. When Mrs. Powell was arrested she had \$100 on her person and several valuable rings. At another time she had a bank account of \$2,000, which was seen by a friend of hers.

"Now, I would like to know from whence a housemaid was obtaining all this."

"Chisholm, we have proof, was performing criminal operations, but his books show that his highest fee was \$250. The rest ran from \$5 to \$50. His income as a newspaper solicitor could not have brought him in any vast sum. Where, then, did all this money and jewelry and valuable clothing come from? Should the woman ever confess, I believe we shall hear a story which will rank among the big criminal affairs of the country."

ROMAINE WOMAN CLEVER "We have done well enough as far as we have gone and the probabilities are that as far as the ultimate result is concerned it will not do much good to go any further. I think we have evidence of the most convincing kind against Chisholm. This does not mean that we will cease our hunt for the woman known as Blanche Romaine. There is a chance of getting something from her concerning Chisholm's past operations, but from the evidence she has shown, I think the chance exceedingly slim."

Mrs. Powell was hurried out of San Francisco secretly. There was a fear that she would engage an attorney who would advise her not to talk and the police did not want her to be impressed with any such warnings in the midst of her communicative mood. Sheriff Jack Smith intends to put her in the sweat box to see if she will add to her story.

Hitherto what she has said has not incriminated her. She denied all knowledge of the plot and of the killing. The police tried hard to make her admit that she intended going back to Chisholm, but this she would not do.

"What he is doing and what he has done," she said, "is to bring to the accused man, 'has nothing to do with me. He fooled me. He has played a double hand with me. I know now and I can prove it that all the time he was with me he was with other women.'"

FOOLED EVERYBODY "That she was ignorant of the alleged plot the police refuse to believe.

"That woman," said McGowan, "is one of the most artful of her set. She fooled everybody. She fooled the police, she fooled Doctor Watkins, every one who had anything to do with her. She has lied all the way through. Only when she saw that she had the proof of her relationship with Chisholm did she begin to tell the truth. It will be noticed that with the exception of the statement regarding the insurance policies she admitted nothing until confronted with the absolute proof."

"She is a clever, enough woman to realize that the game was up and is beginning now to clear herself. She does not say any more than she has to. She is far too clever for that. I have no doubt if we could show her proof positive that she knew of the plot to kill Powell, she would admit it—and come out with some other explanation."

STUPIDITY FEIGNED In answering questions the woman appears placid and stupid, but it is noticeable that whenever she had occasion to correct herself the change was for her benefit. An illustration of this was shown in connection with her denial of ever having seen Chisholm

FISH STORY? NO, THEY CATCH ALLIGATORS AT SAN JOSE

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAN JOSE, April 1.—While fishing for trout in Elm Rock creek here this afternoon Patrick Olmstead, a well known amateur ball player, landed a three foot alligator on the end of his line. After fighting for more than an hour the saurian was captured. In measuring the alligator's feet, Peter Zelmer,

Olmstead's companion, was painfully bitten on the hand. The flooding of the aquarium in the park several months ago allowed several alligators to escape, and the one caught today was formerly an inmate of the park tank. Olmstead used ordinary worms for bait. The captured reptile measured about three feet in length.

WOMEN PLAN FOR N. E. A. CONVENTION

Hospitality Committee Will Have Trips Arranged for the Delegates

To make ready for the entertainment of the members of the National educational association, which will convene in San Francisco July 8-14, the hospitality committee held its first meeting yesterday afternoon in the blue room of the St. Francis.

This is composed of delegates from all the leading organizations of women in the city and vicinity, with Mrs. E. L. Baldwin as chairman. Various plans for the entertainment of the visitors were suggested, among them trips to Tamalpais, Santa Clara and San Jose, Berkeley and Oakland, Stanford, Mills college and a pilgrimage to Luther Burbank's home in Santa Rosa.

There are 17 departments of the N. E. A. and local chairmen to choose their own committees, have been appointed to extend hospitality to the visiting members of these departments as follows: Kindergarten, Miss Anna Stovel; elementary, Mrs. Annette Wood; secondary, Mrs. Wheeler and higher, Miss Jessie Peixoto; normal, Miss Effie McPadden; superintendence, Miss Lulu White; manual and art, Miss Katherine Ball; music, Miss Estelle Carpenter; science, Miss Alice King; physical training, Mrs. Newton Sharp; special education, Mrs. E. J. Holden; rural and agricultural, Louisa McDermond; library, Miss Belle A. Goldman; school patrons, Mrs. Louise Hart; child study, Miss Emma Wiebach. The executive committee consists of Mrs. E. L. Baldwin, Mrs. Warren Cheney of Berkeley and Miss Agnes Howe of the San Jose normal school.

The honorary committee of hospitality consists of Mrs. Hiram Johnson, Mrs. Phebe Hearst, Mrs. Susan Mills, Mrs. Benjamin H. Hays, Mrs. David Starr Jordan. The special committee on courtesies to Mrs. FLAG Young, president of the association, Mrs. Mary Kincaid, chairman of various committees, Mrs. Louise Hertz, chairwoman, flowers, Mrs. Lovell White; tea, Mrs. E. D. Knight; cards and invitations, Mrs. Frank Fredericks; states reunions, Mrs. Aylett Cotton; hotels, Mrs. Louis Hertz; city hospitality, Mrs. A. Roncivieri; local corporation, Mrs. Julius Kahn.

CHISHOLM WROTE POLICIES [Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, April 1.—That Dr. Lewis C. Chisholm, in jail at Santa Rosa, facing a charge of murder for the alleged killing of John D. Powell, himself wrote out two \$1,000 insurance policies for Powell, while employed as an insurance solicitor in Sacramento, is the information which Sheriff of Police Albern has obtained and turned over to Sheriff Smith of Sonoma county.

The policies were written out by Chisholm on June 15, 1907, in the Conservative insurance company of Los Angeles, which was later purchased by the Pacific Mutual company. Under the original policies, Mrs. Carrie L. Putnam, Powell's sister, was made the beneficiary, but several months later Powell called at the Pacific Mutual office and, on the plea that he had married, changed the beneficiary, making the policies payable to his wife, Blanche.

E. P. Huston, now a local real estate man, was Chisholm's employer as agent of the insurance company. The policies, however, were written while Thomas Fox was agent of the Pacific Mutual. Huston says Chisholm was honest in all his Sacramento dealings. At the time Chisholm had a son working on a ranch near town.

Alameda Spiders Win Club Passing

The Knights of Pythias club passing tournament was brought to a close last Wednesday night at Live Oak lodge No. 17, Pythian castle, Oakland, when the Alameda Spiders won the championship from Oakland in a hotly contested series of two out of three games.

The San Francisco teams are now at the sport, but finished up in the first division among some of the more experienced players such as Piedmont and Liberty.

The Alameda Spiders have played the most consistent game of the season, and have had the careful and scientific coaching of Past Chamberlain W. P. Dillon, who has been one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the cause. Oakland team No. 103, piloted by E. M. Bernstein, was the most dangerous opponent of the Spiders.

At the close of the final contest of the evening the two winning teams lined up before Judge George Samuels and were awarded the silver trophies. It is proposed to arrange for a state championship at the close of the tournaments played in San Francisco, Alameda, Santa Clara and San Joaquin counties next year.

The following is the standing of the teams at the close of the tournament:

Table with 5 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Points, Per. Alameda 25 1 17 840, California 24 1 18 871, Piedmont 19 8 28 670, Phoenix 15 12 27 480, Unity 12 15 27 378, Liberty 8 21 29 245, Harmonie 6 21 30 192, Live Oak 1 20 21 100, Athens 0 27 63 000

Western Golf Champion To Play Scots

[Special Dispatch to The Call] CHICAGO, April 1.—Rumors that Charles Evans Jr. of the Edgewater golf club, holder of the western open golf championship, would go to Scotland to compete in the British amateur championship at the Prestwick course May 29 to June 3, were partly confirmed today.

The young Chicago player, in response to a telegram sent to him at Pinehurst, wired that it looked as if he would compete.

Since his great display in the Beverly country club last summer, when he won the western open championship from a field which contained many of the leading professionals of the west and in the final defeated George Simpson, former amateur champion of Scotland, Evans has had a strong desire to cross clubs with the leading amateurs of Great Britain.

SAN DIEGO'S FAIR BILL IS SIGNED

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, April 1.—San Diego, which withdrew two years ago from the race for an international exposition, in favor of San Francisco, came into her own today when Governor Johnson formally signed the bill appropriating \$250,000 for a California state building at Panama-California exposition in San Diego in 1915. This bill was passed at the last session of the legislature by a practically unanimous vote, and its enactment showed that the northern part of California heartily appreciates the action of the southern city in supporting San Francisco at a critical time.

BOOSTS SAN FRANCISCO Since San Diego began advertising the exposition authorities have printed and distributed 100,000 pamphlets boosting the big fair in San Francisco in 1915.

Governor Johnson was waiting on in his office in the state capitol at 10:30 o'clock this morning by a delegation from San Diego, headed by Special Commissioner Thomas O'Halloran, park commissioner of San Diego, and Representative E. C. Hinkel, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives. Officials of the Sacramento valley development association, the Sacramento chamber of commerce and many state representatives and senators who are yet in the city, as well as a number of newspapermen, were present.

Governor Johnson signed the bill with an ostrich plume 18 inches long and tipped with a gold pen. The governor was presented a cut glass silver ink well 14 inches high, on which was an inscription from the people of San Diego.

CACHE OF BURGLARS REVEALED TO SHERIFF

Redwood City Marshal on the Trail of Robbers [Special Dispatch to The Call] REDWOOD CITY, April 1.—Sheriff J. H. Mansfield and Marshal J. P. Coleman are close upon the heels of the men who have committed several burglaries in this vicinity during the last few weeks.

This morning Coleman received a message from a man who declared that he knew the whereabouts of the stuff stolen from the home of C. E. Nuthorst, a local theatrical manager, Thursday night.

The informant was closeted with Mansfield and Coleman for about an hour, but the authorities refused to divulge the name of the man who gave them their clue.

CHILI GULCH, WIDE OPEN CAMP, WIPE OFF MAP

Scene of Moose Carnival Revival is No More OAKLAND, April 1.—A parade that strung out for blocks marked the closing evening of Chili Gulch, the '49 mining camp celebration of the Oakland lodge of Moose.

A holiday of fireworks and Eleventh street was one of the features. The old fashioned stage coach, containing officials was suddenly halted in the street by masked bandits, much to the amusement of the crowd.

Members of the order from Sacramento, Santa Rosa, San Jose, San Francisco, Stockton, Vallejo and Alameda took part in the parade, as well as the 1,000 or more Oakland members. City officials in automobiles led the procession, followed by a platoon of police. Then came 500 cowboys and cowgirls. After that the various delegations of Moose. In all there were several thousand in the parade.

At Piedmont pavilion the crowd gave itself up to the merry-making features of the carnival. One of the most amusing features was a mock trial of Sheriff Frank Barnett for jail breaking.

SOCIALIST CHOSEN BERKELEY MAYOR

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

J. Stitt Wilson Wins Over Beverly Hodghead by 281 Majority M. L. Hanscom Elected Auditor, but Others Must Try Again April 22.

Continued From Page 17 W. Reid and E. E. Newton were defeated.

The four who qualified for school director were Mrs. Elinor Carlisle, with 2,408 votes; Elmer E. Nichols, with 1,926; Herman I. Stern, with 1,405, and Mrs. James B. Hume, with 1,845. Stern is a socialist. Mrs. Mary E. Clifford, socialist, and Walter E. Schott did not receive enough votes to qualify.

Mayor Hodghead declared tonight that his defeat was due to the "stay at home," who failed to realize that any particular issue was in the balance.

"I was defeated because the stay at home failed to turn out to vote," he said. "The vote was proportionately greater in North and West Berkeley than in East Berkeley, where I depended for my particular strength. The trouble was that many of those who should have voted were not convinced of the importance of the issue at stake."

Mayor elect Wilson was given a great ovation when he appeared in an automobile at Center street and Shattuck avenue shortly after the result of the vote was announced. He said:

"I am proud to be the first socialist elected mayor of Berkeley and the first of my party to receive such an office in any city west of the Rocky mountains. Berkeley tonight extends greetings to Milwaukee and its socialist mayor. The campaign was conducted in a gentlemanly manner and in a way to reflect credit upon a city of Berkeley's culture. I made my fight entirely upon principle and will endeavor to carry out the principles which I declared myself in favor of. Mayor Hodghead is an upright citizen and a capable man, but his vote would have been much larger if he had not allied himself with a certain element."

The new mayor elect of this city has been a resident of Berkeley 13 years. He is a graduate of Northwestern university and spent some time at Oxford, following which he traveled in England for a considerable time, associating himself with work among the poor and in settlements. He is a former Baptist minister and the author of a number of works on socialism. He was the socialist candidate for governor last fall and toured the state at that time in his automobile, known as the "red special." He received only about 700 votes for governor in this city. He has a family consisting of a wife, two daughters and one son.

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Pretty wash frocks of ginghams, zephyrs and batiste, made in a variety of pretty styles. Some trimmed in solid colors; others with embroidered collars and sailor ties; still others in a waist effect of allover embroidery. These dresses are all well made, perfect fitting and at the price, \$5, represent a remarkable value. On sale Monday.

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