

A SERIOUS CHARGE

Mrs. Laura Perkins of Minneapolis Accused of Her Sister's Murder.

CARRIED HEAVY INSURANCE.

Her Death Caused by a Fire Declared to Have Been Accidental.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 26.—Mrs. Laura Perkins, charged with the murder of her twin sister Lola, was arraigned in the police court during the afternoon and remanded without bail to appear Thursday next for a preliminary hearing. Mrs. Hawkins, the dead woman, expired on the morning of Aug. 9 from injuries supposed to have been received by the accidental explosion of a lamp. The recent developments in the case and the arrest of Mrs. Perkins have caused a sensation in this city second only to the murder of Catherine Ging, and the motive for the crime is said to have been the same in both cases. Mrs. Hawkins carried \$7,000 insurance on her life, and her sister, Mrs. Perkins, now under arrest, was the sole beneficiary.

Was Supposed to Be Accidental.
At the time of the occurrence every one supposed it to have been accidental, and no one for a minute ever thought that the sister, still alive and a widow who resides with her one child, was capable of the terrible act of which she now stands accused.

Superintendent of Police Smith, however, looked into the case slightly and finally consulted with County Attorney Nye, and, as a result of their investigations, Inspectors Lawrence and Hoy were detailed to work on the case, and the insurance companies, too, asked to do some investigating before paying the \$7,000 insurance. They sent their two medical inspectors to this city, and since that time work has been going on night and day on the case, with the result that Mrs. Perkins was arrested on the terrible charge.

Two Lamp Explosions.
Mrs. Hawkins, the deceased, was injured on two different occasions by lamp explosions. The first alleged explosion simply burned her hands in quite a serious manner. The occasion of the second alleged lamp explosion of Aug. 9 is the one about which interest entirely centers.

The theory of the state is that while the deceased slept, Mrs. Perkins saturated her sister's clothing with kerosene oil and set fire to it with matches; that then she, herself, upset the lighted lamp on the stand to add credibility to the story that Mrs. Hawkins had accidentally overturned it in her sleep. The flames at once

Enveloped the Sleeping Woman
and Mrs. Perkins screamed for help. No effort was made by Mrs. Perkins to put out the flames and it was not until the arrival of neighbors that anything was done. Then help was too late to be of any service to Mrs. Hawkins. She was burned almost to a crisp.

Public sympathy is strongly with the arrested woman, and many believe that the authorities and insurance detectives have been too hasty and have worked a terrible and irreparable injury. Others in a position to form a clearer opinion do not for a moment believe County Attorney Nye would issue the warrant did he not have at his hand almost certain evidence of the charge which he has made.

PENILESS COAL MEN.

They Make Serious Accusations Against Their Employers.

DULUTH, Aug. 26.—Forty men, who had been laboring on the Superior docks of the Northwestern Coal Railway company, and had been brought from Milwaukee by that company, came over here because the Superior authorities would not feed or shelter them. They slept in the Duluth police station. The settlement of the strike at Superior has thrown them out of work and they have no money with which to return home. The company, they claim, got them up here on the statement that a large number of the men had quit the docks to work in the Dakota harvest fields, at the same time denying that they were wanted to fill the places of the strikers. The company refuses to pay their fares home.

Defender Is All Right.

BRISTOL, R. I., Aug. 26.—The many reports which have been printed regarding the condition of the yacht Defender were answered by a statement made to an Associated Press representative by President John B. Herreshoff of the Herreshoff Manufacturing company, in which he not only denied emphatically that there was any truth in these reports, but declared that the boat had more than met the highest expectations of her builders.

Was Bent on Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—Andrew Collins, a discharged Southern Pacific laborer, visited the general office of the railroad for the avowed purpose of killing Superintendent Fillmore who is

acting as general manager. A railroad detective arrested the crank.

Drove Out Wandering Willies.

ARCOLA, Ill., Aug. 26.—For some time a gang of tramps have infested this vicinity. Numerous burglaries and thefts have been perpetrated. The police armed themselves with whips and clubs and drove from the town 150 of the Wandering Willies.

Two Convicts Killed.

WELDON, N. C., Aug. 26.—While convicts on the state farm in Northampton county were being taken to the Dykes on the Roanoke river, three attempted to escape. Two were killed. The third got away.

STORIES OF THE DAY.

The Editor Was Shut Off In His Desire to Explain Things.

A story was recently told of how a preacher tested the effect of the hard times upon his congregation. At the conclusion of one of his sermons he said: "Let all in the house who pay their debts stand up."

Instantly every man, woman and child, with one exception, arose to their feet. He seated the crowd and then said:

"Let every man who is not paying his debts stand up."

The exception noted, a careworn, hungry individual, clothed in his last summer suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position and leaned upon the back of the seat in front of him.

"How is it, my friend," inquired the minister, "that you are the only man in this large congregation who is unable to meet his obligations?"

"I publish a newspaper," he meekly replied, "and my brethren here, who have just stood up, are my subscribers, and"—

"Let us pray!" exclaimed the minister.—Independent Herald.

She Can Lasso a Wild Horse.

Miss Kitty C. Wilkins, the famous horsewoman of Idaho, has been in Denver for a couple of weeks, making arrangements for a shipment of horses to the south from her ranch, 50 miles south of Boise City, at Mountain Home, on the Union Pacific railroad.

Miss Wilkins is in many respects a most remarkable woman. For the past nine years she has been selling horses and making money out of the business where many others have failed.

Miss Wilkins is a tall blond, with closely cropped hair of a golden hue, and in dress and appearance she is not at all unlike many another woman to be met with on the street every day. She was just getting ready to leave the city for Chicago, and while she was talking would step to the glass and affectionately fix her front and back hair, which but shortly before had seen the curling iron.

She carefully stowed away in her grip little white boxes, bits of chamois skin and a sponge, with a little hand glass. She was neatly attired in a blue wool traveling dress, with a light waist, and there were bits of jewelry worn. She said:

"Yes, with my father and three brothers I have had charge of a horse ranch in Idaho for the past nine years. I do not attend the round ups or the branding, but I have always sold the horses we have for sale each year and have been very successful. It has been our good fortune to make money on our horses every year in spite of the depression that has come upon the business. I go to points in Georgia and Florida and there dispose of the stock I have for sale, and am uniformly successful."

"Can you lasso a horse?"

"Certainly. I can and do ride over the ranges looking after our stock and take a great deal of pleasure in it. You see, we raise cattle as well as horses, but I do not like cattle, and so have nothing to do with them. I used to ride the ranch a great deal more than I do now, but I like it as well as ever, only that I have not the time. The ranch house and the surroundings of our mountain home are not unlike the typical ranch anywhere in the west, and many of our animals range on the government land and are rounded up every year and branded."

"Do you travel alone?"

"Always. I have never yet found any inconvenience in it, and never feel the want of a so called protector. I am amply able to take care of myself."—Denver Republican.

A Girl's Long Sleep.

Maggie Ley of Grand Rapids has been asleep for nine weeks. She is about 18 years old and otherwise healthy. She eats heartily when aroused for her meals and answers intelligently when asked questions while she is awake. She had a similar attack a year ago, but it lasted only a few days, but the present attack has resisted all treatment. She sleeps from 22 to 23 hours daily, and drops off even while eating or being talked to. Her father is insane and his father was insane.

The doctors ascribe the girl's condition to a hereditary taint of the blood affecting the brain. The girl is attractive in appearance, and until the attacks came on attended school regularly.—Chicago Record.

Cork From an American Tree.

About 35 years ago several young cork trees were sent to Sandersville, Ga., by

the government and set out to test their adaptability to the climate. Three or four are yet living, and the largest one is more than 2 feet in diameter. Last week it was stripped of its bark around the trunk, under the direction of Colonel Richard L. Worthen, who manifests a great interest in trees of all varieties, and samples of the cork will be forwarded to the agricultural department at Washington and to the Atlanta exposition. The bark, or cork, is 3½ inches thick and is good material.—Atlanta Constitution.

Biggest Boy in the States.

Think of a boy as tall as a trolley car and as heavy as a barrel of bricks! That is what 15-year-old William Ludlum White of Jamaica can boast of, and he is proud of the fact that he is the biggest boy in these United States. The little town of Jamaica is just as proud of William as he is of himself. You can figure out for yourself what a big fellow William will be when he reaches his thirtieth birthday. He stands today, in his stockings, exactly 6 feet 3 inches and tips the scales at 262 pounds, so you see he is a juvenile wonder.—New York Recorder.

Horrible Thought.

There now dawns the inspiring prospect that next season's charity ball may be danced in bloomers.—Chicago Record.

Who'll Get the Milk?

Emperor William purposes that the sailors shall have the inspiration to celebrate the opening of his big ship canal. He has ordered for the crews of the vessels that will be at Kiel 2,000 bottles of wine, 200 bottles of spirits, 1,000 bottles of beer, 6,000 gallons of beer in the cask and 1,000 gallons of milk. The mystery is as to what crew will get the milk.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Medical Ethics.

No up to date physician will allow one of his good paying patients to die from the effects of an old fashioned disease.—Washington Post.

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