

BELIEVE PITZEL IS ALIVE

Chicago Police Have a Clue Pointing to His Residence in St. Louis.

LETTERS IN HIS HANDWRITING

Whereabouts of Minnie and Anna Williams Not Yet Disclosed--The Former Thought Surely to Have Been a Confederate of Holmes--He Admits That Both Are Alive.

Chicago, Nov. 23.--The Chicago police have obtained a clue regarding Benjamin F. Pitzel, the accomplice of H. H. Holmes, alias Howard, who is now detained at Philadelphia on charges of having swindled an insurance company out of \$10,000. Pitzel had lived up to May 1 last on Madison avenue near Fifty-third street. It was found that Pitzel had vacated his first apartment on May 1 and removed the furniture to 457 Sixty-third street. On or about August 1 last he was in the city, ostensibly to make arrangements regarding the removal of his household effects to St. Louis, where he intended making his home for the winter.

The St. Louis address was given at 2306 Michigan street. A letter was received from Pitzel from St. Louis, in which he promised to soon clear the standing indebtedness on his furniture and effect its removal. Four letters have been written to Pitzel at St. Louis and none has been returned, except the fact that the postmark was taken to place the writer's address, with the usual request for return on the outside of each envelope. These letters, it is thought, show that if Pitzel is in St. Louis, he is not only living at 457 Sixty-third street, but also at 2306 Michigan street, and that he is in possession of the keys to the latter place.

It has been discovered that "mail" is being sent to Mrs. Mary Yoke, the mother of George Yoke, at Franklin, Ind., every day. The envelopes were marked "return" to Mrs. Yoke, care of E. E. Blackman, Chicago.

F. E. Blackman last night flatly contradicted the statement that the correspondence between George Yoke, Howard, and his mother passed through his office. He denied all knowledge of the parties and said he had never met H. H. Holmes or George Yoke in his life. He said his only connection with the case arose through sending money on the security of a lease on the Holmes house.

The cellar door at No. 721 Thirty-third street still remains unopened. The neighbors, who were notified, did not appear to unseal the door. The police are now waiting for the arrival of E. Williams, who is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow.

A commercial traveler, who stopped from the Erie train at Sixty-third street last evening, saw a photograph of a young woman said to be Minnie Williams. "I saw that woman in the State last week," he commented, and when he was told the girl's original had been murdered, according to popular supposition, some weeks before, he looked incredulous.

The police also have been notified by a man who said he had seen a woman who he believed to be Minnie Williams, at the Central station to-day to prison.

Holmes tells another tale. He invented the Williams murder story to fool the detectives.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 23.--Holmes tonight retraced many of the statements made or said to have been made to a detective when coming to this city from Boston. He declared that both the Williams girls are alive, and that Anna has recently paid \$1,000 by Pitzel in New York city.

There was a new development to-day when it was learned that the detectives are looking for an expressman, who had been often seen with Pitzel, and who disappeared about the time the body was found. The theory is that either he had something to do with hauling the body, or that he himself was murdered.

Holmes lawyers stated to-day that they will show by documents on record that at the time of the alleged identification of Pitzel, the shadowy individual was personally conducting a real estate transaction in this city.

Ohio Playing Made Him a Thief. Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 23.--Max Grupp, a musician in the Soldier's Home band, pleaded guilty in the common pleas court to stealing jewelry and money from the residence where he roomed, but advanced in extenuation the strange plea that he had practiced on the obnoxious man that instrument had a tendency to make the player insane. He was given the minimum sentence of one year.

Rights of Judges at Primaries. Baltimore, Md., Nov. 23.--Judge Harlan to-day decided in the criminal court that the judges at primary elections in Baltimore have the right to require voters to swear to support the party nominees and to refuse the votes of those who will not do so.

Gold on His Farm. Montgomery, Ky., Nov. 23.--By direction of Indiana women John McCampbell, who lives twenty miles from here, dug into a mound on his farm and found \$4,000 in gold. The excitement prevailing at other gold finds is thought to be buried there.

WOMEN'S CLUBS ARE UNITED.

Pro Re Nata Versus Papist Expectation to Have Strong Support--Suffrage Issue Incidental.

ROAD TO PEKIN NOW OPEN

After Eighteen Hours Fighting Field Marshal Count Oyama's Troops Drive the Chinese from the Works--Victory of Nankin Ordered to Peking to Remodel the Army.

Chicago, Nov. 23.--Dispatches have been received heretofore that the Japanese captured Port Arthur on Wednesday last after eighteen hours fighting. Port Arthur, the native name of which is Lu Shun Kou, is the chief naval station of China. The port contains spacious wharves and quays, fitted with steam cranes and connected by a railway with the workshops. There is a dock over 300 feet long, having twenty-five feet of water in its sill at low tide, which can be emptied in a few hours by means of a steam pump. There is also a smaller dock suitable for torpedo boats. The foundries and workshops contain the most modern machines, engines, etc. The dockyard is lighted by electric light. For the last six years there have been employed to deepen the natural harbor.

The defenses of the port consisted of well-constructed forts armed with modern guns of heavy caliber. No coast defenses are spread over more than four miles of harbor and consist of about twelve batteries equally distributed on either side of the entrance. The harbor is defended by a system of submarine mines. The western side of the harbor, the garrison was said to consist of about 7,000 men.

The second Chinese-Japanese army, under the command of Field Marshal Count Oyama, minister of war, consisted of about 30,000 men, and when this force arrived at the mouth of the Yalu, it was divided into two detachments, one of which, added by part of the Japanese fleet, operated against Tullewan, while the other directed its movements against Bin Chou, on the western side of the promontory, some miles north of Port Arthur.

Tullewan and Bin Chou were both captured, after which the army moved on to Port Arthur. Several engagements of minor importance took place along the route, but according to the reports, the Japanese were invariably successful. The roads leading northward from Port Arthur were supposed to have been mined by the Chinese, and the Japanese commander therefore declined to take the risk of marching his troops along them. Consequently they were compelled to march through the forests to the west of the passes of their artillery, ammunition trains, etc. The march was thus necessarily slow.

Dispatches received a few days ago stated that the Japanese were close to the city and had attacked the Chinese outposts, driving them back to their entrenchments. It was also stated that the Japanese had entered the entrenchments three times, but were repulsed each time. It is evident that the later attacks must have been made, and that the outposts were compelled to fall back upon Port Arthur. Several times the news is reported to have been captured, but later dispatches have shown that these reports were inaccurate, and that the Japanese were conducting their operations against the place with great care and skill.

They intended, when the real attack was made, that it should be successful to fall upon Port Arthur, from which it is separated by the Gulf of Pechili.

Yokohama, Nov. 23.--The minister of finance has announced a further war loan of 50,000,000 yen in five, making 80,000,000 yen of the 100,000,000 yen authorized by parliament to be raised for war purposes.

London, Nov. 23.--The Times will to-morrow publish a dispatch from Shanghai stating that the Viceroy of Nankin, Chang Chio ching, has been ordered to Peking for the purpose of reorganizing the army after the European model.

BISHOP KEANE'S PURCHASE.

It Consists of Italian Paintings, Which Will Adorn the University.

Baltimore, Nov. 23.--Bishop Keane has purchased for the Catholic University the collection of religious paintings by Italian artists, which were on exhibition at the World's Fair.

They were collected from the old families of Italy and blood connections of pontiffs and nobility.

They were brought to this country by Signor Sperdutto, of Rome and have been in the custody of Mr. Giovanni Schiaffino, of this city.

ON "BIKES" AROUND THE WORLD.

Adventurous Undertaking of Barnes and Noble, of the Toledo Cycle Club.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 23.--A. G. Barnes and J. C. Noble, members of the Toledo Bicycle Club, reached here to-day on their trip around the world. On Monday they will leave for Arizona and Lower California.

After touring through Old Mexico they will take steamer for Australia and from thence to the East Indies, Egypt, etc.

A steamer trip across the Mediterranean will land the travelers in Italy, from which country they will go to Greece and different parts of Europe.

JUDGE ROBINSON'S DISTINCTION.

First Catholic that Ever Held a State Office in North Carolina.

New York, Nov. 23.--A special dispatch from Raleigh, N. C., to the Evening Post says: For the first time in the history of North Carolina, a Roman Catholic has been elected a judge of the State superior court, in the person of W. S. O. Robinson, the Republican-Populist nominee for the Raleigh district.

It is said, too, that Mr. Robinson will be the first Roman Catholic to hold a State office of any kind in North Carolina.

Contract Invalidated by One Clause. Chicago, Nov. 23.--Salt having been bought by the Robinson Opera-house Company against the Willbur Opera Company for damages for breach of contract in failing to appear in that house, Judge Smith, of the superior court, immediately dismissed the case because the papers showed that the contract called for performance on Sunday, a fact which the court said, made the contract clearly illegal under the Ohio statute.

Another of the Cook Gang Caught. Fort Smith, Ark., Nov. 23.--Alexander, one of the outlaws who was with the Cook gang in the Corbett train robbery, was captured this morning near Tulsa, by one of Marshal Crump's deputies.

AN APPROPRIATE ISSUE.

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