

OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ARROGATED TO ACTION BY THE STAR'S FIGHT FOR PURE MILK

WHY INSPECTOR WOODCOCK LET LABORATORY WILL BE ASKED FOR TONIGHT

IS NOT DOING HIS DUTY

His Efforts to Stop the Murderous Work of the Milk Poisoners Is a Hideous Farce

What is the matter with Woodcock? Why has not this strangely dilatory milk inspector arrested the murderer of little Carrie Constantine, in whose stomach formaldehyde was found by official autopsy, and in whose case the attendant physician, Dr. Ludlow, is ready to swear death was caused by the use of formaldehyde, administered in milk?

Is it strange that Mr. Woodcock, sampling the milk from the dairyman's wagon three days after the murder had been announced by The Star, should find no formaldehyde in the milk? Does he restore the little 14-month-old baby girl to life and health and dimples, because he gravely looks into the milk cans of the wagon, sips a sample, smacks his lips and pronounces the milk all right? Or does it right the wrong and efface the crime if he even goes further and pours one little bottle of acid into another and dumps them both in a third bottle of milk, waiting for it to turn pink before he delivers the verdict, "Not Guilty"?

When the murdered child's physician states that the child died of formaldehyde poisoning, and when the official autopsy, supported by the chemical analysis of the stomach by an expert specialist, showed the stomach and intestines to have been embalmed alive, and the drug still lodged in the walls of the stomach, is it not, then, The Star wants to know, time for Milk Inspector Woodcock to wake up and arrest somebody? Could he not arrest somebody for adulterating milk, even if he could do no better? It took him four days after he was notified of the poisoning of the child to find out the name of the dairyman that delivered the milk, and when this was accomplished, after much labor, he cheerfully announces that he will "withhold" the name of the dairyman until after the inquest.

The inquest will not be held until Wednesday morning.

That the milk was poisoned, and was constantly reminded of the incident by The Star. When he said the family refused to give him the name of the dairyman, The Star furnished him with the address of a neighbor who would be glad to give the information, but Mr. Woodcock failed to act on this, and not until last night did he give it out that he knew, but "WOULD NOT TELL" until after the inquest, until the name of the dairyman might be.

WHAT IS MR. WOODCOCK'S OBJECT?

WHAT IS HIS INDUCEMENT?

DO THE DAIRYMEN MAKE IT WORTH HIS WHILE TO PROTECT THEM IN THEIR CRIMES?

A week ago The Star, in good faith, gave space to a statement from Mr. Woodcock, in which statement he cited the case of Dairyman Garland, who Woodcock said was caught pouring formaldehyde enough to have killed a dozen people into a can of milk. According to this statement Mr. Woodcock was highly indignant that the court only fined the criminal \$25. "That was a clear case," said he, "of deliberate adulteration with the deadly drug, yet Judge George only gave him a fine of \$25."

In the light of this righteous indignation, it would seem strange that in that very identical case Mr. Woodcock himself went to Judge George before the trial and pleaded with him to "LET THE BOY DOWN ASY."

This Judge George says he did. "He came to me and asked me not to fine this milkman more than \$10, on account of his youth, and because he was a nice fellow," said Judge George, "and wanted me to let him off as light as I could. It was a clear case, and I fined him \$25. If I had known the dangerous character of the drug, as it has since been explained to me, he should not have escaped so lightly; but even at that I more than doubled the fine pleaded for by the milk inspector. I naturally was very indignant when I heard the construction Mr. Woodcock put on that incident."

This one incident alone goes to show the double-dealing attitude of Mr. Woodcock. To a man up a tree, it looks as if there must be something rotten in Denmark.

CORONER HOYE MAKES SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST WOODCOCK

I am thoroughly satisfied that Milk Inspector Woodcock has not been doing his duty. It certainly looks as if he were standing in with the dairymen. His actions are strange, to say the least, and there is no doubt in my mind of his utter neglect of his duty. I intend to tell him so when I see him, and I have no hesitation in saying that in my opinion he has no desire whatever to secure a conviction in this last flagrant case, where the evidence of murder by formaldehyde is most conclusive, and Mr. Woodcock has impure even on made an arrest for adulterating the milk, although not two days before the child's death that formaldehyde had been found in a sample by the city chemist. The child has now been dead over two days, and it took him until today to announce that he had been able to secure the name of the dairyman, but would withhold it until after the inquest. Is that the way an officer should do his duty? It is very strange if he does not consider the evidence strong enough to at least hold the dairyman on a charge of adulterating the milk. The matter has gone over his head now. I called up the chief of police this morning and requested that he put detectives on the case at once. The murderer has had plenty of time to be half way across the continent since the crime was committed, and Woodcock "withholds" his name. There can be but one explanation of Woodcock's behavior.—Coroner Hoye.

Board of Health Will Introduce Ordinance Into the Council Asking for an Appropriation

The first official step towards the establishment of the proposed city laboratory as advocated by The Star, will be taken tonight, when the board of health, through Dr. J. E. Crichton, chairman of the health and sanitation committee, will present an application to the city council for an appropriation to establish the institution in the interest of the public health.

The board of health has spent a great deal of time preparing the application, which will set forth strongly the need of this means of protection, citing the many instances of sickness and death published in The Star, due, according to the testimony of prominent physicians, from impure milk, and also impure meat and other foods.

The application will also furnish estimates and details showing that the amounts at present expended for analyses of impure foods and in other matters connected with the department, would very nearly pay the salaries of the chemist and his assistants in running the city laboratory. This will bring the expense down to the mere establishment of a well equipped laboratory, the minimum estimate for this being \$1500 and the maximum \$2500.

There is little doubt that the application will be received favorably in the city council, the recent investigation showing the absurdity of the city's present arrangements for protecting the public health against impure foods. Dr. Crichton will urge the consideration of the application very strongly. The matter will be referred to the health and sanitation and finance committees. Members of the former committee have already unanimously expressed themselves strongly in favor of the measure. A special meeting may be called for the consideration of the measure.

It is understood also, that the committee will secure the endorsement of the chamber of commerce before returning the application to the council. The question will probably be brought up before the chamber at its next meeting on Wednesday.

The ordinance in regard to the

more severe punishment of persons violating the milk regulations is also being considered this afternoon, and will come up before the council in amended form for consideration tonight.

RECKLESS SHOOTING

STRENUOUS BARTENDER'S REVOLVER SUBDUED A BAR-ROOM BRAWLER

D. S. McKinley, a bartender at the Seattle Bar on First avenue south, was arrested early yesterday morning on a charge of shooting the man out of the place. McKinley was released on \$500 bail.

McKinley says that he did not shoot at Trahey, but shot at the floor in order to frighten the man out of the place. McKinley was released on \$500 bail.

BOY RUNAWAY PINCHED

James Whitehead, a 12-year-old candidate for the reform school, was arrested on First avenue this afternoon by Patrolman Holland. He was pointed out to the patrolman by the boy's brother. The little fellow, it is alleged, had run away from home after stealing a considerable sum of money from his mother.

who is seeing to it that the person or persons guilty of murder of the innocent little child may not be fleeing the country and getting out of the clutches of the law?

Mr. Woodcock says he cannot even make the arrest on charge of milk-adulteration, BECAUSE HE FEARS HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE CHARGE IN COURT. He claims he has not yet detected formaldehyde in samples taken from the wagon, and that unless he secure evidence of the poisoning from a case in the wagon he cannot prosecute. BECAUSE THE PARENTS MIGHT PUT THE POISON IN THE MILK AND FEED IT TO THEIR CHILDREN.

In that case even, is it not the duty of the inspector to arrest someone if a child is murdered by poisoned milk, should not the milk inspector look into the matter, AND WHETHER IT BE THE DAIRYMAN OR ANYBODY ELSE, ENDEAVOR TO SECURE THE ARREST OF THE GUILTY PARTY?

Mr. Woodcock thinks not. He seems to see the limit of his duty in going about with a little medicine chest, holding up milk wagons and pouring various kinds of acids into samples from the milkman's cans. If the milk should be any accident turned pink, he pronounces a case of formaldehyde poisoning; but if the pinkish color does not show up,

called upon to investigate a case of poisoning at 1329 Seventh avenue. A lady had been poisoned, Friday morning, and a sample of the milk from the breakfast table had been analyzed by Dr. Tanzer, who found a large percentage of formaldehyde in the same. After about a half day delay, Mr. Woodcock called at the house and took a sample of the milk, which he pronounced all right, stating that it would not be evidence, anyway, even though he should find poison in it, because he had to secure the drugged milk direct from the wagon before he could prosecute, and that the milk from the cupboards of homes could not be depended upon for anything except a clue to the poisoner.

"The dairyman might claim that it was poisoned after it left his hands, you know," he explained, and with this flimsy excuse he went back to his office WITHOUT EVEN VISITING THE DAIRY THREE DOORS BELOW, to see if any trace of the poison might be found.

The lady of the house explained that in the presence of several boarders she had sent her little boy to the dairy for a pail of milk, the boy returning in a few minutes with the supply, a sample of which was found by the city chemist to contain poison.

Yet Mr. Woodcock figured that nothing could be done, because

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- GAS OR ELECTRIC FIXTURES** during the last week of the sale have taken another downward jump. They're all reduced from 20 to 50 per cent. now, and we are offering you almost limitless variety in styles, design and finish. All our fine Electric Stairway and Artistic Portable Lamp share in these discounts.
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GET MORE TIME

RAILROAD OFFICIALS WHO WOULD FLEECE PUBLIC, SECURE A CONTINUANCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The hearing of the charges brought by William E. Harris, jr., against the Philadelphia & Reading, officers, was continued today before the interstate commerce. The charges are to the effect that they unlawfully held control of the coal supply, in order to arbitrarily fix the price of the article. The charges were filed several months ago, but were never taken up until now.

ROBBED

BANDITS BLOW SAFE IN MISSOURI TOWN AND MAKE THEIR ESCAPE WITH BOOTY

PILOT GROVE, Mo., Sept. 25.—Robbers last night blew the safe at the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway station. After securing a small sum they went boldly across the street and blew another safe in drug store. The citizens of the town were aroused by the second explosion, but the robbers escaped on horses before the dazed populace

PROTEST

James Murphy, president of the local painters' and decorators' union, this afternoon appeared before the board of public works to enter a protest against the painting of the new fire headquarters building by firemen who are not members of the union.

WAR GAME IS BEGUN

WEST POINT, Ky., Sept. 25.—Twenty-seven hundred regular army maneuvers here this morning, with which they will occupy the time until pined by 16,990 militiamen Thursday, when the larger war game begins.

PETTY BLAZE

Overheated steam pipes in the basement of the Estabrook block, at Second avenue and Union street, created a quantity of smoke this afternoon and the fire apparatus was called out by a telephone. The blaze was put out by a hand gren.

So violently insane that it required six men to hold him, John Kelly, a logger employed at Eagle Gorge, arrived at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon on the Northern Pacific train. He was placed in charge of Deputy Sheriff McPherson and taken to the county jail.

STOPPED THE FUNERAL AT THE GRAVE'S EDGE

Coroner Hoye Refused to Allow the Formaldehyde Poisoned Baby to be Buried--An Inquest Will be Held

Coroner Hoye has become one of the most ardent fighters of the formaldehyde fiend and only his quick action in stopping the funeral procession which was accompanying little Carrie Constantine to the cemetery, Saturday afternoon, prevented the dastardly work of the milk poisoner from being hidden in the grave with his innocent victim.

Little Carrie died as the result of being fed on milk which had been treated with formaldehyde. And at the request of the Star Dr. Hoye decided to hold an autopsy over the child's remains and place a charge of murder against the dairyman who sold the milk if traces of poison were found in the child's stomach.

At the post mortem examination held in the morgue of the Bonney-Watson Company, Saturday evening, Drs. C. E. Hoye, White, Carroll, Crookall and Hoye found strong indications that the acute illness which caused the baby's life had been caused by the presence of formaldehyde in the stomach and intestines.

The stomach itself was placed in a sealed jar that its contents may be chemically analyzed as stated.

An inquest will be held over the murder charges this morning and the funeral will then take place. Friday evening the baby died, Saturday the parents appeared at the undertaking rooms of the Bonney-Watson Company and asked for a burial at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Harry Watson of the company made arrangements. He was given to understand that Dr. Ludlow would sign the death certificate and, as for-signers often fail to make funeral arrangements until the last moment, he thought nothing of the occurrence.

Mr. Watson sent a death certificate to Dr. Ludlow and the latter refused to sign it. Mr. Watson at once notified Coroner Hoye. The latter asked what time the funeral was to take place. It was then on its way to the cemetery. On the coroner's instructions Mr. Watson then telephoned to the cemetery.

The brief funeral procession had just passed through the cemetery gates when the coroner hastened to the hearse. He spoke a few low words to the driver. There was a brief consultation between the latter and the parents, who rode in a closed carriage. Then the hearse was driven back to the undertaking rooms of the Bonney-Watson Company.

Not until a coroner's inquest has passed upon the matter will that funeral be completed. Meantime Lebrecht Ganser, analytical chemist for the Stewart & Holmes Drug Company, will examine the contents of the little one's stomach.

Inspector Woodcock no longer "withholds" the name of the dairyman who supplied the Constantine baby with the formaldehyde milk that caused its death. He now states that the wagon belonged to the Duwamish dairy and was driven by a man giving the name of Hoppy. No arrests will be made until after the inquest.

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