

THE MYSTERIES OF PARIS—LEPINE TELLS OF THE GIGANTIC SWINDLE BY A WOMAN THAT SET ALL PARIS AGOG

The Humbert Case—This is No. 2 of the Great Paris Mysteries Which Chief of Police Lepine of Paris, Who Has Resigned After a Famous 20 Years of Service, Has Selected for the Daily Times' Symposium of the Five Great Cases in Which This Famous Detective Engaged.

PARIS, Oct. 8.—In a magnificent mansion in the Avenue of the Grand Army in Paris, there lived with her husband, Frederick Humbert, the son of the ex-minister of justice of France—Mme. Humbert, a woman whom centers the greatest swindle case of all those which the great Lepine ever had to solve.

The famous Parisian ex-chief of police selected it for me as the second of his great cases—a case that brought into its scope some of the first names of the French republic.

To the home of Mme. Humbert came, as old friends, some of the greatest dignitaries of the nation, for, in all the high society of the French capitol, there was not a woman with a finer wit, nor a greater talent for entertaining than this woman. And Paris had no mansion where more wealth was displayed.

Romance seemed to cluster about Madame Humbert. Her wealth itself seemed a romance. She often told the story to her guests—and many men, high in business, art or government, heard from her own lips, at her rich dinners—the story of THE MYSTERIOUS SAFE AND THE MYSTERIOUS WILL.

It now seems improbable that any hard-headed man would ever have believed such a tale as Madame Humbert told, but, in fact, it required an extra hard-headed individual, like Lepine, to disprove it.

"I had an old friend," she used to say, "an American, whose name was Robert Henry Crawford. He was one of New York's millionaires. In September, 1877, when I was young and pretty, he died, and in his will he left all his wealth to me. You may be sure it made my future seem very bright. But when I came to collect this fortune I discovered that Robert and Henry Crawford, nephews of the dead millionaire, had a second will which gave them two-thirds of the fortune, enough of which they must invest in France to yield me an income of \$72,000 a year.

"This second will would have caused a contest between me and the two nephews," Madame Humbert's famous story used to run, "and this was out of the question, because one of the American boys was in love with my younger daughter, Maria. So the young men and I decided that, instead courts, we would put all the wealth in a strong safe in my home and keep it locked there until my daughter should come of age, when we would decide regarding the division. And here all this wealth—in my house," she used to say, "I have one will and the nephews have the other!"



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The woman, famous in literary, art and business circles, had borrowed from banks and financiers \$200,000 to \$500,000. It seemed to be enough for her merely to lead a financier or money-king to the safe in her home, tell him that it contained \$20,000,000, show him the sealed envelope containing the supposed will of the alleged dead millionaire; the financiers immediately lent her all the money she requested!

It was Madame Humbert's small creditors who first called upon the police to get help in collecting sums due them from Madame Humbert. These creditors told the police they didn't believe the Crawford nephews existed and they didn't believe that the will fight was genuine; in fact, they didn't even believe these was a will.

And, if the famous safe did contain so much wealth, why didn't Madame Humbert PAY HER DEBTS? They demanded that Madame Humbert open the safe; Madame Humbert said she couldn't do so, as long as the Crawford brothers were fighting her in court! Then Lepine took a hand. Though many of her friends and most of her celebrated associates believed in her implicitly, nevertheless Lepine determined that it was time that the contents of the safe be shown.



A district attorney went to Madame Humbert's home. The home was empty; all of the Humberts were gone. A locksmith opened the safe and found in it only a few cheap jewels and about \$500 in cash. Pictures of Madame Humbert and of her brother, Romain Daurignac, inset.

Especially illustrated for this newspaper by Henri Rudaux, noted French artist.

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Deaths: Thompson—Anna E., wife of T. E. Thompson, died, 3583 East Howe, aged 35, Funeral Friday, 1:30, Hoska-Buckley-King chapel. Jack Vernon Stone, two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stone, 1006 East 61st st., died Tuesday night, funeral Thursday, 1:30 from Hoska-Buckley-King chapel.

State will hold a land sale November 4.

Seattle has passed an ordinance compelling all dogs to be kept on the premises of the owners. A bridge collapsed and killed four cows that were passing over it two miles from Milton Tuesday.

Miss Lois Perry and a young lady visiting her disappeared from the home of G. H. Perry at Meeker Sunday and are off camping and tramping accompanied by a young man. They are dressed in male attire and have their hair clipped.

The \$10,000 in cash supposed to have been stolen from the mails en route from Seattle to Montana was only misplaced by the mail agent and was found in the car.

Nellie N. Moorhead wants a divorce from Roy M. Moorhead, who killed Mrs. Sadie Buchanan, wife of J. Buchanan, a wealthy Tacoma lumberman, at Point Evans two years ago.

D. D. D. Prescription - for 15 years - The Standard Skin Remedy. Owl Drug Co., 904 C St., French Drug Co., 13th and Pacific Ave.

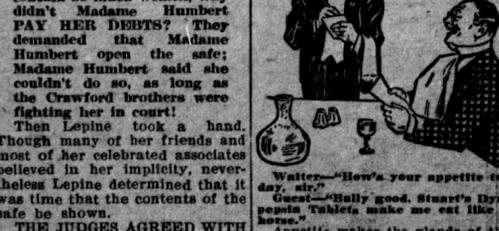
The Lennox - a cast-iron lined airtight stove. Body is No. 24 polished steel; has extra large feed door and is heavily nickel-trimmed. Comes in 3 sizes: No. 18—Takes 18-inch wood \$11.25. No. 20—Takes 20-inch wood \$13.25. No. 22—Takes 22-inch wood \$14.75. Other heaters from \$1.50 up. A. GEHRI & CO. Hardware, Plumbing, Heating Main 402. 1113 Tacoma av.

Paulson-Craig Co. 1105 AND 1107 C ST. THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY BARGAINS EVERY DAY. October Bargains: New Tariff is bound to reduce the cost of living to some extent, but trading with us will do more for your pocketbook in many lines. A FEW THURSDAY SPECIALS: 10c never went so far as it will in this general Clean-up Sale. We are placing on sale many items really worth 50c. Slightly soiled, otherwise equal to 50c values in Neckwear, Aprons, Pillow Tops, etc. 10c TOILET PAPER SPECIAL—Large roll, regular 10c value, while they last, 6 for 25c. TABLE LINENS AND NAPKINS at such prices as will bring you into our store; 72-inch, all linen; \$1.25 value; special, yard 69c. ROGERS' SILVERWARE—None better, fully warranted; 25 pieces nicely case; 26 pieces knives, forks, spoons, etc.; regular \$10.00; while they last, \$5.98.



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Water: "How's your appetite today, sir?" "Bully good, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets make me eat like a horse." Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets make the glands of the mouth open and saliva flows very freely—hence the term "Mouth Water." This is the first digestive juice. It has an important office to perform as all starchy foods are partially digested by it because one of its ingredients, ptyalin is almost an instant digestive of starch. This process reduces the starch in foods to sugar.

Back Again! "Blue Ribbon" Day Tomorrow!

"TACOMA'S BARGAIN DAY" TOMORROW A DAY inaugurated by McCormack Bros. some few months ago that is fast finding favor with thrifty folks. It's a day for saving—bargains are featured in every department. Be here tomorrow and share in the value-giving. Now Read!

BARGAINS FOR A WOMAN! \$1.49 Dressing Sacques—Warm flannelette or crepe sacques in pretty patterns; tomorrow 75c. \$4.50 White Petticoats—Elaborately trimmed with lace and embroidery; finest muslin; tomorrow \$1.98. \$3.48 Women's Sweaters—White only; a pure wool worsted, in all sizes; tomorrow 89c. 39c Corset Covers and Brassieres—Daintily trimmed and well sewed throughout; tomorrow 25c. \$2.98 and \$3.50 Silk Waists—Beautiful models, striking styles and color combinations to choose from; tomorrow \$1.75. 49c Infants' Wool Knitted Sacques 25c. —Second Floor.

BARGAINS FOR A MAN! Men's Sweater Coats—Wool mixed, in the "V" neck style; fancy weave, in gray, tan, brown or olive; \$2.00 is the usual price; tomorrow \$1.45. Men's All Wool Jersey—With tape at neck, all the leading shades; a practical garment for fall or winter wear; tomorrow \$2.00. \$1.50 Men's Flannelette Pajamas—Made with silk frogs, in many handsome patterns; tomorrow \$1.00. \$3.50 Men's Overshirts—Heavy blue flannel shirts, "Bobtail" style only; extra heavy; tomorrow \$2.95. \$4.00 Mackinaw Shirt—In gray only; ideal for wet weather; tomorrow \$2.95. Men's Flannel Shirts—With soft military or lay-down collar \$2.00. —Main Floor.

WOMEN'S DRESS NEEDS AT BIG REDUCTIONS! \$1.70 Mesh Bags—5-in. German silver frame; unbreakable mesh; 3 pkgs. for \$1.39 tomorrow. \$1.00 Bottle Lydia Pinkham's Compound for 68c. \$1.75 Women's Silk Umbrellas. Gloria silk, 1/2 in. gross grain edge, 8 ribs and variety of neat handles; \$1.49 Thursday only. 25c and 35c Fancy Ribbons—Satin stripes, fancy moires and Dresden designs; the yard 19c tomorrow. 25c Barrettes, Side or Back Combs in shell or amber; plain or barred; choice 19c. 40c Women's Kerchiefs—Soft finish, with neat hem and embroidered designs; tomorrow 6c. \$1.00 Women's Bags—Leather or velvet; black or white cord or leather handles; tomorrow 59c. —Main Floor.

Grocery Specials: Oyster Crackers—tomorrow, 3 lbs. for 25c. E. C. Corn Flakes—That delicious breakfast food; 3 pkgs. for 25c tomorrow. Japanese Rice—Brimful of nourishment; per lb., tomorrow 5c. Picnic Ham—Morris' Supreme brand; the lb., special 19c. Corn Beef Hash—Armour's Veribest; 10c cans; tomorrow, 2 for 15c. Corn Starch—Continental brand; 4 pkgs. for 25c. Swift's Washing Powder—Swift's Pride, packed with Hamilton coupons; per pkg., tomorrow 20c. Jello—Assorted flavors, 3 pkgs. 25c. Ceratana Wheat Flakes—3 pkgs. 25c. Demonstration of Swift's Hamilton packed products now on. "Wage Earners' Market" —Third Floor.

DRY GOODS AT SPECIAL PRICES! Asiatic Silk—in a full assortment of plain colors; also self-colored dotted broads; the yard, special 19c. 36-in. Cotton Challie—For comfort covering, in a large variety of rich Persian designs; special, yard 10c. Fleece Kimona Cloth in a full line of all the newest and most desirable colors and patterns; tomorrow, yard 11c. Lace Bureau Scarfs—Very handsome designs to select from; choice, tomorrow 12c. —Main Floor.

CURTAIN SCRIM PRICES SLASHED! Hemstitched Scrim—in white or ecru; tomorrow, yard 19c. Colored Scrims—Plain center and fancy colored borders in neat designs; tomorrow, yard 10c. High Grade Scrims—Extra good quality in white cream or ecru, with dainty border; tomorrow, yard 29c. Curtain Net—40 in. wide, in a host of beautiful patterns, white or ecru; the yard, tomorrow 15c. —Now Second Floor.

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