

A CHARGE OF MURDER AGAINST RAY MULLEN

Mysterious Death of Fred Batchelder,

WHO DIED BY POISONING

Mullen, Who Is a Nurse, Expressed Surprise When Arrested by Chief of Police Brown Last Night--Hearing is Continued To Next Saturday.

A startling development in the Fred Batchelder poisoning case came last night when Ray Mullen, a lodger in the same house with Batchelder at the time of the latter's mysterious death on March 16 and who nursed him during his short and very painful illness, was arrested on a warrant charging murder.

The accused was a roommate of Roy Sykes, a young fellow who was taken violently ill and with the same symptoms as those which Batchelder had later. Sykes, however, recovered from his attack and went to his home near Windsor, remaining about a week. It was during this absence on Wednesday night, March 14, that Batchelder was taken violently ill, suffering intense pain all day Thursday and dying Friday morning at 7:30 o'clock, three-quarters of an hour after Dr. W. E. Lazelle had left him, apparently in not so serious a condition as to warrant unusual anxiety.

A Sandwich Theory. The theory that the young man was poisoned by eating candy has apparently been discarded by the authorities. A sandwich is now brought into the Sykes kitchen. It is alleged that one night Sykes went home late and that he was offered a sandwich by Mullen, who declared that he thought Sykes might be hungry and so had prepared the sandwich. Sykes took the sandwich and ate it. At the same time Mullen ate another sandwich. Sykes went to bed and three hours and a half later was taken very ill. He recovered, however, and went to his home in the southern part of the state. Then Batchelder, who roomed in the same house, became ill under similar conditions and died. This suspicion became directed toward Mullen, and the report of the finding of arsenic in Batchelder's stomach was thought sufficient to warrant his arrest.

Mullen was arrested by Chief Brown at his rooms in the residence of D. H. Colter, 31 Jefferson street, at 6 o'clock last evening. He was lying in bed, partly undressed, when the officer arrived. Mullen showed no great perturbation over the officer's arrival. When told what he was being arrested for he manifested some surprise and said: "This is a strange piece of business, arresting me for that." He dressed himself and went along willingly to the jail, where he was searched and put in a cell for the night. When searched two tablets were taken from his pockets. These tablets he treated the police to let him have, as he said that his physician had ordered him to take one every hour. The officers did not let him have the tablets, but turned them over to State's Attorney Jackson, who had issued the warrant for the man's arrest. Mullen claimed to be suffering with tonsillitis, and he undoubtedly was ill with a bad cold. The cell room was kept at a comfortable temperature during the night, and Mullen seemed to have passed the night well, although the police thought it best to have a physician see him this morning.

Little Known of Him. Mullen is a comparative stranger in town, having come here only last month, and very little is known of him. He claims to be a Red Cross nurse, and to have given the impression that he has traveled all over the country in the pursuit of his occupation. He told

LEVELED REVOLVER ON HIS CAPTOR

Man, Wanted in Oregon, Escaped in Boston Last Night While Big Crowd Looked on in Amusement.

Boston, March 27.—Leveling a revolver at the head of his captor, United States Marshal W. B. Burns of Washington, D. C., Stephen A. B. Pater of San Francisco, known here as John H. Brownell, who is wanted by the government as a witness in the so-called Oregon land fraud cases and by the state of Oregon on a charge of forging school certificates amounting to \$70,000, was able to hack off into a crowd on one of the busiest corners of the Back Bay section of the city last night, and escaped after being under arrest less than half an hour.

Burns arrived here some days ago, but it was not until yesterday that Pater was traced to a house on the Fenway in the Back Bay section of this city. Burns also found that the man was in the habit of coming to the branch post office on a populous corner and getting letters under the name of John H. Brownell.

Burns decided to wait for him, and about 5:30 o'clock last night Pater appeared. He recognized the officer as the latter, and asked him to go into the private office of the post office. Pater complied at once and the two seated themselves while Superintendent Swift went out, as Burns thought, for two policemen. They waited nearly an hour for Swift, and when he turned up he tapped on the window, remarking as he did so: "Have you got your man, Burns?"

The marshal thought that the remark was a hint that the policemen were outside the door, so he told Pater that he was under arrest and made a hurried search for a weapon of any kind. None was discovered and the officer and his prisoner stepped out on the sidewalk. There was no policeman there, and Burns found himself alone with a man who was rapidly becoming desperate.

Pater asked the officer to take him to Washington at once, but Burns replied that he would have to lock him up and start for Washington in the morning. Then Pater asked Burns to go with him to his room for his bag, but Burns declined. At that Pater drew out his handkerchief and in putting it back in his breast pocket suddenly thrust his hand inside his coat and flashed a revolver into the face of the officer.

"I'll kill you, Burns," said the westerner, "if you dare to move." The crowd about the two men was quite dense, as it is a street car transfer point, and the homebound people were rushing about for their slips of paper. The crowd fell away rapidly at the appearance of the revolver, but Burns, although considerably older than his prisoner, jumped at him and pushed up his hand.

Pater struggled and succeeded in pinning the muzzle of the revolver at Burns' breast for a second time. Again the plucky officer closed with his man and his strength was not sufficient to wrench the weapon away, and there was no policeman near to assist him, although nearly a hundred were assembled at station 19, only a hundred yards away, for the evening roll call.

Pater in the second bout was able to get entirely free from the grasp of the marshal and then gradually backed away from him with the revolver still pointing at Burns, who did not dare to draw his own weapon for fear that the gun play would result fatally to the crowd. Pater was about a dozen yards off when he turned and darted down the street, followed by some of the crowd and the officer. He soon disappeared, however, and Burns, after a fruitless chase for some distance, returned and reported his loss to the local authorities.

Every effort will be made by the Boston police to find Pater again for Marshal Burns.

SUING FOR DAMAGES.

To Recover for Death of Martin J. Flint of Randolph.

Burlington, March 27.—An unexpected ending came yesterday in county court in the case of Seymour Parrott vs. Frank W. Prior and Augusta Prior, when the case was settled and discontinued and the jury discharged. The trial of this case was begun Friday afternoon and some testimony was taken. The plaintiff brought suit to recover damages of \$1,000 on the ground that there had been fraudulent representations at the time he bought the farm. A title to the farm was never given to the plaintiff, although he moved to the premises and lived there for some months, a bond for a deed being given. After a time the plaintiff declared that the farm had been misrepresented by statements made relative to the number of cattle it would support. He moved from the premises some time ago. The settlement of the case was made out of court, each side to pay its own costs.

The next case to be taken up will be that of William J. Boldgett, administrator, vs. the Central Vermont Railway Co. This is an action brought to recover damages of \$10,000 for the death of Martin J. Flint of Randolph, who was instantly killed at West Berlin, May 15 last, by being struck by a train. Mr. Flint was driving across the track when the collision occurred and was dead when picked up. It is alleged by the plaintiff the accident occurred through the negligence of the defendant company. The trial of the case will probably occupy three or four days.

FIVE ARRESTS MADE.

Growing Out of a Tangle in a Pittsburg Bank.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 27.—Five arrests were made yesterday as a result of the failure of the Enterprise National bank of Allegheny, last October following the sensational suicide of its cashier, T. Lee Clark. Those taken into custody were, Forest R. Nichols, private secretary to William H. Andrew, Charles Metzger, George R. Alston and Edward P. McMillan, employees of the Enterprise bank and George E. Cook, an alleged partner of Cashier Clark in real estate deals.

The charge against Metzger is that he clerk in the bank, he certified checks drawn by persons who had not sufficient funds on deposit there to meet the checks drawn so certified. Nichols is charged with conspiring with an officer of the bank who is not named to abstract and willfully apply unlawfully moneys, funds and credits of the bank. Alston and McMillan are charged with making false entries in the books to defraud the bank, while Cook is charged with conspiring to defraud the bank by getting false credits.

The five men furnished bonds in \$5,000 each. The arrests are the result of the investigation made by Bank Examiner Moses, who has received the information to United States Commissioner Wm. Lindsay. The information was based on the alleged conspiracy of Nichols to use funds of the Enterprise bank in the interest of the Santa Fe Central Railroad company and the Pennsylvania Construction company.

DEMAND 1903 SCALE.

Ultimate Terms Under Which Mine Workers Would Settle.

Indianapolis, March 27.—The United Mine Workers, through President John Mitchell, Vice President T. L. Lewis and Herman C. Perry, president of the Illinois miners, yesterday presented to the coal operators in the executive session of the joint scale committee of the central competitive district their ultimate terms on the dispute over the wage scale.

The demand is for a restoration of the wage scale of 1903, which is an increase of 5.55 per cent. After the noon adjournment, President Mitchell said he had been informed that there were rumors that the operators believed that if they would stand firmly by their position and prolong the sessions of the joint scale committee, the miners would agree to sign the present scale and recede from their demand for an increase in wages. He explained that under no circumstances would there be an agreement at less than the scale of 1903 unless after a disagreement the operators could enforce less terms, and he did not believe they could.

A WOMAN ARRESTED.

Said to Be Concerned in Stockton, Cal., Murder.

Stockton, Cal., March 27.—The body of a man who was found in a trunk among the baggage at the Southern Pacific depot here on Saturday night has been identified as that of Albert N. McVieker, an employee of the Ravalli mine at Jamestown, Cal.

The police yesterday arrested at Antioch Mrs. Emma Le Doux, or Mrs. McVieker, as she is called here, who is declared to have purchased the trunk in which the body was placed, and also the rope with which it was bound. Her husband is now in Amador county.

It is supposed that if she committed the crime a man must have aided her, as McVieker was powerfully built. He had \$500 in cash, and it is believed that he was drugged, then crammed into the trunk and suffocated. Mrs. Le Doux declared that Catholic advice was administered to McVieker on Saturday morning by "Joe" Miller, but that she had nothing to do with the case aside from assisting in putting the body in the trunk. She gave no reason for the killing.

Dr. Hill, one of the autopsy surgeons, stated that blows on the head, causing congestion of the inner lining of the skull, caused death, and that there was no evidence of poison.

TOTAL VOTE ON LICENSE

Completed Returns Give No License Majority 7,016

WITH 29 LICENSE TOWNS

Only Five Are on the East Side of the State—There Were 37 "Yes" Towns in the State Last Year.

St. Albans, March 27.—Complete results of the license vote for the year ending March 27 have just been received here. They show that 29 cities and towns voted to license the sale of liquor, against 37 last year. The total "yes" vote this year was 20,931 and the total "no" vote was 27,947, making a no license majority for the state of 7,016.

STEAMER BURNED.

Fire at Fall River Line Dock at Newport, R. I.

Newport, R. I., March 27.—Steamer Plymouth of the Fall River line, caught fire at her dock at 1:30 o'clock this morning. She will be a total loss. The fire apparently caught on the upper deck and worked rapidly down through the vessel.

At 1:50 a. m., the flames had communicated to the long shed beside which the Plymouth was lying, and also the fall shears used in hoisting out machinery. One of the Fall River line freight steamers was at the dock, and at 2 o'clock efforts were being made to haul her into the harbor. The wind at that time was blowing strong from the south and sending the flames toward the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad repair shops.

A general alarm was sounded. The Plymouth had been at the wharf for a few days, and a few caretakers were on board. At 3 o'clock it was evident that the steamer would be a total loss.

THREE INSURANCE MEN SAID TO BE WANTED

Warrants for Their Arrest Said to Have Been Issued Today by Magistrate Moss in New York.

New York, March 27.—Magistrate Moss in Central street police court this morning, as the result of a conference with District Attorney Jerome, is said to have issued three warrants for three insurance officials whose names have been prominently identified with the evidence adduced by the Armstrong committee.

INJURED ON A CROSSING.

J. B. Puffer of Underhill Has Narrow Escape from Death.

Underhill, March 27.—J. B. Puffer was injured here yesterday and his wagon was badly demolished by being struck by the train on the Burlington & LaMoille road. Mr. Puffer was about to drive over the Whitecomb crossing and owing to the location of the track did not see the approaching train, which was going to Burlington. Just as the horse was about to step on the track Mr. Puffer noticed the train and reined the animal about in time to avoid the engine. When the horse turned, the wagon was thrown against the train and demolished. Mr. Puffer being thrown to the ground, striking on his head and shoulder. The horse ran a short distance and was stopped. Mr. Puffer is 77 years old and lives at Jericho Center. It is not believed that he is seriously injured, although he is badly cut and bruised.

FATALLY SCALDED.

Death of Little Josephine Pike of Farmington.

Farmington, N. H., March 27.—Four-year old Josephine Pike, the daughter of Mrs. C. Pike of this town, died yesterday as the result of severe scalds received on Saturday.

While her mother was washing the floor the little one, stumbling as she ran about the room at her play, fell head foremost into a large pail of boiling water. She was frightfully scalded and suffered greatly.

WOMAN DOCTOR ASSAULTED.

She Screamed and the Burglar Made His Escape.

JENNIE KIRKLAND HADLEY.

Wealth of Wife of Prominent Granite Manufacturer.

Mrs. Jennie Kirkland Hadley, wife of W. R. Hadley, a prominent granite manufacturer of this city, died at 6:50 last evening after nearly a year's illness with cancer. Last June Mrs. Hadley was operated upon at the Mary Fisher hospital in Burlington and later she went to a sanitarium in North Adams, Mass. She returned to her home in this city on March 2.

Mrs. Hadley was born in Middlesex, Vt., in July, 1860. She was married to W. R. Hadley of this city on November 1, 1887. She leaves her husband, four brothers and one sister. Her brothers are Charles and John of this city, William of Omaha, Neb., and James of Middlesex. Her sister is Mrs. Fannie Kuhn of Cleveland, Ohio. The deceased was an attendant of the Methodist church, where she was highly esteemed. The funeral will be held from the house at 10 Spaulding street, Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

ELLEN WEBSTER PARKS.

Death This Morning After Only a Brief Illness.

Mrs. Ellen Webster Parks, wife of George W. Parks of 495 North Main street, died shortly after five o'clock this morning, after a three months' illness with cancer.

Mrs. Parks was born in Cabot, this state, 63 years ago. Later she lived in Marshfield and during the latter part of her life she has resided in this city, where her husband has dealt in real estate to a considerable extent. She was a member of the local Universalist church.

Mrs. Parks leaves, besides her husband, two sons and one daughter, they being Albert, of Hyde Park; Arthur W. of this city, and Miss Joanna, a student at Boston University.

The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

CASE NOT PROSEC.

End of a Suit Against Licensed Liquor Seller in Court.

Burlington, March 27.—The case against Arthur M. Smith, who holds a first class license in Winoski, was not prosecuted in city court yesterday. The case dates back to July 8 of last year and was based upon the disclosure of David Bestie who was convicted of a fourth offence of intoxication June 27, Bestie said he obtained some beer at Smith's place. His statements, however, are not of the kind to lead any one to think he is telling the truth and his whereabouts at present is unknown. With these views in mind the city attorney moved the case be not prosed.

DRANK BOTTLE OR IODINE.

Stockbridge Man Who Was Very Ill Died From Effects.

Bethel, March 27.—Arthur Wright, of Gayville, a village in the town of Stockbridge, aged 28 years, died Sunday as the result of taking an overdose of powerful medicine. He had been ill of typhoid pneumonia and was left alone for a few minutes Saturday morning. When the nurse returned the patient had drained a bottle containing iodine. Dr. L. M. Greene, of this place, was summoned, but was unable to save the man who died Sunday, after suffering intense pain. A wife and two children survive.

SETTLING LABOR DIFFERENCES.

Conductors and Trainmen in Conference With C. V. Managers.

St. Albans, March 27.—Committees representing the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen were in conference with the management of the Central Vermont railway yesterday, with a view to an early adjustment of certain matters affecting the conditions of employment. Up to this time it is said that no definite settlement has been reached, but there is a prospect that it will not be long delayed.

ICE GOING UP.

Burlington Dealers Announce Five Per Cent Increase.

Burlington, March 27.—With the announcement of a five per cent increase in the retail prices of ice for the coming summer, the dealers closed their ice harvesting season here yesterday. Nineteen thousand tons have been stored away since work was begun on March 3, and while this is in quantity up to the average annual yield, in quality it is somewhat below the standard.

SAW 23 DEER.

Westford Man Reports They Are Very Plenty.

Burlington, March 27.—G. H. Fay of Westford arrived in this city yesterday and reported seeing a herd of 23 deer Sunday afternoon in a pasture owned by L. Bates of this town. The deer remained in the pasture until they were frightened away by the barking of a dog. Deer are numerous in that section and a short time ago nine deer were seen in a meadow.

NOT A CENT OF INSURANCE

Loss of \$5,000 at Moretown Last Night

AND CAUSE IS UNKNOWN

New Sawmill, Located Between Moretown and Northfield, Destroyed Last Night--Women Fight Fire at Chelsea.

Northfield, March 27.—The steam saw mill, situated in Moretown, four miles from this village, on the Cox Brook road, and owned by H. O. Wood was burned to the ground about eleven o'clock last night, the cause of the fire being unknown. The mill was practically a new one, it having been built but three years ago. The loss on the mill and machinery is about \$5,000 without a cent of insurance.

BURNING DYNAMITE.

Blazing Box Filled With Explosive Carried From Fiery Building.

Burlington, March 27.—Sixteen sticks of dynamite burning was the unusual spectacle yesterday on Spear street at the site where C. L. Foote of Chicago is building a summer residence. The dynamite was to have been used by F. H. McCale, who is making excavations, and it was placed in a temporary shack which had been erected by Nichols & Parker, the contractors.

The dynamite was near the stove and became heated so that it began to burn. The shack caught fire and a portion of it was consumed. Near the stove was a large quantity of dynamite in a box and this box caught fire but before the flames were communicated to the confined explosive the box was seized by Frank Abair and carried from the burning building and thrown into a snow bank, thus extinguishing the blaze and preventing a terrific explosion.

WOMEN SAVED HOUSE.

Fought Fire With Snow and Water at Chelsea Yesterday.

Chelsea, March 27.—On yesterday afternoon Miss Alice, the daughter of John Sutton, who lives on the west hill, discovered that the portico of the house was on fire. She ran nearly a half-mile to a neighbor's house, where her mother was at work, and gave the alarm, and the mother and Miss Josephine Hubbard returned with her, after giving the alarm by telephone. These women kept the fire under control with snow and water until the neighboring men came and after a hard-fought battle succeeded in extinguishing the flames and saving the house.

MERIDEN THEATRE BURNED.

Loss by This Morning's Fire Is Set at \$70,000.

Meriden, Conn., March 27.—The Meriden theatre was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. It is estimated that the loss is \$70,000.

LIABILITIES INCREASED OVER \$60,000 LAST YEAR

Northfield Village Reports, Now in the Hands of the Auditors, Show Total Debt of \$90,000--Various Items of Expense.

Northfield, March 27.—The accounts of the several departments of the village now in the hands of the auditors are practically completed and show that the liabilities have increased approximately \$60,000 over last year, making in all about \$90,000. The cost of the village department not including the water department is about \$10,500, of which \$1,588 have been expended in the street department, \$1,004 on the fire department, \$1,904 for lights on the street, \$2,200 paid notes at bank and \$5,000 for other miscellaneous expenses.

The electric light department has cost approximately \$14,500; \$4,200 being paid for supplies, \$1,400 for labor, \$1,500 notes at bank and \$4,550 to Moody and Almon.

The cost of the water department has been \$50,300, \$18,500 being paid the Andrews Acqueduct Co. for the purchase of the old water system and \$40,800 for the construction of the new water system. It has cost \$370 to keep the old system in repair during the year receiving for rents about \$1,400.

PLAY INDOOR BASE BALL.

Cyclones Beat Winners, 26 to 14--First Game at Montpelier.

Montpelier, March 27.—Indoor base ball was played for the first time in public in this city in the armory last evening between the Cyclones, captained by Clarence H. Senter, and the Winners, with C. H. Wilkinson captain. The Cyclones won, 26 to 14.

The game is played with nine men on a side, but with two shortstops and only two fielders, and the rules of field base ball practically govern.