

**TRY TO PROVE
PRIEST FIEND
AN IMPOSTER**

**Church Officials Begin
Inquiry Into Record of
Rev. Schmidt.**

CLEAR RIVER MYSTERY

**New York Clergymen Con-
fesses Killing Girl and Hack-
ing Body to Pieces.**

New York, Sept. 15.—In the hope of branding as an imposter and pseudo priest, Rev. Hans Schmidt, alleged self-confessed slayer of Anne Amuller, victim of New York's river murder mystery, Roman Catholic church authorities began today a sweeping investigation of Schmidt's record and pretensions to ordination. "We hope, of course, to be able to prove this unspeakable monster was an imposter and had been using forged papers," declared Monsignor Lavelle, general of the archdiocese of New York. "That is something we are trying to clear up now. He came to this diocese with credentials apparently in every way authentic and genuine, but we know practically nothing of him. The crime is too horrible to conceive. We can only hope he may prove to have been a pseudo priest."

IS SLAIN IN BED.

In a cell at the Tombs, with a coat for a pillow, Schmidt slept soundly through the night, and arose this morning to partake of a hearty breakfast. He had little to add to his alleged confession of last night, in which he is said to have told the police he killed his victim as she lay in bed, cut up the body in the bathtub of the apartment, where he had established her, wrapped the parts in five bundles and dropped them in the Hudson river. To Rev. L. J. Evers, Tombs chaplain, Schmidt was said to have made the following declaration: "I was directed to kill her by St. Elizabeth, who is my patron, as a sacrifice to be consummated, as was the sacrifice of Abraham in blood." To the police Schmidt is alleged to have said: "I killed her because I loved her." The police believe, however, he killed her because she was soon to be a mother. They believe she accepted as genuine the marriage ceremony through which she went with the alleged slayer, last February, in which he was both priest and the bridegroom.

REVIVE KELLNER MURDER.

The police sought today to obtain from Schmidt some statement of what he might know of the murder of eight-year-old Alma Kellner, whose mutilated body was found in quick lime in the basement of St. John's church in Louisville, Ky., two years and a half ago. From August, 1909 to 1910 Schmidt was a visitor in Louisville, not officially connected with any church there, but as a guest at the home of Rev. Henry B. Westermann, rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Alma Kellner disappeared Dec. 3, 1909. Her body was found nine months after by Joseph Wedding, janitor of St. John's church, who is serving a life term for the crime. Wedding stoutly denied his guilt, and the jury did not consider the evidence sufficient to lodge against him a verdict of first degree murder.

CONFESSION MADE BY PRIEST.

The confession, which the police say Schmidt signed, follows: "I met Anna Amuller two years ago at the parish house at St. Boniface church. She was employed as a servant there. I was attracted by her beauty. I became infatuated with her. I loved her. "I killed her because I loved her so much. She was so beautiful, so good, I could not let her live without me."

"I had made up my mind that she and I could not live together. I was a priest and must remain with my church. I could not let her go away from me. So I opened the door of the flat. I awakened her. I told her I had come to fulfill my threat. Then I drew the knife across her throat. "I cut the body into six pieces. I made trips to the Fort Lee ferry, each time with a part of her precious body in a bundle. When the ferryboat reached the middle of the stream I would throw a piece into the water and when the boat reached the other side of the river I would return and go back to the flat. "After I had disposed of the body I wanted to destroy all evidence of the crime. I took the mattress on which I had slain her and carried it to a vacant lot and there burned it."

WILLING TO PAY PENALTY.
"I am guilty; that is all I can say. I must pay the penalty. There is nothing else for me to do. But I loved Anna Amuller.

"She wanted me to marry her and

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.
Generally fair tonight and Tuesday, not much change in temperature, moderate winds.
Temperature at 7 a. m. 49. Highest yesterday 76, lowest last night 49.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 10 miles per hour.
Precipitation none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 33, at 7 a. m. 71.
Stage of water 2.4, no change in last 48 hours.
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening star: Jupiter. Morning stars: Saturn, Venus, Mars, Mercury. Total eclipse of the moon visible partly in the United States. Moon enters shadow at Charleston, S. C., 5:33 a. m.; Chicago, 5:21 a. m.; Denver, 5:52.5 a. m.; San Francisco 2:28 a. m.

**FLYER FALLS
TO HIS DEATH
AT KNOX FAIR**

Galesburg, Ill., Sept. 15.—
Aviator Lillie was killed at the district fair today when a gust of wind hit his machine when several hundred feet in the air. Several thousand saw the accident.

I procured a marriage license. She trusted me. I am a priest and ordained to perform the marriage ceremony, so when she insisted upon a ceremony I married myself to her. There was no need of any other priest doing it. It was just as absolute as if I had called in another person with authority to perform a marriage ceremony. She was my wife.
The priest, according to his story, was born in Anshaffenburg, Germany, in 1881. He attended college and at the age of 18 enrolled in St. Augustine's seminary in Mainz and on Dec. 26, 1904, was ordained. He held several charges in Germany and then came to America because of poor health.
After remaining in New York City a short time he was assigned to a church at Louisville, Ky. In 1909 he went to Trenton, N. J., and in December, 1910, he became assistant to Father Braun, rector of St. Boniface's church, where he met the Amuller girl.
In November, 1912, Schmidt left St. Boniface to become assistant rector.

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**BOWERY MOURNS
FOR DEAD LEADER**

**Impressive Honors Paid the
Memory of 'Big Tim' Sullivan
in Gotham.**

New York, Sept. 15.—"Big Tim" Sullivan passed through the streets of the East Side the last time today. The body was taken this morning to the old cathedral St. Patrick's a quarter of a mile from the rooms of the association bearing his name, where it lay in state since Saturday afternoon. Tens of thousands of men and women from every section of New York had gazed on the features there, and a throng as only the East Side can furnish followed it today to the cathedral and to the last resting place in Calvary cemetery, Brooklyn. A delegation of congressmen led the mourners and behind them marched the longest funeral train the East Side has ever seen. A thousand members of the Timothy D. Sullivan association and a dozen other East Side organizations and an army of the Bowery's poor were in line.

**MULHALL FIBBER
MR. COLE STATES**

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—Former Representative Cole of Ohio today before the house lobby committee, branded as false the charges made against him by Mulhall.
"Mulhall came to my office," said Cole, "and started to tell me I had to stop my fight on Speaker Cannon. I ordered Mulhall out of the room and told him if he returned I would throw him out of the window. From that day I have never seen Mulhall. That's the way I served the national manufacturers."

**PROG CAMPAIGN
BODY APPOINTED**

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—The progressive congressional campaign committee organized today and 19 progressives of the house and Senator Poindexter were named upon it.

**MACK COMES
BACK IN SUIT
FOR DAMAGES**

**Sulzer Sleuth Charges
Party Leader Keeping
Campaign Funds.**

SECURED TO HELP DIX

**Alleged Contractors Contribut-
ed Large Sums in Fight
for Governorship.**

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Instead of appearing before Judge A. Hennessy, Governor Sulzer's special investigator, to answer charges of having failed to account for money contributed to him in the gubernatorial campaign of 1903, Norman E. Mack, former chairman of the democratic national and state committees, today through his secretary served Hennessy with a summons and complaint in a \$5,000 libel suit.
Mack complains that Hennessy caused to be published "charges to the effect that the plaintiff unlawfully appropriated to his own use moneys contributed by others as a campaign fund toward the election of John A. Dix as governor." Mack said the publication also charges in effect that the plaintiff blackmailed corporations and individuals with the collection of campaign funds.

BLACKMAIL IS ALLEGED.

Hennessy in a statement today said he has personal knowledge that canal and highway contractors and others were blackmailed for sums approximating \$200,000, which were not reported by Mack. "I predict the libel suit will never come to trial," said Hennessy. "Mack could not be drawn into court even by his bosses and friends, Charles Murphy and Ross Fitzpatrick."
Concerning Arthur A. McLean of the democratic state committee, who failed to appear today, Hennessy's statement says:
"McLean of course does not dare come. In any event his case is for the first grand jury we can take it to." Charges of the gravest nature respecting alleged misuse of campaign funds are included in Hennessy's statement.

STAR WITNESS GONE.

New York, Sept. 15.—Frederick L. Colwell of Yonkers, regarded as the star witness against Governor Sulzer at the forthcoming trial of impeachment charges, has disappeared, according to a statement of the impeachment managers.

**VOTE IN PRIMARY
ON BENCH LIGHT**

**Puterbaugh, Craig and Shay
Nominated for Supreme
Court Vacancy.**

SUPREME COURT NOMINEES.
CHARLES C. CRAIG of Galesburg, Democrat
LESLIE D. PUTERBAUGH of Peoria, Republican
ARTHUR H. SHAY of Streator, Progressive
Returns received from the 19 counties in the Fifth supreme court district indicate an unusually light vote polled in the primary elections for supreme court justice to succeed John P. Hand. In Peoria county the vote was only about one-tenth of the normal poll.
The nomination of Leslie D. Puterbaugh of Peoria, republican, is assured, he being the only candidate on that ticket. On the basis of returns received Charles C. Craig of Galesburg, democrat, is nominated on that ticket over A. M. Berglund of Galva.
On the progressive ticket the nomination of Arthur H. Shay of Streator is assured. The other progressive in the race was John Root of Galva.

**F. L. HOUGH, NOTED
SPORTSMAN, DIES**

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 15.—Frank L. Hough, sporting editor of the Philadelphia Enquirer, is dead at his home after a long illness. He was 55, and was known from coast to coast. At various times he had a financial interest in both boxing and baseball. In 1901 he was instrumental in placing the American league on a firm foundation in this city and had much to do with bringing players of the National league to the American. Last fall he sold his interest in the local American to Connie Mack.

MY WORD!



**WEAK TEAMS ARE
TO RECEIVE HELP**

**National Commission Has Plan
Up for Consideration at
Cincinnati Meeting.**

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 15.—Major and minor league magnates and others interested in the drafting of players by major league clubs from minor leagues were present when the national baseball commission began its annual meeting today. More drafts are entered than in any year since the national agreement went into effect. It is reported the commission will discuss a new plan for drafting players which would give an advantage to second division teams in major leagues which would help them build up. At present all clubs in the big leagues have equal advantage.
Chairman Hermann announced that, instead of the old way of placing in a hat the names of major league clubs who had entered drafts for same player of a class A or AA club and confining the selection to the player named winner in the lottery he given opportunity to choose any player from that club on which drafts have been made by any club. The old rule provided only one player could be drafted from one club and the winner in a drawing could only obtain the man for whom it entered a draft.

**CHARGE FAILURE
TO A NEW RULING**

**Big Coal Companies Located in
Chicago Are in Hands of
Receivers.**

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 15.—Fred A. Bussa and T. J. O'Gara, appointed Saturday as receivers for the O'Gara coal company of Harrisburg, the Big Muddy Coal company, Harrisburg and the Saline Colliery company, with liabilities of \$1,500,000, were today appointed by Federal Judge Carpenter, acting on a petition of creditors, receivers for the Middle States Coal company. The Vivian Collieries company and the Imperial Mining company, Illinois corporations, whose liabilities aggregate \$1,000,000. Counsel Haneey for the creditors, said the insolvency was brought about by a new rule of the United States commerce commission requiring railroads to insist upon payment of freight bills within 30 days.

**UNION VETERANS
GATHER IN DIXIE**

**Annual Encampment of Grand
Army of Republic Opens at
Chattanooga.**

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 15.—Assembled for the first time in a Southern city, more than 14,000 Union veterans are here today for the opening of the 47th annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Several thousand representatives of allied organizations, meeting in this city simultaneously with the annual encampment are also in the city. Incoming trains today swelled the attendance and a record crowd is predicted during the encampment week, which ends Saturday. Today is "Lookout Mountain Day." Despite a light rain hundreds visited the famous battle field.

**THREE ARE SLAIN
IN A FAMILY WAR**

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 15.—The police are searching for D. E. Baxter, 35, a telephone lineman, who it is said, early today went to the home of his wife's father, Henry Smith, and shot and killed Smith and his wife and son Oscar, 18. Baxter and his wife had been separated. Mrs. Baxter succeeded in eluding her husband and escaped from the house.

**BURGLARS BLOW
OPEN TWO SAFES**

**Crimes Committed During the
Night at Atkinson Not Dis-
covered Till Morning.**

FIRST HAUL DISAPPOINTS

**Taking Chance on Explosion Arousing
Citizens Thieves Try Again
With Poor Results.**

(Special to The Argus.)
Atkinson, Ill., Sept. 15.—Yeggon blew safes in two business houses here last night and escaped with \$118 cash. Being disappointed in the size of their first haul they risked the chance of the first explosion awakening citizens and broke into a second building. Only one resident of the village heard the charges fired and he was not aware of their significance and did not give an alarm.
The first place entered was the hardware store of M. T. Booth. The front door was pried off the hinges and nitroglycerine used in blowing up the safe, which was completely destroyed. All the currency in it, \$100, was taken.
At the other place, Ruml's grocery, a rear door was forced open and the method used in forcing the safe repeated. But \$18 was found here.
The robbers were not discovered till the morning. Then there were no promising clues to work on. It is believed that the yeggs came and went by auto.

**WILL HEAR THAW
WRIT TOMORROW**

**Protection of United States Al-
lays Fears of Attempts at
Kidnaping.**

Colebrook, N. H., Sept. 15.—Harry Thaw awaited anxiously today the arrival of Federal Marshal Nute bearing notice to Sheriff Drew that the fugitive must be produced on a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Aldrich at Littleton tomorrow morning. Thaw will then be under the protection of the United States pending disposition of the writ, and this guarantee of safety in the face of many rumors of kidnaping was a source of relief to him. Thaw lawyers desired to have the argument continued in order that the writ may be available at a later date, should it be found necessary to block extradition. If Aldrich insists that the argument proceed tomorrow it might result in freeing Thaw at once prior to the extradition hearing which Governor Felker has set for Wednesday. With Thaw free again serious complications would be possible. His lawyers would be acting within their rights if they attempted to rush him from the state. Jerome and his forces would of course seek to hold him. A physical struggle between the factions is not out of the question as both sides have a lot of private detectives on hand.
Concord, N. H., Sept. 15.—Governor Felker's desk is buried beneath a pile of letters and telegrams relating to the Thaw case. Most of these messages appeared to be the result of a movement originating in Kansas to create sentiment favorable to Thaw. The governor is not expected at the statehouse today. Official request for the extradition of Thaw has been filed at the governor's office.

**ASK \$25,000,000
FOR GOOD ROADS**

St. Louis Merchant Dead.
St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15.—Elias Michael, president of one of the largest wholesale and retail dry goods firms in St. Louis, is dead, aged 69.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—Senators Thornton and Bankhead introduced bills appropriating \$25,000,000 for good roads in cooperation with states.

**MILK PRODUCERS
GET PRICE BOOST**

**Increase in Elgin District Is
Ten Cents per Hundred
Over Last Year.**

Elgin, Ill., Sept. 15.—Winter contracts for milk opened in the Elgin district today by big dealers offering an increase of 10 cents a hundred on a flat rate over last year's price. This year's flat rate offer is \$1.75. For milk that tests 3.8 or over the average price offered is \$1.85. Producers in Elgin signed up freely, but in other localities it is declared the farmers are holding off for an average of \$1.52 1/2 for the winter months, October to March inclusive.

AMERICANS LED BY CONSUL.

The Americans are headed by Deputy Consul General J. C. Allen of Monterey, who went to Torreon to notify American residents there of President Wilson's exit warning. They left Torreon on Sept. 1, traveling by the most available conveyance across the plains in the direction of Saltillo, there having been no railroad communication for many weeks.
They were passed on the way by J. R. Everett of Palestine, Texas, near Pecos, about half way to Saltillo, or approximately 80 miles from Torreon. Everett reached Saltillo Sept. 1, and reported that the caravan was making slow headway owing to the bad roads and poor equipment.
Conception del Oro, in Zacatecas, where some Americans have been marooned for several months, is about to be relieved by Gen. Pena, who is proceeding southward from Saltillo.
Agua Calientes, which has been reported threatened by rebels, is said to be sufficiently garrisoned to insure its safety. Popobampo, a seaport of Sinaloa, is reported to have been retaken by federals, assisted by the gunboat Tampoco.

URRUTIA RESIGNS.

Mexico City, Sept. 15.—Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, Mexican minister of the interior, author of the so-called ultimatum to the United States, was promptly repudiated by Foreign Minister Gamba, has left the cabinet. His resignation was accepted at midnight by Huerta. It is said foreign diplomats here were opposed to the retention of Urrutia because of his anti-foreign sentiments.

ON LONG TRIP.

Friends in the city have received word that Bert Mayo of Moline has arrived at Salt Lake City on his overland trip in an auto. He is enroute from Los Angeles to Boston and expects to stop here on his way

**REFUGEES IN
MEXICO MAY
ALL BE SAFE**

**No Official Confirmation
of Reported Imprison-
ment by Rebels.**

MONEY TO AID RETURN

**Senate Passes House Resolu-
tion for \$100,000 to Be
Immediately Available.**

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—The senate today passed without reference to committee the house joint resolution appropriating \$100,000 to get Americans out of Mexico.

The state department have no official dispatches regarding 100 American fugitives in the Mexican desert between Torreon and Saltillo, mentioned in unofficial dispatches, being hurt by bandits. Officials here are inclined to believe the Americans are in no danger. Agents of the constitutionalists' movement stoutly maintained the Americans to be in no danger at all, and would be protected by constitutionalist forces against any marauding bands. The territory the Americans are traveling is controlled entirely by constitutionalists, and their agents have been given to understand the United States looks to them for protection.

ATROCITIES FEARED.

Mexico City, Sept. 15.—One hundred Americans, including a number of women and children, refugees from Torreon, are reported to have fallen into the hands of rebels while proceeding overland to Saltillo. The authorities at Saltillo decline to take the responsibility of sending a force to their rescue, fearing, they say, that the rebels might commit atrocities upon the refugees, which possibly otherwise would be avoided.

The report comes from an official source at Saltillo, but has not been confirmed. The American embassy has been advised and has called upon the Mexican forces to investigate the matter and do whatever is possible to relieve the Americans should the report prove true.
Senator Gamba, the foreign minister, has had no advice further than the communication to the embassy. He expresses regret, but added that it was no more than might be expected as the result of the "neutrality policy" of the United States which had hampered the administration in proceeding with a strong hand against rebels and bandits.

Gen. Trucy Aubert, a federal commander, with 1,000 men, who is proceeding from the north to the relief of Torreon, passed Saltillo yesterday. He is traveling over approximately the same route as the Americans and it is regarded as possible that the rebels will disappear before his advance. He is, however, making slow progress. Meantime the fate of the refugees remains in doubt.

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