

# MISS LENEVE NOT GUILTY SAYS JURY

## DECIDE CRIPPEN'S TYPIST DID NOT KNOW OF MURDER SHE PLEADED NOT GUILTY

### When Arraigned and Prosecution Introduces No New Evidence. Not Put in Witness Box

London, Oct. 25.—After a trial lasting only a few hours in the new Bailey criminal court today a jury found Ethel Clara Leneve not guilty as an accessory after the fact in the murder of Corna Belle Crippen for whose death her husband, Dr. Crippen will die on the gallows on November 8.

Miss Leneve was in love with Dr. Crippen and slept in his house on the night of the day following the day upon which the doctor murdered his wife and buried the dismembered parts in the cellar of his Hilltop Crescent home. She accompanied Crippen in his flight to Canada and with him was arrested and indicted.

From the first she has maintained innocence of any knowledge of the crime, but the crown alleged that her behavior subsequent to the disappearance of Mrs. Crippen, or Belle Elmore as she was known on the stage, was such as to betray a guilty knowledge of the murder.

### Pleaded Not Guilty.

When arraigned today, Miss Leneve pleaded not guilty, the witnesses were introduced by the prosecution to show that she had experienced periods of great mental distress following Belle Elmore's death. The crown prosecutor, Richard Muir, introduced only such evidence as has been brought out in the earlier hearings.

Miss Leneve's counsel, Frederick E. Smith, M. P., asked the jury to bear in mind that his client had been under the influence of Crippen, one of the most dangerous criminals of recent years, since she was sixteen years of age. This he asserted, accounted for her flight in the doctor's company.

There was no proof that she had knowledge of the crime.

Counsel said that he took upon his own shoulders the responsibility for not putting Miss Leneve in the witness box.

Lord Chief Justice Alverstone, who presided, in summing up for the jury said that he saw no reason why Dr. Crippen should have told Miss Leneve a story different from that which he told to others.

J. H. Jennings is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Joe Campbell, on Watauga Ave.

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## CALIFORNIAN FIRST WAR SPY

Lafayette C. Baker Was the First Chief of Detective Bureau of the United States.

To California fell the honor in the dark days of the Civil war of supplying the first national chief of the government detective bureau. The man chosen to head this most important department was Lafayette C. Baker, who arrived at the Golden Gate in 1863, coming by way of Panama. He was an active member of the vigilance committee at San Francisco from 1856 to 1861. Early in the spring of 1861 he returned to New York, expecting to remain in the east only a short time, but at the very moment he was ready to



He Was Compelled to Kill One and Wound Two Others.

start for the Pacific slope the toads of war startled the land, and in common with the loyal citizens of the north he decided to abandon his private business enterprises and serve the imperiled country.

It was in April of that year that Baker visited Washington city for the purpose of allying himself with the government in the defense of his country. There he had an interview with General Scott, who was then in command of the army of the United States.

Present at the interview was Hon. George W. Wright of California, and at that time the plans were discussed and laid for a visit to be made by Baker to Richmond, which was the capital of the Confederacy. In pursuance of this plan the start was made for Richmond on July 11, the purpose of the hazardous journey being to learn, if possible, the locality and strength of the hostile troops and of their fortifications. There being traitors in the government and in the army, the Union troops were not let into the secret of the expedition or its mission. Therefore Baker's first step from Washington in the direction of the "sacred soil of Virginia" was one of great risk, as any attempt to pass the lines might cause his arrest.

Twice at least he was apprehended and returned to Washington, but after many tribulations he succeeded in evading the outposts and hired a negro boy to row him across the river. Here he was promptly placed under arrest by the confederate sentinels. By them he was discredited and looked upon as a spy, when he assured them that he was a peaceful citizen, unarmed and on his way to Richmond.

Four days after his arrival in Richmond Baker was ushered into the presence of President Jefferson Davis, the audience being in the front parlor of the Spotswood house. The weather being warm, the confederate chieftain wore simply a light linen coat, without vest, cravat or collar. Davis listened with indifference to the story told by Baker, and at the conclusion of the narrative gave no intimation as to his probable action. After a lapse of three days the suspected spy was for the third time taken into the presence of Davis. Impersonating Sam, a son of Judge Munson of Knoxville, who went to California at an early day, Baker succeeded in deceiving the president, from whom he received a parole that released him from confinement and pledged himself not to leave Richmond without first having received permission from the provost marshal. Richmond thus became an open book to Baker, who soon obtained all the information he desired relative to the movements, plans, fortifications and strength of the enemy. Being anxious to return to the north without delay, he secured a pass that carried him to Fredericksburg. At a point four miles below that city he crossed the Rappahannock without difficulty, but in stealing an old rowboat in the potomac he was so closely pursued that he was compelled to kill one and wound two of the confederate sentinels who were guarding the river bank.

This, then, is the story of the beginning of the secret service department of the government, although it was not until August, 1861, that Baker became regularly attached to the war department as secret agent.

### L'FOLLETTE ENTIRELY WELL FROM OPERATION

Rochester, Minn., Oct. 26.—Senator and Mrs. Robert LaFollette left Rochester today for Madison, Wis., their home. Senator LaFollette has completely recovered from his recent operation at a hospital here.

## IT ABOUNDS IN TENNESSEE HICKEY IS ESTEEMED BY PEOPLE

### State Geologist Ashley Issues Bulletin Giving History of Zinc Mining in This State

Recent developments have demonstrated the possibility of profitable mining the bodies of low grade ore forty or fifty miles long and hundreds of feet wide. The state geological survey has just issued a bulletin of less than twenty pages, dealing with the mining of zinc in Tennessee. The paper is illustrated and was written by Samuel W. Osgood, of Knoxville, who has been associated with zinc mining in the Joplin and Galena districts, and more recently in the East Tennessee district. The paper refers briefly to the character and geology of the ore. Then discusses the past history of zinc mining in Tennessee, and points out the cause of past failures. Then it describes recent experimental developments on a much larger scale than had heretofore been attempted with results that lead Mr. Osgood to believe that the profitable development of the ores have been demonstrated.

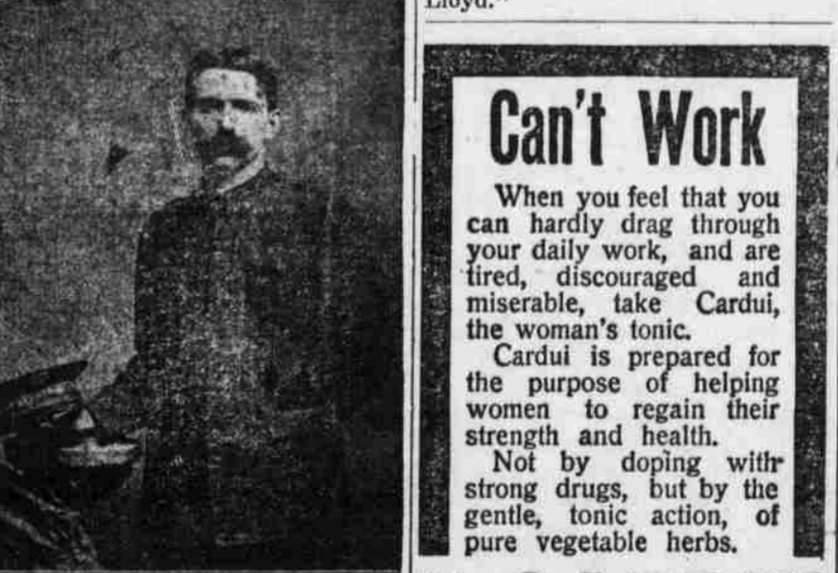
The ore is of a low grade, though higher than the Joplin, Missouri, ore, and Mr. Osgood believes that the key to the situation is simply the working of the deposits on a large enough scale to permit of the use of labor saving machinery so as to reduce the per ton cost of mining and milling the ore, and he gives the figures upon which his conclusions are based. He also gives figures to show that the smelting of Tennessee ores in Tennessee should prove a very profitable business when properly carried on.

It is only another case similar to the copper situation at Ducktown, where a deposit that could be worked on a small scale only at a loss will yield a handsome revenue if worked on a large scale with proper machinery. The same thing is true of much of the mining operations on the metalliciferous ores everywhere today. A large share of the metals are today obtained from low grade ores by the use of up-to-date machinery that could not have been profitably mined a few years ago. It is believed that ultimately Tennessee will be found to possess many other low grade deposits that will be workable only when capable to the extent of at least several hundred thousand dollars is invested in their development.

The bulletin is part G of Bulletin No. 2, and is entitled "Zinc Mining in Tennessee." It can be obtained from the state geologist by inclosing postage one cent.

## SALVATION ARMY SPECIAL MEETINGS

Captain D. G. Coy, the officer in charge of the local work, has Captain Baker Galliber, from Bristol, Tenn., for the week's meeting. Captain Galliber has a wonderful experience which he will give during the week. Tonight several will give their testimony as to how they were saved and what brought about their conversion. On Thursday Captain Galliber will speak on the Army's work in Kentucky and the experience with the feudist of Breathitt county.



drunkard's meeting conducted by the Captain.

It is hoped that the Christi in friends will make an effort to get some of the worst drunkards in Johnson City to the Saturday night meetings. On Sunday night will be given some lively talks, after which Captain Galliber will give his experience since his conversion. Galliber has been arrested twenty-eight times. He joined the Salvation Army when he was only twenty-one years of age, this being in the year of 1899. He has spent most of his time in the Army work and has been a commissioned officer for several years.

## EX-GOV. CANDLER PASSES AWAY

Atlanta, Oct. 26.—Allan Daniel Candler, twice governor of Georgia, died at his home here this morning after an extended illness. Governor Candler was 76 years old and was born in Aurora, Lumpkin county.

Governor Candler was graduated from Mercer college in 1859 and became a school teacher at Jonesboro. In 1861 he entered the Confederate army as a private and rose to the rank of colonel.

## JUDGE J. E. JONES DELIVERS A BLOW

### COMET'S VOTING CONTEST 'HITS' DEMOCRATS WHO JOINED REPUBLICANS TO ELECT BEN GOVERNOR

Get In the Contest At Once and Work for This Nice Present to be Given Away Xmas

The Comet is very much gratified at the interest taken in the Pony Contest this early and desires to say to the young contestants that other prizes will be added so as to give more of you an opportunity of getting a reward for your efforts in our behalf. The second prize will be a \$60 bicycle fit for a king and nearly good enough for the children who are hustling for The Comet.

Christmas falls on Sunday this year and we have decided to close the contest on Friday night, December 23, so that the votes can be counted on Saturday and the happy winners have the fruits of their labor to enjoy on Christmas morning.

This contest is governed by the rules of common sense and every white child is eligible except members of the editor's family. Children can nominate themselves or their names can be sent in by friends by filling out the nominating coupon in the paper that entitles them to 5000 votes to start with. If it is accompanied by \$1 on subscription it gives the child 5,000 votes extra.

If you know a child who would like to have a Shetland pony as a gift, send us his name and we will do the best we can to help it get one, and if you know one who does not want a pony send its name along also, as we want to put it in our list of curios.

Get the children started early so all can get off even and the greatest hustler is sure to win a prize.

### Vote Allowance

For every dollar paid on new subscriptions to the daily or weekly edition 1000 votes will be allowed.

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All children who want to work in contest can get list of subscribers to collect from, receipt books and all information desired by calling at Comet office. The pony is a live one and if you are a live child you can win by constant work.

## HERALD AND TRIBUNE LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Hunt, of Johnson City, visited the Misses Hawkins Sunday.

Miss Sarah Slemons visited Miss Emily Miller, of Johnson City, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, of Johnson City, were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Romeo J. Russell, after an extended visit to points in California, has returned to Jonesboro.

Miss Mary Nell Dossier, of Johnson City, spent Sunday here with Miss Margaret Slemons.

Mrs. E. H. Bachman, of Johnson City, was the guest Friday of Mrs. Virginia Cox at the "Columns."

Mrs. W. W. Brazewell, of Johnson City, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. DeVault Sunday.

Mrs. N. C. Harris, of Johnson City, while enroute to Knoxville to visit with relatives, spent Thursday here with her sister, Miss Anita Anderson.

## WHEW! WHEW!

A young gentleman from Johnson City, Tenn., who is attending Pike seminary high school, was out riding the other moonlight night with a popular young lady clerk of this village by the name of Mabel, when he discovered by the roadside what he supposed was a black squirrel, and quicker than lightning he jumped from the buggy and threw his new overcoat over it. This "squirrel" was not the kind that climbs trees, but a kind that robs heroes, which he discovered to his horror and sorrow. After the coat was nicely performed he threw it in the back of his buggy and drove speedily home, promising to give the young lady a scent if she would keep the matter quiet. But the scent proved to be a bad one, and Mabel let the "cat out of the bag." W-h-e-w!—Wyoming County, N. Y., Gazette.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

D. H. Willard is at home for a few days.

Tom Dyer has sufficiently recovered from an attack of typhoid fever to be at the City Barber Shop again.

J. L. Love, the greatest insurance hustler this section has ever known, came up from Chattanooga last week and spent several days here around his old headquarters. He left yesterday for Irvington, Ky., and will try the blue grass fields for awhile. The Comet goes after him daily.

Dr. T. B. Russell, who is in the employ of the Anti-Saloon League, is in from a speaking tour in lower part of the state. He spoke in Bristol Sunday.

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