

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY NAMED IN LEAK PROBE

BROTHER OF HIS WIFE, A BROKER, ALSO SAID TO HAVE PROFITED

Sensational Statements Made at the Session of the House Rules Committee Which is Making Investigation.

OTHER PROMINENT MEN ARE MENTIONED

Among Them is Otto H. Kuhn of the Famous Banking Firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Company—Broker Furnished Information.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Smouldering rumors that some one made money in the stock market with "leak" information about the sending of President Wilson's peace note blazed up at a sensational session of the House Rules committee today at its first hearing on Representative Wood's resolution for an investigation.

NEW MINES ARE PRODUCING BIG

Hutchinson Company Getting 2,500 Tons at Laura Lee.

At the Raymond Mine, a short distance west of Clarksburg, is being opened by the Hutchinson Coal company. Five hundred tons of coal will be produced each day with a complement of 100 men.

MARION TOWNS ELECT OFFICERS

Three towns in Marion county elected their municipal officers yesterday in compliance with the law which fixes January 4 as the date for such elections. There are five towns in the county whose elections are scheduled for the 4th, but Fairview and Worthington were so well pleased with the present municipal officers that no new ticket was nominated and consequently no election was necessary.

Making Capital Second Athens

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Establishment in Washington of a university center for higher study and the making of the National capitol the center of higher education in the United States has been brought toward completion by a sub-committee supported by some of the great universities of the country.

One New Case Is Reported at Elkins

(By Associated Press) ELKINS, Jan. 5.—Dr. J. P. Leake, of the United States Public Health Service is in the city to co-operate with the local board of health and Dr. C. E. Weirich of the State Bureau of Preventable Diseases in fighting the threatened epidemic of infantile paralysis.

JOE STRICKLER IS ARRESTED IN OHIO

One Time Bad Man Much Subdued When He Was Brought Back.

Joe Strickler, one of Marion county's bad men and gun artists, was captured in Bellaire, Ohio, yesterday after county officers had been on his track weeks. Constable Harry Connor and Deputy Sheriff Curry arrived early this morning with the prisoner, whose temperment has softened wonderfully since a few weeks ago.

The Weather

West Virginia—Fair tonight and Saturday much colder with cold wave. Local Readings: F. P. Hall, Ob. Temperature at 3 a. m. today 57. Yesterday's weather partly cloudy; temperature, maximum 57; minimum 27; precipitation .36.

CRUDE OIL NOW LACKS BUT JITNEY OF THE \$3 GOAL

Price Was Advanced to \$2.95 by the Purchasing Agencies.

OTHER GRADES GO UP TOO

Producers, However, Are Not Hopeful that Much Will Come Out.

(By Associated Press) PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5.—Pennsylvania crude oil came within five cents a barrel of the goal for which producers have been contending for many years when the principal purchasing agencies announced an advance of ten cents to \$2.95 at the opening of the market. Other grades advanced as follows: Mercer black, five cents to \$2.35; Corning, five cents to \$2.30; Cabell, five cents to \$2.27; Somerset, five cents to \$2.19; Ragland, two cents to 97 cents.

GREAT WHITE WAY LIGHTS TURNED ON FIRST LAST NIGHT

Globes Arrived Yesterday and Were Put in Place at Once.

Glowing opalescent globes lined Main street last night, the Great White Way for the first time having been lighted. Hundreds of persons, on learning that the long talked of lights were shining, made special trips down town to see what the street looked like.

Action Tomorrow on Paw Paw Petition

The county court will take action tomorrow afternoon on the petition of Paw Paw voters for a special road board election. Some alterations in the petition have been suggested by persons not wholly in accord with the progressive movement of the majority of Paw Paw district voters, but it is said that the petition as drawn up and signed will be presented intact to the court's attention.

Will Handle Funds of State Suffragists

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SUICIDE OF BERNARD W. LEWIS, OF PITTSBURGH, SOLVES MYSTERY OF WHO KILLED MAZIE COLBERT

MAZIE COLBERT AND HER CAREER.



Mazie Colbert, the beautiful model who was murdered, and a pen and ink story of her life. She was born in a small city. She went to Philadelphia, became a manicurist and on account of her beauty was called "Queen of the Manicures." She seldom walked home—wealthy men called for her in automobiles. She became a photographers model, then was murdered.

CAROLINA TROLLEYS START WEDNESDAY

Four Cars Each Way to Mine on Ordinary Week Days.

Passenger service on the Helens Run division of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company will be started January 10, the operating schedule for that division having been finally approved by S. Ennis, general manager of the Western Maryland Railroad, who was in Fairmont yesterday in conference with E. B. Moore, general manager of the traction company, with respect to the schedule.

Ball Players Frat Gets a Throw Down

(By Associated Press) CINCINNATI, Jan. 5.—The National Baseball Commission today dismissed the petition of the baseball players' fraternity. Of the four concessions asked for by the fraternity the commission held that three of them did not refer in any way to major leagues and therefore held that they were internal affairs of the National association and could come before the commission only on appeal.

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Toy Balloon Makes Record Aviators Might Well Envy

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 5.—A toy balloon was seen to drop at Claysville, 10 miles from here on Christmas day and today it was learned that it had been sent up by a Cincinnati, Ohio, man two days before Christmas making the almost unbelievable flight of 300 miles in two days.

SUFFRAGISTS WONT URGE CLAIMS NOW

Decide Not to Ask Legislature For Another Amendment Resolution.

(By Associated Press) WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 5.—The Legislature at its coming session will not be asked to again submit the equal suffrage amendment at the next election, it was decided at the final session of a two-day conference of the executive board of the West Virginia Equal Suffrage Association. The board was of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to ask for a resubmission of the issue at this time, but a permanent organization will be maintained.

Francis M. Valentine Dies at Edgemont

Francis M. Valentine aged 58 years, died last night at 6 o'clock at his home at Edgemont after a long illness from a complication of diseases. He is survived by his wife and several children, namely, Mrs. Harvey Clark of Pennsboro, Roscoe of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Albert Angle, of Brownsville, Pa., M. F. and J. C. Valentine of Edgemont and Mrs. Fay Hupp of Grafton. The deceased has been a resident of Edgemont for fifteen years. He was a member of the First M. E. Church. Funeral services will be held on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence and interment will be made in Woodlawn Cemetery by Undertaker R. C. Jones.

NURSING EXPERT VISITS THE CITY

Gives Talk at Meeting of the Public Health Nursing Service.

Mrs. Wilson, supervisor of Town and Country Nursing Service of the National Red Cross Society of Washington, D. C., was in the city yesterday in conference with the local Public Health Nursing Service and the Red Cross chapter.

Gibbons Funeral to Be Held Tomorrow

The funeral of Dr. George A. Gibbons, whose death occurred yesterday morning at his home at Romney, is announced to take place on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Several local friends of the deceased will leave here on the seven o'clock train on Saturday morning to attend the funeral.

FOR SALE.

Corner lot Bellview addition. Terms reasonable. Answer R. West Virginian.

Next Task For the Police is to Establish the Motive.

LEWIS LEFT NO LETTER

His Father is a Wealthy Retired Coal Operator.

(By Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Detectives at police headquarters here announced today that the suicide of Bernard W. Lewis, of Pittsburgh, in Atlantic City, last night, when he was trapped by authorities of that city, solved the mystery surrounding the murder of Maizie Colbert whose body, clad in violet silk pajamas, was found in her apartment here late last Saturday night.

The only thing that remains to be done, they said, was to find the motive for the crime.

Circumstantial evidence, the police say, convince them Lewis, who is the son of a wealthy retired Pittsburgh coal operator, was the slayer of the model.

Lewis was positively identified by Elwood Powell, the chauffeur, who drove him and the Misses Ethel and Mabel Kyle to their home in Germantown last Thursday night as the man he later took to Miss Colbert's apartments.

Philadelphia detectives who went to Atlantic City last night say that Lewis' hair matches that found clutched in the dead girl's hand and that Lewis was found to be wearing a woman's undershirt which corresponds exactly to garments worn by Miss Colbert. A blood stained handkerchief was found in his pocketbook.

Lewis left no written statement, however, as far as could be learned.

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 5.—Beyond his dramatic suicide which in itself, the police say, was a confession of guilt, nothing has been found here to directly connect Bernard W. Lewis, son of the wealthy retired coal operator of Pittsburgh, with the murder of Maizie Colbert, the Philadelphia artist model.

The police said they had hoped to find a written statement from Lewis as to his connection with the Philadelphia tragedy.

A careful search of apartments he had occupied here revealed nothing to directly connect him with the crime, but Philadelphia detectives here said they had found strong circumstantial evidence and are convinced that he was the man wanted for the murder.

The shirt and collar he wore were new and were the same size as the bloody shirt and collar found in the Colbert apartment after the girl was found beaten and strangled to death.

The finding of a blood stained handkerchief in his pocket and the fact that one of his hands was scratched is further evidence, they said, that Lewis was the man wanted for the murder.

Some of the detectives working on the case believe that if they had not come upon Lewis so suddenly he may have left a letter telling of his connection, if any, with the murder.

The police believe he contemplated suicide by gas asphyxiation. A towel had been placed over the transom of his room and the keyhole of the door to his apartments was found stuffed with paper. The police say they believe Lewis was preparing to end his life and was taking his own time about it and that he had purchased the 22 calibre rifle to make a quick finish in the event he was suddenly surprised.

According to word received here Lewis' father is on his way here from Pittsburgh.

So far the county physician has ordered no inquest.

HOME FROM BALTIMORE.

Mrs. R. S. Monroe and sons, Robert and John, have returned from Baltimore where they had spent two weeks as the guests of Mrs. Monroe's brother, Dr. V. W. Wyatt.