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LA PORTE, Ind., May 19.—Murder of four persons whom she had invited to her "house of horror" as her guests at a Christmas party, is the latest atrocity charged to Mrs. Belle Gunness, La Porte's arch-assassin, who is being sought today by the police of practically the whole world.

From a careful examination of the unidentified bodies which have been recovered from the "soft spots" of Brookside farm and the comparison of other evidence it is now almost certain that the woman slayer committed her quadruple crime on Christmas night of 1906. Jennie Olson, John Moe, of Elbow Lake, Minn., and a man and woman known only as the "professor and his wife" were on that night the victims of the Gunness woman's passion for slaughter.

This discovery corroborates in detail the statement by Emil Greening, once Mrs. Gunness' chore boy, who has been interviewed in Oklahoma City.

Lad Noted Disappearance.  
Greening said that after the party held at Mrs. Gunness' house on Christmas day, 1906, and the next day, Dec. 26, he noted the non-appearance of any of the guests. When he asked Mrs. Gunness where the visitors had gone, she said that the "professor and his wife" who were at the house, had gone back to their school near Los Angeles, Cal., and had taken Jennie Olson with them.

It is now concluded by Sheriff Smutser, that following the Christmas festivities, Mrs. Gunness killed four persons, two men and two women and buried them all in the same grave.

One of the men at that Christmas party is known to have been John Moe, of Elbow Lake, Minn., but the persons remaining to be identified are the ones described as the "professor and his wife."

Heretofore, it has been generally thought that Emil Greening was wrong in saying that there was any woman guest at the Christmas party besides Jennie Olson. The explanation made was that probably Greening saw a man dressed in woman's clothing.

Four bodies were found in one grave. One of them has been identified as that of Jennie Olson and another as the remains of John Moe. The third is today shown to be that of a woman, and the fourth that of a man yet unidentified.

Prepared Weeks Ahead.  
There are reasons to believe that Mrs. Gunness prepared for this slaughter weeks ahead. The grave in which the four bodies were found, was dug two months ahead by Biljiski, a Polish laborer, who did odd jobs for Mrs. Gunness. The preceding October Mrs. Gunness was making girls' dresses, and when asked by one of the neighbors what she was doing said that the dresses were for Jennie Olson, who was going away to school.

It may be presumed from the shreds of evidence now in the possession of County Prosecutor Smith, that Mrs. Gunness had plotted to kill three persons on this occasion—the so-called professor, his wife, and Jennie Olson—but Moe, with his \$15,000, arrived in answer to Mrs. Gunness' matrimonial advertisement just in time to join the party and to be killed and buried with the others.

Grisly Dismemberment of All.  
Men who uncovered this large grave with the four corpses say that each body had been butchered and disarticulated in the same manner.

With a saw the legs were cut in two above the knee, the arms were cut off at the sockets and the heads cut off. The pieces were separated and wrapped in burlap, apparently so

Tom L. Johnson's Daughter  
Who Seeks Divorce From  
Her Foreigner Husband

Jackson.—After a lingering illness of many months Rev. John W. Maloney was 52 years old. He was born in Sandusky, O., and ordained in Detroit in 1880.

South Haven.—At the special election here it was voted to raise \$10,000 on bonds for the payment of the debt on the lighting plant. It was also decided to raise \$20,000 for the debt on the water works and \$22,000 to pay off a floating indebtedness.

LONDON WOOL.  
LONDON, May 19.—A good selection of 2,230 bales was offered at the wool auction sales. There was a keen demand from all sections and Tasmanian greasy was strongly competed for at the highest prices. Americans bought a fair quantity of Victorian first combing greasies at 1s 10d; bales; scoured, 9 1/2d to 1 1/2d; greasy, 8 1/2d to 1 1/2d. West Australia, 50 bales; greasy, 5 1/2d to 9 1/2d. Tasmania, 700 bales; greasy, 8d to 1s 2d. New Zealand, 2,500 bales; scoured, 7s to 1s 2d; greasy, 4 1/4d to 9 1/4d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 100 bales; greasy, 5 3/4d to 1 1/4d.

Among the favorably known table beers, Stroh's stands pre-eminent as the absolute standard of excellence. Phone Main 316 for a case.

Alexander, Umbrellas. 26 Monroe.

This picture is from a recent photograph of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mariani, daughter of Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, who has filed suit for divorce against Federico Mariani, whom she married about a year ago.

## Franchot's Successor, Whose Election Hinged on Anti-Betting Bill



This is a picture of William C. Wallace, recently elected New York state senator, who defeated the late Senator Franchot, after a desperate fight. His election hinged on the anti-race track betting bill, favored by Gov. Hughes.

that the packages could be handled more readily by the railroad. J. M. Rendall, of Manford, N. D., half brother of John Moe, identified the watch found in Lamphere's pocket. The number on the case and the works corresponded with the numbers given by Rendall as those in Moe's watch.

"I know the watch well and I know my half-brother owned it," said Rendall.

Bertha Schultz, a salesgirl in the La Porte department store, told that Mrs. Gunness once said she was afraid Lamphere would burn her house.

Lamphere Seen With Gun.  
Mrs. Nina Shoemaker had seen Lamphere with a gun, going along the road toward the Gunness house. He said he was going frog hunting. Later Mrs. Shoemaker learned that Mrs. Gunness had caused the arrest of Lamphere, charging him with threatening her with a gun that very day.

Coroner Mack received a letter from Mrs. Henry Witzer, of 3254 Maple-st., Toledo, O., declaring her fear that her daughter, who was a graduate of Valparaiso college, had been a victim of the arch-assassin. The girl disappeared from her home on Nov. 23, 1902, after saying that she was going to visit a friend in La Porte. She was never heard from again.

"We will hang Ray Lamphere for his part in the murders committed by Mrs. Belle Gunness and we will clear up many of the mysteries which surround the great La Porte case before the grand jury completes its work," was the statement made today, by State's Atty. Smith, as the La Porte county grand jury began the second day's session of its investigation of the great Indiana mystery.

From Chattanooga comes the report that a woman answering the description of Mrs. Gunness has been seen in the Tennessee city and the police there are searching for her.

"Kidnaped" Juror Returns.  
David Havens, a grand jury witness who disappeared from La Porte mysteriously a few days ago, and whom the detectives charged has been spirited away by the prosecution, has returned from Michigan, and will be a witness before the grand jury today.

Prosecutor Smith received another warning letter from Brooklyn, N. Y., in which the writer threatened with death unless he resigns his office and drops the Gunness investigation. He also received a similar missive from Washington, D. C., chief of Police Cochran in receipt of a letter from New York, saying his life will pay forfeit.

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## HUSBAND PAINTED ROSY PICTURE; SOON FADES

MRS. WETMORE SAYS TALES OF  
WEALTH TOLD BY NEW YORK-  
ER WERE MYTH—PHONE TALK  
FIGURES IN ANOTHER CASE.

Stylishly attired in a neat fitting suit of blue, Mrs. Aurelia Wetmore, who was formerly Mrs. F. A. Wetmore, of Jefferson-ave., tripped to the stand in Judge Rohrer's court Monday afternoon and told of the unfortunate ending of her marriage to Walter Wetmore, a breezy New Yorker, whom she had known but a few weeks.

Mrs. Wetmore told of visiting New York during July, 1907, and of her introduction to Mr. Wetmore. She said he represented himself as a successful business man with an income of \$1,000 per month. The next day he proposed marriage, but he was prevailed upon to wait a few weeks, and the ceremony took place during September, the parties coming to Detroit for the marriage.

Mr. Wetmore returned to New York in a few days, leaving his bride in Detroit.

"He painted a very rosy picture for me," Mrs. Wetmore continued. "He promised to send my son to a university, and to lavish his wealth on me. He sent me a check for \$50, which I cashed, and with the money bought a ticket for New York. I no sooner arrived there than the check was returned to me as no good, and I was compelled to return the money, together with protest fees. That opened my eyes and I looked up Bradstreet, and found that my new husband had difficulty in supporting himself, and was a big bluff. While I was in New York he was put out of his office for non-payment of rent."

"I was left in the Cumberland hotel without a cent, and I didn't know what to do. The manager prevailed upon my husband to give me \$50, and I was told to buy a ticket for Detroit and leave the change."

Judge Rohrer was undecided as to his power to grant a decree, believing that Mrs. Wetmore gave up her residence in Detroit by marrying a New Yorker and going there to live with him, and he held the matter up for investigation.

The foolish habit of some men of carrying love letters in their pockets led to the undoing of Hugh S. Hadley. His wife, Kate, a sweet looking little blond, who could easily pass for 18, testified that one day when Hugh was handing her a card, a letter fell from his pocket, and she was suspicious. That night she went through her husband's pocket and found two letters from different women and these were read to the court. He was addressed in one of them as "My Dear, Dear Hughie," and one of the women said she just knew they were made to love each other. The night the letters were found the door bell rang and Hugh made a mistake. He went to the door and his wife to the phone. Mrs. Hadley found a woman on the line asking for her husband. She replied that he was at home with his wife and two children. Then Hugh grabbed the receiver. Mrs. Hadley continued to listen, and she overheard the couple make a date. Just as the conversation was becoming interesting she saw the woman on the phone who was Hugh's wife. Later the same woman called up and asked if it were true about Mr. Hadley having a wife. When she learned the truth she promised to have no more to do with him.

In point of style Mrs. Frances M. Schumann was easily the star of the afternoon. She told of visiting the world's fair in St. Louis, and of her marriage there to Charles Schumann after a short acquaintance. After living together three weeks he sent her home to Detroit while he could find a home for them. That was the last she saw of her husband. He never sent for her, and letters to him came back marked refused.

Stories of cruelty and non-support were told by Lulu against Joseph Boyd; Ella against John McEnany; and Margaret Emer against Knight, and Evelyn against Carl Helzke.

The only male applicant of the afternoon was Marcus Ormsby, who charged his wife with desertion.

BREWERY SAYS COPS ARE  
NOT ATTENTIVE ENOUGH

A local brewery company complained to the police the other day that it was not receiving sufficient attention from the policemen on the beat, and the incident is pointed to by men of the rank and file in the department as evidence that there is no suspicion of grafting as far as they are concerned. That such a complaint should be received from a brewery speaks well for the men on the beat, in the opinion of their brother officers.

"In the old days there were never any complaints from breweries that their plants were not receiving proper attention," said a central station officer. "In fact, they were seldom without protection. You could find a policeman around almost any hour of the day or night."

NEW COMPANIES INCORPORATED  
LANSING, Mich., May 19.—The Union Carbide Co., of Sault Ste. Marie, and Richmond, Va., has filed amended articles of incorporation here, increasing its capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$14,000,000. New corporations have filed articles of incorporation as follows: Lansing Bending Company, Lansing, \$20,000; Guy L. Sintz Co., Marshall, \$10,000.

Circus Has Great Variety of Music.  
Ringling Brothers' circus gives employment to no less than five bands, an organist, a Fiji tom-tom orchestra, a minstrel string band, two bugle corps, a drum corps, a callopie player, a chime pianist and a company of Alpine horn musicians. All of these musicians are heard in the parade.

## CASTRO'S COUSIN DIES FROM POISON IN N. Y. HOTEL

WIFE OF VENEZUELA'S MULTI-  
MILLIONAIRE "COFFEE KING"  
CRITICALLY ILL—BELIEVE DRUG  
CLERK GAVE ATROPINE.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Senor Eduardo de Eraso, known as the "coffee king" of South America, multimillionaire, a cousin and political adviser of President Castro, of Venezuela, and one of the most prominent financiers in the South American republic, today died from poison, in the Victoria hotel, Twenty-sixth-st. and Broadway.

Senora Guadalupe de Eraso, the millionaire's wife is in a critical condition from a dose of the same poison and it may be that she, too, will die.

Although the police and Coroner Acetielli believe the Venezuelan merchant and his wife swallowed atropine given them by a druggist by mistake for a tonic, the members of Senor de Eraso's party feared for a time the couple were victims of a murder plot. There is no evidence to bear out these suspicions, but until the drug clerk from whom they got the poison can be found, the mystery will not be cleared.

Senor de Eraso, his wife and two children, Eduardo, Jr., 20 and Elinore, 9, and a party of friends and relatives arrived in New York on May 12, having left Venezuela hurriedly the week previous, because of the plague.

## PROTEST AGAINST BOOST IN RATES

WHOLESALE SAYS PROPOSED  
ACTION OF RAILWAYS IS  
NOT JUSTIFIED.

Detroit wholesalers have expressed themselves very vigorously against the proposed increase in freight rates by the railroads. In a well-attended meeting in the Hotel Pontchartrain Monday evening resolutions dealing with the situation in plain language were adopted, and will be sent to all similar commercial associations in the northeastern portion of the country.

The discussion which preceded the adoption of the resolution showed the temper of the merchants and their disposition to fight the increase in every possible way.

James E. Davis, vice-president of the Wholesalers' association, declared that the increase would mean \$200,000,000 a year to the railroads. This increase to meet a temporary business stringency might be made permanent. He pointed out that roads which increased their dividends previous to the hard times have not lowered them since.

Hal H. Smith said that the roads, which were built by the sale of bonds, are now trying to make the people pay big dividends on watered stock as well as the principal and interest of the bonds. A. E. Larned and President James S. Stuart, of the Wholesalers, also spoke. The resolutions begin by declaring that rates have been gradually raised for years. They continue:

"That this association most vigorously protests against such contemplated permanent action of the railroads, on the grounds of its being absolutely unnecessary, ill-advised, unwarranted, untimely, and a grievous and permanent burden upon the shipper and consumers of the country, subject to removal only through tedious and costly litigation on the part of the business interested."

"That this association co-operate with other commercial bodies, city, state and national, with a view of securing united action, checking the tendency upon the part of the railroads to levy a tax that is estimated to be equal to \$1.75 per capita in the United States, or more than \$9 per family."

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The second number of the Baseball Magazine just out, contains a wealth of absorbing interest to lovers of baseball. Prominent is an article on Henry Chadwick, with excerpts of some of the last letters written by him, accompanied by the last photograph taken of the "Father of Baseball."

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## Viper's Crew Says Submarines Are Quite Useless For Winter Cruises



This is the Viper, one of the submarine boats which recently completed a 400-mile trip, during which the crew nearly perished from the cold. The crew pronounced submarines practically useless for winter cruises.

## TOUTS WM. ALDEN FOR PRESIDENT PAPKE'S STYLE SUITS KETCHELL

MENOMINEE NEWSPAPER PRO-  
POSES SENATOR SMITH'S NAME  
FOR 1906 TICKET.

MENOMINEE, Mich., May 19.—Wm. Alden Smith for president in 1916!

That's the proposition offered by the Menominee Herald-Leader in an editorial, commenting on an article in the Saturday Evening Post of May 16, describing the defeat of Senator Aldrich and his currency bill through the efforts of Senator William Alden Smith, who led the insurgent Republican forces of the senate against the bill.

"Michigan may well be proud of William Alden Smith. The day is coming when his name will be upon the Republican party's ticket for the highest honor on earth. He is a plain man, come up from poverty to power and position through his personal ability to successfully fight conditions before which many a man would write 'impossible.' He is a clean man and his star is in the ascendancy. Michigan may well offer to the people of the country the name of William Alden Smith for president in 1916."

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## DYNAMITING CARS CONTINUES IN CLEVELAND

VIOLENCE AND DESTRUCTION OF  
PROPERTY INCREASES IN DE-  
PLORABLE STREET RAILWAY  
TANGLE—MANY INJURED.

CLEVELAND, May 19.—Serious rioting early today followed the wrecking of several cars by dynamite and the smashing of windows of others by bricks and other missiles. Two women and a man were badly injured.

The most seriously hurt were David Benjamin and his wife. They were on a car that was bombarded with bricks. Mrs. Benjamin's jaw was broken and Mr. Benjamin's cheek was laid open by a brick.

Fifty men stormed a car on the Woodland-Loraine line and Mrs. Elizabeth Meiser, the only passenger, was cut on the face and hands and received a slight concussion of the brain by being hit with stones.

A Detroit-ave. car was dynamited, the forward part being ripped from the truck and all the glass shattered. The passengers and crew escaped without injury.

Rioting at Windermere car barns, in East Cleveland, was started by men who cut six electric feed wires. Men from the Municipal Traction Co. offices started to repair the damage, but they were driven back with bricks by a crowd of 300.

25 Passengers in Panic.  
A Broadway-st. car was partially destroyed by a dynamite torpedo, last night. While 25 passengers were in the car, no one was seriously hurt. A panic followed and a mad rush for the exits was made.

A West Madison-st. car also was damaged by an explosion of powder upon the track. The floor of the car was broken through and one woman was severely injured.

The company succeeded in operating all lines with but a slightly impaired service, considering the difficulties. In several instances car windows were broken by stones, cars were stopped and non-union crews were assaulted. No fatal injuries were reported. Peace negotiations have been temporarily suspended.

## NELSON BLUFFS FIGHTING BOER

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Battling Nelson and Boer Unholz had a verbal encounter in a cafe last night. Nelson was angry because the Boer had deposited \$1,250 to cover a \$5,000 side bet. The Dane suggested a fight on Decoration day, and when Unholz refused because he said it was too soon, Nelson taunted him with being afraid.

"I'll tell you what I'll do," he added to Unholz. "I will fight you in a back room and if I don't stop you in 10 rounds you can have \$1,000," whereupon he flourished currency.

"I am no barroom fighter," Unholz replied, and the incident closed.

The Boer will remain here for a week in the hope of hooking up with Nelson for June. If he fails he will go to Los Angeles to fight.

## ROBSON WILL BE TERRY'S NEXT FOE.

NEW YORK, May 19.—At a special show of the National club of America Terry McGovern and Spike Robson, of England, will hook up in a six-round go on next Tuesday night. The match was made last night and Terry has gone into training at Johnson's rooming house with Charley Griffin, the Australian champion. Robson is giving away a little weight, but he expects his cleverness to offset the terrible rushes of the once "Terrible Terry."

## Justice Harlan Was Prominent Figure at Resources Conference

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