

Today

Three Women—  
Three Crimes.  
Much of the Animals  
in Human Beings.

By ARTHUR BRISANE.

Justice in Chicago is trying, on the charge of murder, a young woman named Plotka.

She sits, sometimes dry-eyed and defiant, sometimes weeping. Occasionally she faints, especially when kind things are said of her—and the judge suspends the proceedings and has her carried out into his private room.

You would be interested if you could be taken into a court of the pagan priests in Rome, centuries before the birth of Christ, to see a Vestal Virgin tried for letting the fire go out. You would read with interest an eyewitness' description of the Roman girl, condemned and buried alive.

You are equally interested, because the courts of law and the crimes of men are part of the desirable civilization, as it is shown in our courts.

The judge sits on the bench, careful and impartial.

One man, representing the people, talks to the jury in rows. All his talk is: "For what she has done this woman should be killed."

Another lawyer, representing the girl, talks to the same jury, cross-examines her accusers, and all his talk is: "You must sympathize with this young woman. Never mind if she did kill the man. Think of the circumstances and set her free."

Here is the story, incredible, horrible, told and sworn to. It is for the jury, carefully obedient to the instructions of the judge and their own consciences, to say what shall be done.

The girl accused worked hard and earned \$40 a week at her trade.

She met a young man named Jindra, studying medicine. She declares that she worked to help pay for his education.

She swears, and witnesses and the marks on her face and throat confirm it, that he beat her and choked her.

Her employers say that the man came hanging about her workshop at noon and in the evening regularly, that she might pay for what he did.

Other charges, infinitely worse, involving the murder of children unborn, are made against the man who now lies buried under the ground—shot to death by the girl on trial.

What will the jury do with this young woman? If they believe what she and others say of the dead doctor is true, will they decide that, as she killed the doctor, the court of justice shall now kill her?

Very interesting are these trials of women accused of murder, with their varying results.

Pauline Plotka's case is one of three that have recently interested Chicago and the outside world.

First there came Ruby Dean, a young woman studying the organ, she said, that she might play later in church, and while she studied singing in cabarets at night, she, very young, met a middle-aged veterinary surgeon and was put in jail accused of shooting him dead. She said he hadn't been very kind to her. She held the pistol that killed him, but it was an accident. The jury said: "Go home, don't worry."

Another case was that of a school teacher, no longer so very young, nearly forty. At that age she fell violently in love—with a middle-aged man, who was a veterinary surgeon.

When he lost interest in her she did not kill him, but killed his unfortunate wife, who came to ask the younger woman to let her husband alone.

The judge and jury sent her to prison for nineteen years. This was a surprise to many, as out of more than twenty women recently accused of murder in or very near to Chicago not one had been convicted.

These women represent not merely three separate crimes, but are part of what we call civilization, part of the strange mixture of all the animals back of us in evolution—the mixture called human nature.

If you can tell what was the matter with Ruby Dean, Grace Lusk, Pauline Plotka, the two middle-aged veterinary surgeons, and the young doctor who took the young woman's money and paid with his life, you will be able to answer a good many questions concerning this queer combination that we call "modern civilization."

150 KILLED AND INJURED IN CIRCUS TRAIN WRECK

WEATHER:

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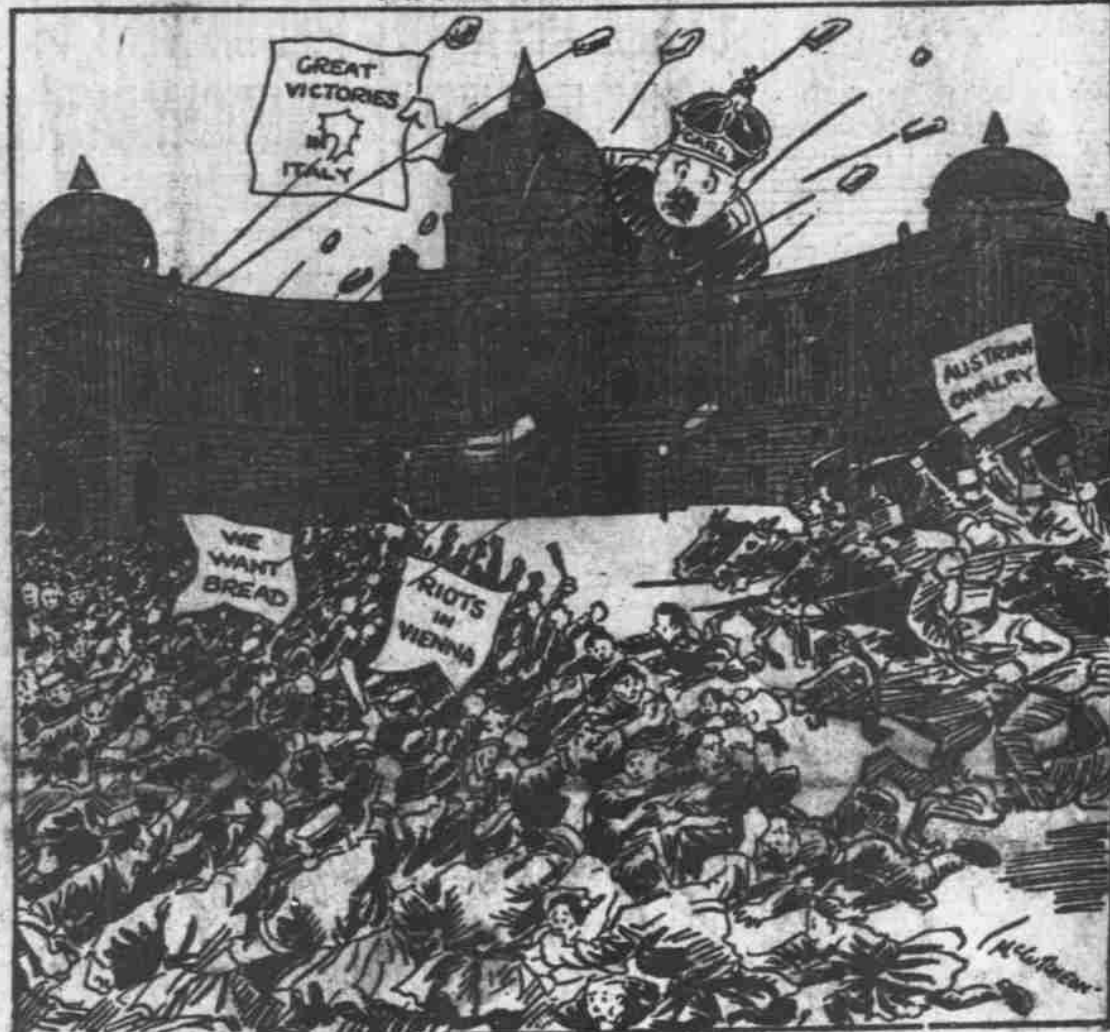
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## AUSTRIA ADMITS DEFEAT IN THE PIAVE RIVER DRIVE

VIENNA POPULACE CELEBRATING THE "GREAT VICTORIES  
IN ITALY"

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### DEATH LIST GROWS AS CIRCUS WRECK DEBRIS IS MOVED

GARY, Ind., June 22.—One hundred and fifty employees of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus were killed and injured yesterday when a Michigan Central army equipment train, running at tremendous speed, hurtled into the rear of the gaudily-painted circus train in which they were slumbering.

Thirty-three bodies, terribly mutilated and burned, have been lifted from the wreckage. One hundred and eight men, women, and little children, injured in the crash, are being cared for at hospitals in Gary and Hammond. Many of them were believed to be fatally hurt.

Sixty persons are missing, according to a hasty check by Edward Ballard, an owner of the circus, after a visit to morgues and hospitals. Some of them may lie in the wreckage, which was swept by fire and is still smoldering.

Acting Coroner Henry C. Greene, who made rounds of hospitals and morgues with Ballard, estimated that the death toll will be between thirty-five and fifty. He believes that many of the missing are being sheltered in nearby houses.

Engineer Missing.

The equipment train was unoccupied except by the crew. The engineer is missing and railroad officials believe he was killed.

The cause of the wreck had not been officially determined. The circus train had been halted because of a hot box, given had gone to the rear to take the usual safety precautions. General Passenger Agent L. W. Langman of the (Continued on Page 2, Column 8.)

#### LOST AND FOUND

BOOK—Containing advertising matter and info introducing Geo. N. Bull, BOX 24, Times office.

DOG—White, small, clipped; lost June 22. Reward, 200 10th St. S. W.

MEXICAN DOG—Black and tan; answers to name of Pedro; quite small, thin, formed, large ears, pointed ears; very green collar. 1821 Columbia road N. W. Phone Cal. 1897-J.

WILL PARTY who found black silk umbrella with leather handle and gold monogram (D. T. M.) at Keith's Theater, Thursday matinee, kindly return same to 1821 Columbia St. (Continued on Classified Pages.)

### 17-Year Locust Due To Visit Va., W. Va., and N. Car. This Summer

The locusts are coming! Watch for 'em!

So warns the Bureau of Entomology of the Department of Agriculture, which says that the ninth brood of the seventeen-year locust is due to occur this summer in West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Next year the main branch of the family—the tenth brood, the entomologists call it—is due to arrive, and will occupy the Ohio Valley and the Allegheny Mountain region from Alabama and Georgia northward through Pennsylvania to parts of New York State and New England.

### HUSBAND TO FACE CHARGE OF KILLING WIFE IN PULLMAN

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 23.—John R. Jackson was taken to Shelbyville, Mo., last night to face a charge of wife murder. Mrs. Jackson was strangled and thrown from a Pullman compartment occupied by her husband and herself. Jackson, in an alleged confession to the police, said jealousy of a naval recruit was the cause.

Mrs. C. A. McCall, Jackson's mother-in-law, told the police Jackson formerly lived in Birmingham, Ala., and was known there as "Irving Morgan." She also said he left Birmingham while under \$5,000 bond in an embezzling case.

### FIREMEN INJURED AT PHILADELPHIA BLAZE

PHILADELPHIA, June 22.—One fireman was severely burned and two others badly cut in a fire which destroyed the furniture factory and warehouse of Louis E. Wisser, on South Fifth street, yesterday.

### THREE POUNDS OF SUGAR A MONTH IS NEW FOOD RULING

Drastic restrictions on sugar consumption have been announced by the food administration. They include:

Reduction of home consumption to 3 pounds a person a month.

Reduction of less essential manufactured products, including sweet drinks, to 50 per cent of their normal sugar requirements.

Cutting of ice cream manufacturers to 75 per cent of their normal amount of sugar.

Food administration officials are working on details of a ration card by which they will enforce the three pounds a month rule.

Serious Reduction.

This rationing scheme follows a serious reduction in the available sugar supply for the United States and the allies. Shipping shortages, destruction of over 200 French sugar factories, loss of thousands of acres of French and Italian beet sugar lands, have combined to create a serious scarcity of sugar, according to the food administration.

The strain upon America to provide sugar for the allies is increasing. Only strict conservation will enable food officials to tide over the crisis without being forced to more drastic steps and increased prices.

The new rationing regulations are effective July 1. Every manufacturer will be required to certify his sugar needs to the Food Administration before he can obtain sugar.

Only the following products will get their full amount of sugar under the new rule: Canned fruits, canned vegetables, explosives, meals, catnip, chile sauce, drugs for medicinal purposes, apple butter, packers of preserved fruits, mince meats, glycerine, insecticides, capsules, and ant poison.

### MOTHER JONES ENDS STRIKE TO AID U. S.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., June 23.—Mother Jones has reversed her role. Reports from the Berea coal mines say that the noted strike leader has ended a strike there by urging the men to return to work and help the Government.

### NATION-WIDE ARMY SUPPLY GRAFT PROBE NOW LIKELY

Discovery of Relations Between  
D. C. Merchants and Army  
Mess Sergeants May Start  
Big Inquiry.

A nation-wide investigation of relations between dealers supplying army camps with food and the mess sergeants receiving food supplies for the camps may follow the uncovering here yesterday of a graft ring. Army officials declare have been in operation at least six months and has probably resulted in the loss to the Government of thousands of dollars.

Three mess sergeants already have been placed under arrest by the military authorities as the result of investigations at Washington Barracks and at Camp Humphreys, Va., the big engineer camp about twenty miles south of Washington where 17,000 men are in training for overseas service.

Food Dealers Arrested.

The arrest of the mess sergeants was announced by the military authorities following the arrest of two Washington food dealers, Morris Whittlin, proprietor of the Whittlin Meat Company, at 928 Louisiana avenue northwest, and Henry B. Terrett, wholesale and retail meat dealer at 926 Louisiana avenue, on charge of violation of Section 35 of the penal code, or an attempt to defraud the Government, the penalty for which is a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both.

The military authorities refused to make public the names of the mess sergeants.

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### FATHER KILLS TWO CHILDREN; SHOOTS THIRD AND SELF

NEW YORK, June 23.—In a sudden fit of insanity Thomas J. Shelby, a real estate broker, yesterday shot and killed his six-year-old daughter, Grace, and his four-year-old son, Thomas, Jr., seriously wounded his youngest daughter, Dora, twelve months old, and then shot himself through the right temple.

He and his surviving child were taken in an unconscious condition to a hospital where physicians say they will die.

### ENTRY OF AMERICA KAISER'S END, SAYS CANADIAN PREMIER

LONDON, June 23.—"America's entrance into the war sounded the death knell of German militarism," Premier Borden, of Canada, declared in a speech at the dinner given by the Empire Parliamentary Association in honor of the Dominion members.

The New Free Press boldly declares that "a revolution is possible."

### Turkey Would Take This IF SHE COULD

AMSTERDAM, June 23.—Turkey's war aims, according to the Turkish newspaper Aati, as republished in the Berlin Vorwaerts, are as follows:

Surrender of all occupied parts of Palestine and Iraq (an extensive district in West Central Persia, corresponding to ancient Media).

Restoration of Turkish domination in Egypt.

Independence of Persia and the wiping out of British influence there.

Domination of the Black Sea by placing an Ottoman prince in Crimea, a German prince in Georgia, and an Austrian prince in Armenia, as regents.

Austria to keep the portions of Northern Italy until Tripoli, Dodecanese, and Cyrenaica are returned to Turkey.

### KAISER CAN'T GUNS TO BLAST AID STARVING AUSTRIA

LONDON, June 23.—General von Ludendorff, the German field commander, in a message to Vienna, says that Germany is unable to do more as regards food for Austria, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch.

The general adds that efforts now being made will result in an increased supply of foodstuffs being obtained from Bessarabia and the Ukraine in April and May.

The forces on the west front, he says, have only the necessary supplies, the reserves being exhausted. Grain shipments from the Ukraine, says a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen, have been held up by a new disturbance.

### MANY CASUALTIES IN VIENNA RIOTS

Four workmen were killed and nineteen were wounded when troops fired upon strikers of a locomotive factory in Vienna yesterday, German cables report.

The strike movement is growing, and a large number of factories in Vienna are affected.

Sternest repressive measures are being exercised by the military and police. Attacks of socialist papers against the government continue, and workers are urged to conduct demonstrations.

It was estimated that 45,000 strikers participated in the riots which occurred yesterday in two districts within Vienna.

### ATTACK ON KARL IS UNCONFIRMED

LONDON, June 23.—No confirmation has been received of the report emanating from the Amsterdam bourse that an attempt had been made to assassinate Emperor Karl. Little credence was placed in it, but every effort was being made to trace its source.

A Zurich report today said there were further demonstrations in Vienna yesterday, huge crowds demanding the principal streets and demanding restoration of the bread ration, increased wages, reduced hours of labor, and immediate conclusion of peace. The police intervened and dispersed the demonstrators. The authorities issued a proclamation, threatening severe measures to repress the disorders.

Vienna newspapers freely publish details of strike developments, which in itself is regarded as highly significant, the government heretofore having sternly suppressed any such news.

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AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 23.—A British tank weighing forty-two tons has arrived here in charge of Captain Lush. It will be used for instruction at American military camps. This is the biggest tank ever transported, being much larger than the Britannia.

MAIL UP 21,000 FEET.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Carrying two passengers—Lieutenant Webb and Bonal—Lieutenant Cuiver broke the altitude records on the Philadelphia-New York airplane mail route today when he reached a height of 21,000 feet.

### FOE TRIES TO JUSTIFY FAILURE OF OFFENSIVE

Vienna issues False Statements  
of Allied Superiority in Men  
and Guns—Numbers Really  
Against Italians.

Austria admits an Italian victory and is seeking to justify the disastrous failure of her carefully planned drive by false statements of allied superiority in men and guns, according to official advices from Rome to the Italian embassy here.

It is declared that the newspapers of the dual monarchy are claiming that the Austrians were outnumbered all along the line and that the Italian superiority at every strategic point was overwhelming. The Austrians also are insisting, in their effort to quell dissatisfaction of the Austro-Hungarian populace, that the French and British sent heavy reserves to Italy as soon as the drive was launched.

Italians Outnumbered.

The Italian high command denies the truth of the allegations, asserting that the Austrian forces outnumbered the Italians and their allies at every point.

A cable to Ambassador di Celleri stated that Premier Orlando gave equal credit to the wonderful defensive organization of the forces in Italy and the high morale of the troops for the Italian victory.

Premier Orlando gave out an interview after a conference with General Diaz, commanding the Italian forces, and an inspection of the battle lines in which he said that he had been impressed by the wonderful spirit of the fighting men. He was recognized by a brigade of infantrymen marching toward the first line and was greeted with shouts of "They shall not pass."

Premier Orlando mentioned the fact that General Diaz was in communication with every unit of his force throughout the fighting and that the complete reorganization of the line of defense was effected twice in six days.

Italians Never More Fit.

Minister Bissolati has issued a statement at Rome, to the effect that the Italian soldiers were never more fit for the struggle than they are now and that their high morale is directly produced by their unshaken standing of the great responsibility lying before them of stemming the inroads of the Austro-Germans.

Rome dispatches indicate that further intense fighting may be expected. The continued attacks of General Wurm at Montello is held to show that the Austrians are willing to make unprecedented sacrifices in an attempt to atone in a small measure, at least, for their reverses.

The military situation was declared to be unchanged all along the line, despite the fact that the last reserves were being pressed into service. The Twenty-third Austrian Army was thrown against the Italians near Fossalta, but were unable to advance against the Italian fire.

### EXPECTS SURRENDER OF AUSTRIAN ARMY

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Unofficial reports that the battle along the Piave is slackening in intensity confirm the belief that the Austrians have definitely abandoned the offensive there. In fact, our advices are that the Italian troops are decisively victorious in that sector. The fruits of the victory are likely