

DOCTOR BOUND OVER IN FATAL SHOOTING

Grand Jury to Investigate Death of Girl, Seventeen, His Office Assistant.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 2.—Dr. Christopher Schott, forty-two, has been bound over to a grand jury in connection with the death of a girl, seventeen, his office assistant.

Schott himself had answered the telephone. Three other witnesses—W. J. Ryan, Louisville business man; Mrs. James Neil and Dr. R. B. Thomas—said they had seen Schott at or near his office on December 24, during the time he said he was out delivering Christmas presents.

Schott, in his defense, said: First—There is no evidence the slaying of the girl was murder instead of suicide.

Second—That if evidence of murder existed, there is nothing to prove that Schott was guilty. He rests on his alibi of absence from his office. This is supported by the statement of Laurence Gardner, who says she was with the doctor throughout the afternoon of December 24, and that they were delivering Christmas presents at the time witnesses for the prosecution say they saw Schott at or near his office.

Decision to turn the case over to the grand jury followed attacks by four witnesses on the statement of Dr. Schott that he was not in his office between 1:30 and 3 o'clock p. m. on December 24, the day of the shooting.

Katie May Griffith was the principal witness for the State at the preliminary hearing. Admitting she was moved by intense hatred of Dr. Schott, and that she suspected him of having influence over her sister, she told the court she had called Schott's office to talk to her sister on the afternoon of the shooting, and that

ORG. OF CRIMES IN D. C. LAST YEAR

Bombs, Race Riots, and Vicious Killings Kept Police Department Busy.

Police records show that the year 1919 was one of the most important years in the history of the police department. The attempt to wreck the home of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, last July, furnished a mystery, which both the local police and the Federal authorities thus far have been unable to solve.

The identification of the alleged "Red" who was blown to bits while attempting to place the bomb, was never established, although police carried on their investigation in several large cities.

The year brought several vicious crimes before the attention of the police. There were three serious homicides, several of which attracted nationwide attention. Among these were the killing of three members of the Chinese Educational Mission, whose bodies were found in the mission house, on Kalorama road, last January, and the exploits of the "Madman of the Northwest," who shot and killed a war worker.

In all but four of the murder cases, persons were apprehended and charged with the crimes.

Killed in Race Riots.

Seven persons were killed, one of whom was a policeman, in the race riot of last July.

The number of arrests during the year totaled 52,220, of which 17,154 were for traffic violations and 4,910 were for intoxication.

In an effort to reduce the large number of traffic accidents that occurred here daily, the Police Department conducted an educational campaign, with the result that the number of accidents decreased.

The granting of increases of salary to all members of the Police Department was an important development in the department during the past year.

Twenty-five changes and promotions were made in the department in August. These included the appointment of an assistant superintendent, an inspector, two captains, six lieutenants, and fifteen sergeants.

To instruct new members of the police force in all branches of police work a police school was established in the Sixth precinct stationhouse last November. The school is in charge of Lieut. William S. Shelby.

In October the police voluntarily disbanded their union after Congress and the Commissioners had objected to their affiliation with organized labor.

Two of the most promising young detectives were killed in line of duty during the year. They were Detective Harry Wilson, who was shot during the race riot, and Detective James E. Armstrong, who was slain by John McHenry, nineteen years old, two weeks ago.

85,000 START TAKING OF 14TH DECENNIAL CENSUS

Every Person Living in the United States at 12:01 A. M. Jan. 1 Will Be Counted.

Uncle Sam this morning rolled up his sleeves and went to work on his greatest peace time job, the taking of the Fourteenth Decennial Census. The nation's noses are being counted by 85,000 enumerators. The 367 enumerators in the District are working under Robert E. Mattingly, supervisor of the census for the District of Columbia, who must make the final accounting for every person in the city.

Within the next two weeks, by which time the work of District enumerators should be completed, every home will be visited and every person will be accounted for, whether he lives in a hut or a mansion.

The name of every person who was living at 12:01 o'clock on the morning of January 1, together with pertinent facts born since the beginning of the year will be excluded from the census, while persons who have died since that time will be included among the living on Uncle Sam's list.

Washington's thousands of war workers will be counted as residents of the District, as the law provides that people are to be counted in their "usual place of abode," or the place where they sleep, though this may be a tent, boat, or freight car.

"Family" to the census enumerator applies to a group of persons living in the same dwelling place, whether related or strangers. Thus all the persons living in an apartment house having but one main entrance are regarded as a family, while a building, however small, divided into two separate portions and with two entrances is regarded as two dwelling places.

The total cost of the Fourteenth Census is estimated at \$22,765,000.

TRAIL POISON VENDOR.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 2.—Police today declared they have information as to where Henry Veitch purchased the liquor which caused his death, and arrests are forecast soon.

Veitch drank the liquor Sunday afternoon and took a taxi. When he awoke he was blind. Sunday night he suffered great agony and died Monday.

The general results of the census will be made known next fall, according to the opinions of census officials today. The present population of the country is estimated to be between 137,000,000 and 132,000,000. In 1910 the population was 92,000,000.

COL. HOUSE RECOVERED; WILL LEAVE FOR TEXAS

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Col. E. M. House, it was learned today, plans to leave within ten days or two weeks for his home in Texas. He has entirely recovered from the illness which compelled him to leave Paris for this country several weeks ago.

MAINE FOLKS TO MEET.

The Maine State Association will meet at the Wilson Normal School tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

HELL SHIP DOCKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Fourteen days of what the crew described as "the helliest hell" ended here yesterday when the American steamer City of Puebla docked in the North river. Conclusions of the voyage from Manchester, England, saw the crew without food and water; the third engineer a raving maniac, his throat and arms slashed; a Mexican water tender in the river and the firemen forced to their boilers at the point of a revolver.

A squad of policemen hustled Robert McKee, Wyoming, into an ambulance for the Marine Hospital and took Manuel Lopez, his assailant, to prison.

Tells of Crime.

Two days out from Manchester the trouble started, according to the story related by Capt. T. Ranier.

Wringing his hands and weeping hysterically, McKee related his way into the captain's cabin with a yell:

"I must tell; I can't keep it any longer!"

He then recounted, incoherently, the tale of a sheep herder's fight in Wyoming years ago during which he had killed a man and then fled, taking to the sea for safety.

His secret unbosomed, McKee became a raving maniac, and after a struggle from the cabin, he met Lopez and a fight resulted. Lopez pulled a razor and slashed McKee's throat and cut both his arms. Lopez was thrown in the sea.

Disorder then spread among the firemen. Chief Engineer Hazard was bowled over with a wrench when he entered the boiler room, but was saved by loyal members of the crew who rushed to his assistance.

Order was restored only after the galley had been raided and the stock of food almost depleted. Water casks were spilled.

Keeps Men at Work.

From then on the chief engineer was forced to carry a revolver to keep the men at work and to keep the crew from rioting.

Enough supplies were rescued, however, to provide for the crew until the last day.

Immediately after the vessel touched her nose to the pier, the crew rushed for "food joints to feed up after a twenty-four hours' starve."

McKee's wounds will not prove fatal, but his mind is hopelessly lost, the ship surgeon believed, and he will be filed against Lopez, officials said.

The City of Puebla, a vessel of 2,530 tons, is owned by the Pacific Coast Company.

PARISIENNES FIND HOSIERY TOO COSTLY

Europe Blames U. S. for Shortage of Silk Stockings, Julius Kurzman Says.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—France is going stockless, according to Julius C. Kurzman, who returned from a seven weeks' trip overseas. The French women find that they cannot afford stockings, even though they still wear their diamonds and their pearls and are indulging in their luxuries like limousines and strikingly made gowns.

Just the same, gowns are going up all the time, just as are skirts. What money the Parisiennes have—and Mr. Kurzman says they still have a lot of it—is being spent like sailors are said to have spent theirs before prohibition set in.

"Europe is blaming the United States for the shortage of silk hosiery," said Mr. Kurzman, "believing that America caused the shortage by buying the raw silks at fancy prices, thus practically denuding Europe."

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MARSHAL PROBES APARTMENT BLAZE

\$10,000 Damage Is Done by Fire Starting in Basement of the Balfour.

An investigation is under way today by officials of the fire marshal's office to determine the origin of the blaze which damaged the Balfour apartment house, Sixteenth and U streets northwest, yesterday afternoon. Although an official estimate of the damage has not yet been made it is expected that the loss will reach \$10,000.

The fire originated in the basement of the house and carried through the building via the dumb waiter. The kitchens of all the apartments with which the dumb waiter is connected, were damaged.

E. B. Latham, who has an apartment on the sixth floor of the building, was burned on the face when he opened the door of the dumb waiter shaft and the flames burst out.

Three Alarms Sounded.

The first alarm brought three engine companies and Battalion Chief Thomas O'Connor. Seeing the extent to which the fire had spread, Chief O'Connor immediately sounded a second alarm and a third alarm, which brought several companies from the downtown section.

While the fire was in progress persons were brought from the upper floors to the street by an elevator which was kept running.

Lieut. Col. H. M. Groninger, of the army general staff, who occupies an apartment in the building, made futile efforts to extinguish the blaze in his apartment. On entering his kitchen he saw the flames burning the woodwork, and rushed to the hall where he secured a fire extinguisher.

\$200 Necktie Lost.

Mrs. E. B. Latham, who occupies apartment 64, reported to the police that while the fire was in progress a pearl necktie valued at \$200 was missing or stolen.

Fire Chief Wagner arrived on the scene a short time after the third alarm had been sounded and directed the firemen. Nearly a half hour after the blaze had been discovered it was put under control.

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Consumption of news print paper in the United States the last three months reached a record-breaking point, along with prices, the Federal Trade Commission reported in a summary yesterday. The average cost of news print at mills at the beginning of December was \$3.90 a hundred, the commission reported, as against \$3.75 a year ago. In 1916 the price was \$1.88, the lowest in several years.

High prices failed to cut down consumption, however, and the commission estimated that in 1919 14 per cent more news print was used than in 1918.

In November, 1919, the 727 publishers reporting to the commission used 161,602 tons of news print, compared with 123,474 tons in November, 1918.

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