

MRS. GUNNESS' EIGHTEEN MURDERS.

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be asked to watch for her. Anxious relatives of the missing men in all parts of the country are writing to Sheriff Smutzer and Prosecutor Smith, and several have indicated their intention of coming her to view the bodies with the hope of accounting for the disappearance of fathers, sons and brothers. Some of the letters are very pathetic and indicate a dread of the knowledge that such a visit would give.

Late this afternoon the sheriff began an investigation to determine if a number of the bodies found are not those of stockmen who passed through this country from time to time and several of whom disappeared mysteriously.

Says Brother Was Poisoned.

Providence, May 8.—The Providence man believed to have been one of the victims of Mrs. Belle Gunness was Mads Sorensen, who was at one time the husband of the woman suspected of having murdered more than a dozen persons. Thorvald Sorensen, of this city, a brother of Mads Sorensen, claims that his brother's death was brought about by drinking a potion handed to him in his bedroom in Chicago by his wife. Friends who were in the sitting-room heard Sorensen say, "Belle, you have . . . but before they could catch the rest of the remark the door to the bedroom where he was dying was closed by the woman. Soon after she came out and announced that the man was dead. An effort was made after the death of the man to have his stomach analyzed, but it fell through and the matter was dropped.

Mrs. Gunness' Lure for Wealth.

Waupaca, Wis., May 8.—The letter which Carl Peterson, of Waupaca, received from Mrs. Belle Gunness, who ran the Laporte murder farm, has been translated from Norwegian into English as follows:

"Dear Sir,—As some time ago I received from you a letter in answer to my 'ad.' in the Scandinavian I will, with pleasure, answer the same.

"The reason I waited for some time is that there have been some answers to the 'ad.' As many as fifty have been received and it has been impossible to answer all. I have picked out the most respectable and I have decided that yours is such.

"First, I will tell you that I am a Norwegian and have been in this country for twenty years. I live in Indiana, about fifty miles from Chicago and one mile north of Laporte. I am the owner of a nice home, pretty location. There are seventy-five acres of land, also all kinds of crops, improved land, apples, plums and currants. Am on a boulevard road, and have a twelve room house, practically new, a windmill and all modern improvements, situated on a beautiful suburb of Chicago, worth \$15,000.

"All of this is pretty near paid for. It is in my own name. I am alone with three small children, from five to eleven years old. The smallest is a little boy, the two largest are girls, all frisky and well. I lost my husband by accident five years ago, and have since tried to get along as well as I could with what help I could hire. I am getting tired of this, and I have found that it is not well to trust others with so much.

"It is too much for me to look after things, and things are not as I want them anyway. My idea of them is to take a partner whom I can trust everything, and as we have no acquaintances here, I have decided that every applicant I have considered favorably must make a satisfactory deposit of cash or security. I think that is the best way for parties to keep away grafters who are always looking for such opportunities, as I have had experience with them, as I can prove.

"Now, if you think that you are able in some way to put up \$10,000 cash, we can talk matters over personally. If you cannot, it is worth while to consider. I would not care for you as a hired man, as I am tired of that and need a live rest in my home and near my children. I will close for this time. With friendly regards,

Mrs. P. S. Gunness.

Not Mrs. Gunness.

STRAUSE, N. Y., May 9.—The woman arrested here for Mrs. Belle Gunness, of Laporte, Ind., had regular teeth and but one gold crown, which is a molar on the left side. The Laporte description of Mrs. Gunness states that she had upper teeth were heavily plated with gold.

The suit case which the woman said contained maple sugar was found filled with women's apparel.

The police say the woman arrested here is not Mrs. Gunness.

The Woman Suspects.

STRAUSE, N. Y., May 9.—Two traveling men who left a New York Central east-bound train after 10 o'clock last night at Rochester reported to the police of that city that two women, one resembling Mrs. Belle Gunness, of Laporte, Ind., alleged murderers, were passengers on the train. The police called upon the Syracuse department, and detectives boarded the train, and after locating the women went on to Utica in order to question them. They returned with the women, and the police put them through the third degree. The suspected woman said that she was Mrs. L. A. Herron, and that her companion was her mother, and that they were on their way to New York. This morning, after a long interview with Mrs. Herron, Chief of Police Cadin said that she did not answer the description of Mrs. Gunness.

At the woman's request he forwarded a telegram addressed to Mrs. Charles P. Rockefeller, 317 West Forty-third street, New York.

The mother gave her name as Mrs. Lucy Burton. She said her home was in Chicago, where her daughter lived with her, and that both had been taking their summer home at Franklin, Pa., taking the train there from Cleveland on their way to New York.

Chief Cadin said he would detain the women until they had furnished complete identification.

May Have Used 'Ad.' to Lure.

Chicago, May 9.—One way in which Mrs. Gunness probably operated to lure her victims to her farm near Laporte was to answer matrimonial advertisements from wealthy bachelor farmers, which readily appear in Scandinavian, a Norwegian daily newspaper in Chicago, and in other Norwegian papers in the north-west.

Three translations of matrimonial ads, picked at random from the columns of Scandinavian, any one of which Mrs. Gunness, may have answered, follow:

Matrimonial—A widower, 45 years old, wishes to become acquainted with a young woman or widow, between 25 and 40 years old, of Norwegian birth or descent. Good references required and will be given. Can give such a woman a good home, as I am in good financial circumstances. Write to this paper for my address.

Matrimonial—A farmer, 26 years old, living in North Dakota, wishes to correspond and become acquainted with a Scandinavian girl or widow. I am not a fortune hunter.

A. A. Skandinaven.

The ads, usually are inserted by farmers, who, after having become well to do, are anxious to marry.

Who She Is.

New York, May 9.—Mrs. Charles P. Rockefeller, of this city, is a sister of Mrs. L. A. Herron. She said today that Mrs. Herron has lived most of her life in Franklin, Pa., and that L. A. Herron, her husband was formerly vice-president of the Sellsbach Co., of Chicago, a chemical concern.

Mr. Herron died in Vicksburg, Miss., last Christmas at which time Mrs. Herron was a guest of Mrs. Rockefeller in this city.

The woman characterized her arrest

as an outrage. She said that she had been born and brought up at Franklin, Pa., where she spent the last two weeks and can give absolute proof of her identification.

Not Known in Chicago.

Chicago, May 9.—The Chicago city directory gives but one Mrs. Herron. She is Mrs. A. L. Herron, 4743 Evans avenue, the widow of Abraham Herron, a dry goods man. Mrs. Herron is at her home and said she knew of no other Mrs. Herron in the city who had description of the woman detained in New York State.

Coroner Hoffman yesterday received information which led him to believe that the earth underneath the house at 620 Alma street, Austin, formerly occupied by Mrs. Belle Gunness, "may be literally filled with the bones of murdered men." The police, in conjunction with the Coroner, expect to commence excavations Monday morning. Coroner Hoffman's statement followed a conference between him and Assistant Chief Schuttler over disclosures just made to the police officials. What the information is the assistant chief declined to say, but Coroner Hoffman declares it was by far the most important information the Chicago police have yet received.

"I am now almost positive," said the

Coroner, "that the woman's body found in the ruins of the Laporte home was not that of Mrs. Gunness, but that she is still alive.

More About Mrs. Herron.

Chicago, May 9.—It was declared at the office of the Sellsbach Co. in this city that F. B. Herron, the husband of Mrs. L. A. Herron, was vice-president of the company until January 1st of this year. F. B. Herron died in Vicksburg, Miss. The officers of the company declared that they had no present knowledge of the exact whereabouts of Mrs. Herron, but that her reported statement of having lived in Franklin is correct.

Mrs. Gunness Living.

Laporte, Ind., May 9.—Dr. Harry H. Long, for two terms Coroner of Laporte County, who assisted in the post-mortem examination over the body supposed to be that of Mrs. Gunness, declares positively that the body in the morgue is that of a woman who weighed fully 60 pounds less than did Mrs. Gunness; also that it is five inches shorter than Mrs. Gunness. Dr. Long says Mrs. Gunness is still alive.

COME OR GO?

To the Editor of the Times: Two young men occupy a first floor front bedroom, immediately above the front or street door.

A third occupies a rear room on the same floor.

Two other young men find the street door open and come up to the front bedroom and want to know if the occupant of the rear room has been at the street door.

Should they say, "Did he come to the door?" or "Did he go to the door?"

Kindly answer in Saturday's issue to decide a bet.

F. R. Edmunds.

The Times would give the preference to "Did he come to the door?" because the question is asked concerning the movements of a man who is supposed to have "come" from some other place to where the speakers are. Will the writer analyze the third paragraph and ask himself if he has not made two mistakes in grammar in it.—Ed.

Had a Fight.

(London Advertiser.) The omission of Mr. Beck's name from Mr. Whitney's speech at Hamilton is significant. He went out of his way to praise the late Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Hendrie for their interest in the power question, but had not a word for the member for London. It is useless to deny that there is a division of opinion in the cabinet. Mr. Beck and Mr. Whitney had an altercation, and Mr. Beckney has no secret of it. Apparently the Premier has not forgotten or forgiven.

The Deadly Trailer.

(Toronto Telegram.) The trailer has crushed out two lives under its front wheels in less than one month.

Egg Contest for Hens.

The Connecticut Agricultural College is to endeavor to ascertain "What does a hen's keep cost?" An egg laying contest is to be commenced at the college Oct. 1, to be continued for one year, in which any poultryman may take part. In the State, says a despatch from Winsted. Those who take part will send six pullets to the college agricultural station, where they will be cared for and fed according to a regular system. A careful record of expenses and number of eggs laid will be kept. Each male chicken will be kept in separate coop and pen.

Ins and Outs.

"What's the noise?" asked the visitor in the apartment house. "Probably some one in the dentist's apartments on the floor below getting a tooth out."

"But this seemed to come from the floor above."

"Ah! then, it's probably the Popley's baby getting a tooth in."—Philadelphia Press.

Prevented.

Miss Cutting—I see by the paper that all the swell set was at the assembly ball last night.

"Yes, I expected to be there, but was prevented."

Miss Cutting—The idea! I hope the doorkeeper wasn't rough with you, dear.

—The Catholic Standard and Times.

OKLAHOMA WOMAN A MARSHAL.

She Carries a Gun and Knows How to Use It.

Beulah Reynolds, deputy United States Marshal for the Eastern district of Oklahoma, That is the way it reads on the pay roll and the petite, handsome girl that answers to the name is a real deputy Marshal with authority to carry a six shooter, a privilege which she uses, serving under Grant Victor, Marshal of the district.

Miss Reynolds was born in Randolph county, Missouri, and educated at Lexington, Mo. She was born in Oklahoma City at the opening of Oklahoma. She regards her appointment under Victor as a political matter. She was taken on as a stenographer, but when she went in she insisted on taking the same oath that any other deputy marshal takes, and she also is subject to the same rules and duties. So far as known she is the only woman deputy in the state. She is a deputy United States Marshal. She has authority to make arrests, raids, serve papers and even go into the field on special duty.

When she took the oath of office Miss Reynolds was asked if she would go out and make an arrest if it were required and if she would take part in a real fight if it came to a "show down," and it was pointed out to her just what duties are sometimes required of a deputy marshal in tight places. Her reply was short and to the point.

"I will take the oath and I am not a quitter."

The next morning when the marshal came down he found lying on the desk of his new deputy a pearl handled six shooter of excellent make, handsomely engraved and every chamber loaded. He was informed that it shot pretty well and that it was a better gun than it looked. So far there are no notices on this gun, but who knows when there will be? The fact is the young woman had been carrying this gun when she believed she needed it, and she knows how to use it.—Muskegee correspondence Kansas City Times.

A TEXAS CYCLONE YARN.

Storm Carried for Miles a 500 Foot Column of Water Topped by a Tree.

E. F. Turner, of Hamilton County, said: "I was riding horseback across the country Thursday and passed through the town of Meridian, where I took dinner. After dinner I started toward Waco, and had a hard time on account of high water."

"At about 5:30 p. m. I was a few miles from Clifton when I found a cyclone chasing me, and I galloped away from it as fast as my horse could carry me. Presently I found that it had passed me, and I sat on the brow of a hill and watched its course. It was carrying along much debris and when it struck the Bosque River it sucked up all the water, leaving the bed of the river practically empty. It crossed the Bosque obliquely and the water it took out of the bed of the stream was carried upward in a column which appeared to me to be about 500 feet high.

"The most remarkable part of the phenomenon was the fact that it had torn up by the roots a big tree and the tree was on top of the column of water, waving like a plume. When the column of water broke the tree went sailing on and fell about half a mile from where it was taken up."—Waco correspondence Dallas News.



POLICE DOGS AT WORK.

A Casual Encounter of Dona and Nogi on Duty in Brooklyn.

A night worker on his way home in the Prospect Park section of Brooklyn at an early morning hour recently saw a dog with a jumping tag fastened to its neck come running along the opposite side of the street. The dog ran up to the front door of a house, sniffed and was down off the porch and around to the rear like a flash.

Judging from the usual conduct of dogs the first thought was that this one was either searching for its home or looking hungrily for a stray bone.

At the next house the same performance was repeated with equal thoroughness. A little further down the street a man swung the gate open and entered the yard at about the time the dog arrived. The dog waited until he took out his key and let himself in, then, satisfied, went on about his business.

The man, who had forgotten just at the moment that the policing of the city is now being done by improved methods, was at a loss to tell the dog's performance being repeated at every house until he saw the animal run into the middle of the street and sniff at a dark object lying there. The dog circled around the object several times and then darted off at top speed.

In a short time he returned, followed by another dog. Not far behind the second animal was a policeman who had been trying to keep pace with the dog. Under the policeman's prodding the object moved, and proved to be a man, who got up and walked off uncertainly down the street.

Then the dog had brought assistance. The dog followed him up the street in one direction and the policeman and the other dog went the opposite way. It was Dona and Nogi, two of the police dogs, doing their duty faithfully and without any fuss.

Chinese Doctor's Prescription.

The brilliant Chinese Ambassador, Wu Ting-fang, was recounting to a group of correspondents—but not for publication—his view of a certain selfish politician.

"In short," said Mr. Wu, "the man reminds me of a doctor of Shanghai."

"A mandarin ought not to sleep, had no appetite, suffered a good deal from depression, and nevertheless was taking on fat at an alarming rate."

"We'll soon put you in condition again," said the physician. "What you need is exercise—good, hard exercise. Four times a week you can come here and put in the morning polishing my floors."

"But why not my own floors?" the mandarin inquired.

"Mine," said the physician, "are larger."—Washington Star.

There is reported to be a large deficit in the St. John's Quebec, Bank.

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ANCIENT WEATHER PROPHECIES.

Greeks First to Make Regular Observations—First Measurement of Rain.

Meteorology as a science is in its infancy, but as a branch of knowledge it is perhaps as old as mankind. The beginnings of meteorology are to be found at the origin of civilization.

It would be error to imagine that the rich weather lore found in the Bible, especially in the book of Job, and in the poems of Homer and Hesiod, originated in Palestine or Greece. On the contrary, the familiarity of the people with the sayings and rules concerning the weather revealed by these writings show clearly that they must be considered as a primeval stock of the culture of that time.

There is reason to believe that the origin of such modern weather lore can be traced to its Indo-Germanic source. The Greeks as far back as the fifth century, B. C., were the first to make regular meteorological observations, some records of which still are preserved. Their great capacity for pure science induced them to propound meteorological theories. At this time they used wind vane and in the first century, B. C., they built the Tower of the Wind at Athens.

The first quantitative observations—this is, the measurement of rain—were made in the first century, A. D. These were made in Palestine, and their results are preserved in the Mishnah. Meteorology made but little progress among the Romans. The barbarous state of Europe after the fall of the western empire was not adapted to the furtherance of science, which was barely kept alive within the Christian church.

The fathers of the church, writing commentaries on the week of the seven days, often took occasion to insert long elaborations on the atmosphere and the phenomena. The revival of experimental science in the thirteenth century led to the development of regular meteorological observations in the fourteenth century. It was only during the latter part of the nineteenth century that meteorology became partially an exact science.—Chicago Tribune.

POLICE SPIES IN PARIS.

Legitimist Leader Mystified Over a Revelation by Prefect Lepine.

Paris Gil Blas gives the world an illustration of the workings of the French secret police in an anecdote which it publishes with an assurance that the incident happened recently.

A distinguished member of Parisian society sent out invitations for a large soiree at his house in the Faubourg St. Germain. He is a legitimist, and it was hardly concealed that the gathering was to have a certain political significance.

As soon as he heard of it Police Prefect Lepine called upon the host and with the utmost politeness solicited a couple of invitations for agents on his staff.

"Monsieur le Comte," said he, "I give you my word of honor the men to whom I entrust them will look like perfect gentlemen; they will not like gentlemen; in a word, they will be worthy of the honor you confer on them by making them your guests."

The count was very haughty, however. He declined with ill concealed disdain that his party would be made up of the best blood in France and any outsider would be at once conspicuous.

M. Lepine appeared to be convinced; at least he yielded the point gracefully, merely adding: "At least, Monsieur le Comte, you will allow me to see the list of your guests. My duty compels me to know who will be there."

Monsieur le Comte made no objection. He produced the list and Lepine scanned it carefully. He was wreathed in smiles as he returned it. With many bows he apologized for having troubled Monsieur le Comte.

"It was so unnecessary," said he, "I really would have no use for those invitations. I see that Monsieur le Comte

ANCIENT INDIAN ORDER.

Strange Religious Rites Observed by Remnant of New England Tribe

Up in the northeast corner of the State there is a small band of Seneca Indians on a reservation of the same name. This is a remnant of a nation of Indians that can be traced from the original New England States, as they were forced west and south by the encroachments of the whites and the battle arm of stronger Indian bands that were constantly warring against them.

Among this little band of Indians, probably not more than 100 all told, there are some curious heathen rites that seem to be instinctive with the tribe.

Among them there is an old order known as "The Wood Face." Those who belong to the order can call in the "Wood Faces" in case of sickness, as often done. They go through a performance that is calculated to drive out from the sick person the evil spirit that may be hovering around the bed. These faces are masks made out of wood, usually carved to represent a human form of some character, but sometimes made to represent the head of an animal. They are painted red and black, with large silver eyes and a horse tail for hair.

Arrayed in one of these hideous masks, together with rattles made of turtle shells fastened together at the outer edges with small stones inside and tied to the legs of the "Wood Faces" as they dance, roll and kick, singing their incantations the while, the Indians present a scene calculated to drive away any evil spirit that might happen along and incidentally drive the life out of the patient.

It appears that this organization has been in the tribe for many generations, the modes of procedure differing somewhat, but following the same general character. Its secret signs and symbols are guarded as closely as Masonry and its fraternal features are as binding. Its spiritual benefits are believed in implicitly.—Muskegee correspondence Kansas City Times.

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