

## THE MYSTERY OF MRS. CRIPPEN

Greatly Excites the Interest of Friends in English Theatrical Circles.

### ABOUT MISS LENEVE

A Scotland Yard Pen Picture of the Fugitive Husband—Forged Death Notice.

London, July 25.—That Dr. Hawley H. Crippen and his former stenographer, Elsie Crippen, are aboard the Canadian Pacific steamer Montrose, now on the high seas bound for Montreal, in Scotland Yard's firm conviction. Of the many clues followed to the final ending, that which led to the docks at Antwerp and to pursuit across the ocean seems to hold out the best prospects for the capture of the two.

Inspector Dew is now aboard the steamer Laurentic, which is due to arrive at Montreal on July 30. That is the date also of the arrival of the Montrose, but the Scotland Yard officials hope the inspector will reach Antwerp in time to arrest the fugitives. Inspector Dew knows both Crippen and the Leneve woman personally.

According to one dispatch received here from Montreal, the Canadian Pacific Railway officials were in receipt of a wireless message from the Montrose, stating that the Leneve woman had been found and confessed. Another dispatch from Montreal stated that the company had not been able to establish communication with the steamer.

#### The Disappearance.

Towards the end of January last, Mrs. Crippen mysteriously disappeared, and a report was circulated by Hawley Crippen to the effect that his wife had left for America to transact business there. Later he gave out that he had received intelligence from the States that the lady was seriously ill with pneumonia, and this was followed by the announcement of her death and cremation near San Francisco.

Mrs. Crippen had a large circle of acquaintances in the theatrical world owing to her association with the Music Hall Ladies' Guild as honorary secretary, and were apparently much mystified by the lady's disappearance. It was not until the end of June, however, that they mentioned their suspicions to the police. A lady and gentleman visited Scotland Yard, and related the facts to Superintendent Froest and Chief Detective Inspector Dew, of the criminal investigation department. Inquiry was immediately set on foot. Crippen, questioned by the detectives, admitted that all his former stories were incorrect, and stated that he had a quarrel with his wife, who had gone away, saying she would never see him again. He believed she had journeyed to America.

The Other Woman. In the meantime, a new arrival appeared at the Hilldrop Crescent house. Crippen took to his home a young lady typist, Miss Le Neve, who was acting as his assistant at his place of business in Oxford street. Miss Le Neve was introduced by Crippen as his wife. On Saturday, July 9, the two disappeared together at midday, and it is in relation to this couple that the following official notice was issued by the police:

"Wanted, for murder and mutilation of a woman, HAWLEY HARVEY CRIPPEN, alias PETER CRIPPEN, alias FRANKEL, an American doctor; age 50; height, 5 feet 3 inches; complexion fresh, hair light brown, inclined sandy, scanty and bald on top; long sandy moustache, rather straggly; may be clean shaven or wearing beard; eyes grey, flat on bridge of nose; false teeth; wears gold-rimmed spectacles; may be dressed in dark brown jacket suit, marked 'Baker & Sons,' and grey round felt hat, 'Horne Bros.' inside; rather slovenly appearance; throws his feet out when walking, speaks with a slight American accent; wears hat at back of head; very plausible and quiet spoken; speaks French; carries fire-arms; shows his teeth much when talking. AND ETHEL CLARA LE NEVE; will go as Crippen's wife; age 27, height 5 feet 5 inches; complexion pale, hair light brown, large grey eyes; good teeth; good-looking; medium build, pleasant appearance, quiet, subdued manner; looks intently when in conversation; walks slowly, reticent; probably dressed blue serge skirt and blue serge three-quarter jacket; large hat; or may be dressed as a boy in dark brown suit, grey, hard felt hat; native of London; shorthand writer and typist; absconded with her husband; may be carrying money; Observation to be kept at railway stations and docks, and outgoing ships searched by experienced C.T.D. officers. Early special inquiry to be made at shipping offices, railway stations, hotels, etc."

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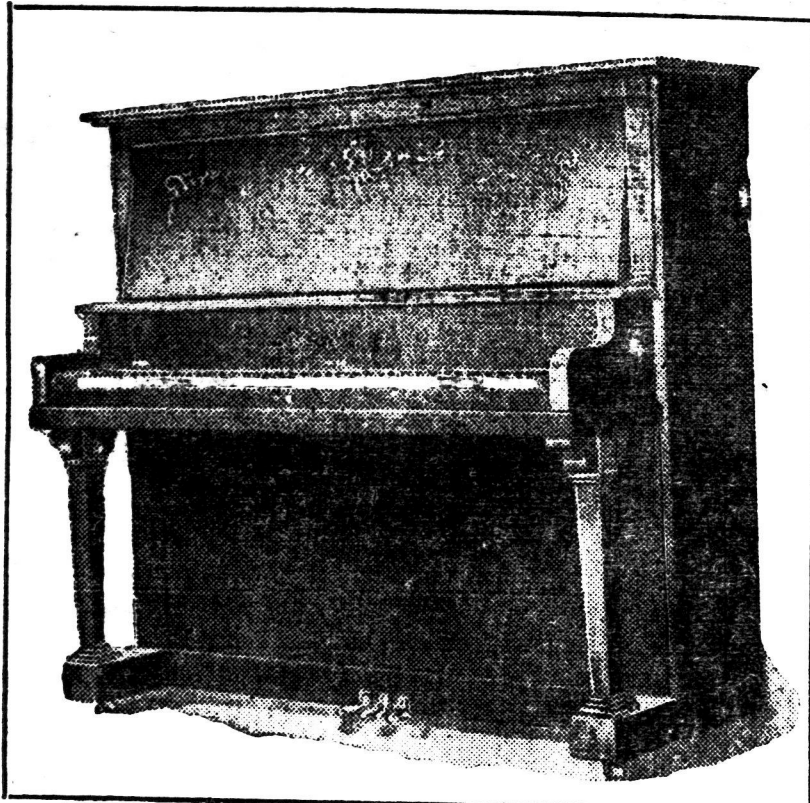
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#### Friends' Suspicions.

It may seem rather curious that the offices of the Music Hall Ladies' Guild—the benevolent institution, which the murdered lady was treasurer—should be on the same floor, and only two doors from the office of the Munyon's Remedies Company, of which Crippen was agent. But Miss Melinde May, the secretary, accounted for this by telling the Daily News' representative that it was when Mrs. Crippen became treasurer that the headquarters were moved from York street. Miss May, who is among those who set inquiries on foot, was in great distress on account of the terrible discovery, though, of course, she had feared foul play.

"In Mrs. Crippen," she said tearfully, "I have lost my best friend. She was a sweet, beautiful woman, charitable and kind-hearted, a woman whom I should have thought nobody could help loving. A portrait, with her name and inscription on the back, is one of the treasures I would not part with for anything now. She was a vaudeville artist, fairly well known under her stage name of Belle Elmore, but I do not know that she had appeared much in recent years. "It was in this very room that I con- doled with the man when he told me she had gone to California on account of her bad health. But the more we thought of that, the more strange did it appear to the members of the committee and myself that she should have gone away without letting us know. Such a thing would have been quite foreign to her disposition. I am sure she could not have resisted sending us at least a line."

Was This Forged Letter? One of the last letters the girl received, as coming from Mrs. Crippen, was as follows:

39 Hilldrop Crescent, London, N. To the Committee of the Music Hall Ladies' Guild: Dear Friends—Please forgive me a hasty letter and any inconvenience I may cause you, but I have just had news of the illness of a near relative, and at only a few hours' notice I am obliged to go to America. Under the circumstances, I cannot return for several months, and I therefore beg you to accept this as a formal resigning from this date of the honorary treasurership of the Music Hall Ladies' Guild.

I am inclosing the check book and the deposit book for the immediate use of my successor, and to save any delay I beg to suggest you should vote to suspend the usual rules of election and elect today a new treasurer. I hope some months later to be with you, and in the meantime wish the guild every success, and I ask my good friends and pals to accept my sincere and loving wishes for their own personal welfare. Believe me, yours faithfully, BELLE ELMORE.

Forged Death Notice. There can be little doubt now that this letter was a forgery. Mrs. Crippen always spelled her stage name with one "l," but at the time it was supposed that, being indisposed, she might have dictated the letter.

On March 26 there appeared this advertisement in a theatrical paper: "Elmore—March 23, in California, U. S. A., Miss Belle Elmore (Mrs. H. Crippen)." So deep was the distress occasioned among the officials and committee of the guild, and so unsatisfactory did the circumstances appear, that the step-son of Mrs. Crippen, at Los Angeles, was communicated with. His statement that he knew nothing of the death led to more stringent inquiries, and ultimately the police were called in.

In the neighborhood of Hilldrop Crescent considerable comment seems to have been aroused by the young lady typist, Clara Le Neve. She was apparently an attractive young woman, and one of her most striking characteristics was the amount of jewelry she wore. Mrs. Crippen, the murdered woman, was said to have been anxious that the typist should be dismissed, but her husband refused, saying she had been with him for ten years. After Mrs. Crippen's disappearance, the couple appeared to have visited music halls and entertainments together, the girl wearing it was noticed, jewelry formerly the property of Mrs. Crippen.

The police suggestion that this girl "may be dressed as a boy," is traceable to the story that Crippen had recently been seen accompanied by a "youth," who was of somewhat foreign appearance. The managing agent of a dairy business who supplied No. 39 Hilldrop Crescent with milk stated that she remembers Crippen visiting the shop, whom the managing agent described as being "very nice-looking," and about 15 years of age. He was well dressed in an Eton suit, and had dark hair.

#### UNREST IN HONDURAS

Ex-President Bonilla Threatens to Begin a Revolution. New Orleans, July 25.—Further confirmation of disturbed conditions recently at Ceiba, Honduras, was brought by passengers arriving here on the steamer Olenia yesterday. The Olenia sailed for Ceiba Thursday, at which time, it is said, many soldiers were patrolling the town under the direction of the governor of Ceiba. The feeling of alarm and somewhat turbulent situation were apparently the outcome of rumors that former President Bonilla was threat-

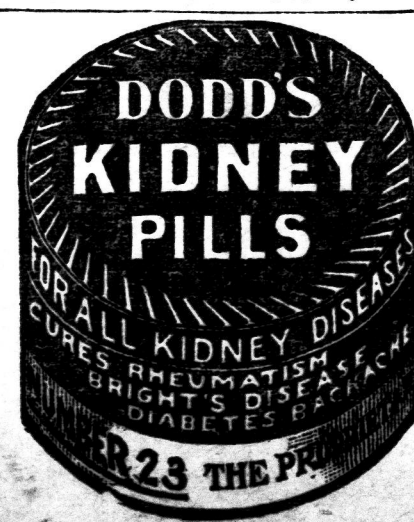
ening to begin a revolution. There has been no actual uprising.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Open Letter to Mr. Sanders, Humane Society Inspector.

Dear Sir,—Do you not think it would be a good idea to have the police instructed to take charge of all dogs with muzzles on which are evidently lost, and make an effort to restore them to their owners? I think it a piece of most devilish cruelty to permit dogs to possibly starve to death because of their inability to help themselves. I think if there is one thing more than another calculated to set a dog mad it is to have his head placed in a wire cage, and when desperately hungry, be unable to satisfy his hunger because of the cruel contrivance with which his head is encased. I suggest, also, that London, and every town and city in Canada, imitate Chicago, and place a number of drinking contrivances in a number of places. Chicago is said to have placed a thousand for the dogs' comfort and health. It is an old saying, but nevertheless a true one, that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and if citizens in general be asked to co-operate in the carrying out of the above suggestions, a vast amount of good will result, and the poor dogs be saved a vast amount of suffering. I am, sir, yours sincerely, JAS. CONNOR.

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