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FOUR WOMEN HELD IN PLOT

Alleged Scheme to Kill Husband of One.

Startling Revelations in the Keber Case are Announced by the Cleveland Police—Charge That Assassins were Hired.

Cleveland, June 13.—Four women are now formally charged with the murder of Danie F. Kaber, who was stabbed twenty-four times by hired assassins in his home in Lakewood two years ago.

Mrs. E. Colavito, thirty-two, was booked on a charge of murder early today after she had made startling revelations to the police. Others charged with the crime and who are under first degree murder charges are Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber, widow of the slain man; Miss Marion McArdle, her daughter; and Mrs. Mary Beckel, sixty-nine years of age, mother of Mrs. Kaber.

Mrs. Colavito described in a statement, authorities say, how two days before the murder Kaber's assassins had been taken through his home to get the "key of the land" while Miss McArdle played a piano to drown the noise of their footsteps.

Following rapidly upon this statement, according to the officers who questioned Mrs. Colavito, she related how arrangements had been made for committing the murder and told of meetings at which plans were arranged in detail, how they carried out and how they were re-arranged.

A pitcher of water was to be spilled from an upstairs window as a signal to the assassins to enter the room. Mrs. Colavito reported the confession declares. She also is alleged to have said that the assassins demanded \$5,000 for committing the crime, but that "Mrs. Kaber declared she would not pay it unless her husband was killed with some weapon so that she could collect an accident insurance policy."

This was denied by Mrs. Kaber. The alleged confession was unexpected and came after several hours of questioning early yesterday, but was not made public until today. Early yesterday she sent for Chief of Police Smith, saying: "After telling the woman's statement, it was decided to bring together all the women said to be involved in the plot, except Miss McArdle. The officers feared the daughter's influence with her mother might still Mrs. Kaber's tongue and balk their efforts."

They were confronted with Mrs. Elhel Berman, who continued an acquaintance with Mrs. Kaber after the assassination and volunteered as a private detective with the object of solving the mystery. It was partly on her evidence that Mrs. Kaber was indicted last night.

During the grilling, which continued from noon yesterday until early this morning, Mrs. Colavito amplified her statements to some extent in Mrs. Kaber's presence. She declared that four men were employed to do the killing, two to use the weapons and two to remain outside as lookouts.

Five hundred dollars had been given to Mrs. Colavito, she said, in her alleged confession, to be paid the assassins in part. The money was given to her, she alleges, by a fortune teller, who is being held, and who is said to have acted as go-between. The \$500 was paid, she said, after she telephoned Mrs. Kaber that the men had threatened her.

The fortune teller is said to have admitted handling the money, but Mrs. Kaber contradicted both women's statements. A man who was questioned, it is declared to have told the officers that Mrs. Kaber offered him a large residence in Euclid avenue, which she pointed out, if he "would do the work for her." He also said she would give him a big automobile, "if I would promise to run down her husband and kill him with it."

ADMIRAL LORD BEATTY



The commander of the British Navy playing on a polo team. At the international practice match at Rhoehampton, England he played luck for Rhoehampton.

In the police court today Lewis J. Nelson was charged with having concealed weapons on his person and also held on suspicion of breaking and entering the store of Jacob Tanzman, 25 Brussels street, and stealing clothing therefrom. He was arrested by Detectives Biddiscombe and Donahue in a second-hand store in Main street, about noon on Saturday.

Detective Biddiscombe happened to enter the store and noticed Nelson, who he said, was trying to slip a thirty-two calibre revolver. He asked Nelson where he got the gun, and it was said, was informed that it was found in a box-car, in which Nelson was beating his way from Sydney to this city. The detective doubted the story and told Nelson he would have to go with him to the police station for an arraignment for tomorrow morning.

Evidence was given today by Mr. Tanzman, who said that the break occurred on the night of May 26. He said that five suits of men's clothing, including several raincoats had also been taken. The witness identified one suit and a raincoat in court. The defendant inquired of the witness whether or not the window would be large enough to admit a man's entrance, and witness replied that it was pretty small but he thought a man could get in. The magistrate gave orders to have the window measured and the case was postponed for further witnesses until tomorrow morning.

John McCormack and Alexander Lang, two youths charged with theft, were before the police court this morning. It is alleged that they entered the grocery store of Harry R. McKim, 207 Sydney street, between Saturday night and Monday, June 4, and stole three tubs of butter. William Alward, a clerk in the store, said that the two defendants had helped around the store at various times. He identified a tub of butter in court as one of those missing. The arrest was made by Detective Saunders and Police-Blackwell. The prosecution asked for an arraignment for several days for further witnesses.

The case of C. G. Langbein, charged with embezzlement from the International Longshoremen's Union, which he was secretary-treasurer, was continued this morning. J. J. Donovan, president of the union, commanded the reading from the minute books and the financial statements of the secretary-treasurer during his term of office. The case was postponed until tomorrow morning.

Two men, charged with drunkenness, were each fined \$8 or two months in jail.

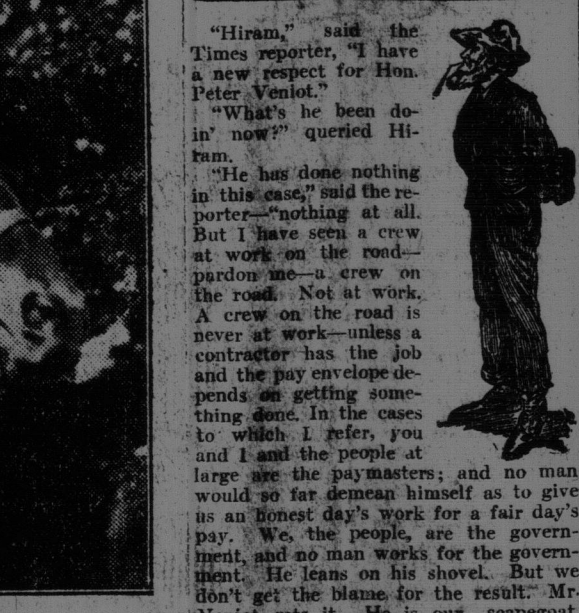
HOME FROM ENGLAND

Dr. G. A. B. Addy, Dr. J. H. Allingham, Mrs. Allingham and Miss Edith White, daughter of Dr. W. W. White, returned home yesterday from Montreal, where they landed on Saturday from the steamer Metagama after a trip to Europe. The two medical men spent the greater part of their time abroad in the surgical hospitals of London and Paris, participating in advanced work in surgery. Mrs. White accompanied her mother, England. Mrs. White is expected home about June 17.

Dr. Addy, Dr. and Mrs. Allingham and Miss Edith White made the return trip between London and Paris in a Handley-Page airplane. Dr. Addy, in conversation with a Times reporter, said that the trip was accompanied with no undue sensation, and was getting to be a popular mode of transportation between the British Isles and the continent. Plans, he said, were now making trips twice daily between Paris and London and were being well patronized.

Speaking of conditions in Europe, he said that France seemed to be recovering rapidly from the ravages of war and was apparently in better shape now than England, where the coal strike had proved very bad for the country.

As Hiram Sees It



"Hiram," said the Times reporter, "I have a new respect for Hon. Peter Veniot."

"What's he been doing now?" queried Hiram. "He has done nothing in this case," said the reporter—"nothing at all, not I have seen a crew at work on the road-pardon me—a crew on the road. Not at work—never at work—unless a contractor has the job and the pay envelope depends on getting something done. In the cases to which I refer, you and I and the people at large see the paymasters; and no man would so far demean himself as to give an honest day's work for a fair day's pay. We, the people, are the government, and no man works for the government. He leans on his shovel. But we don't get the blame for the result."

"Veniot gets it. He is our scapegoat. Whenever it costs five hundred dollars to do a fifty dollar job, that has to be done over again next year because it is so badly done, another politician smacks his lips and says: 'Wait till I get Peter in the House next spring.' And all the time Peter is at the mercy of men who dig their hands in the pockets of the Settlemen. You may like it or lump it—as you choose."

"Well," said Hiram, "I paid my last other fellow down the work in our district this year—I guess well let it go at that. I might remark that from my observation you didn't put it quite strong enough. But well let it go at that. When you're talkin' to Veniot you might say for me that what we need is a real independent boss on every job—and I ain't lookin' fer no appointment—nutter."

LORD PIRIE

Whose residence was placed at the disposal of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland when he arrived in Belfast from London to open the Irish Parliament.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, June 13.—Opening.—Wheat July 81-82; September 81-82; Corn July 64-12; September 65. Oats—July 81-81; September 40-4.

Exchange Today

New York, June 13.—Sterling exchange steady. Demand 3.75-7.5; cables 3.75-4.8.

Weather Report

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, St. John, N. B., Director of meteorological service.

Synopsis: Moderate disturbances are central over the Ottawa valley and the Maritime Provinces this morning, which is moderately high over the central and northern portions of the continent. Many showers have fallen in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and the weather is now generally fair and warm in the west.

Table with columns: Highest, Lowest, 8 a.m., Yesterday night, and locations like Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, etc.

POLITICS IN THE MOTHERLAND

By-elections Expected to Go Against Government.

Newspaper Campaign Against Lloyd George and Chamberlain—North Country Calling for Return to Liberalism.

London, June 13.—The domestic political situation is obscure. The recent by-elections have been won by opponents of the government on platforms which, to say the least, indicate profound dissatisfaction with some aspects of governmental policy.

Other elections expected to be easily unfavorable to the coalition are coming on. There is a strong newspaper campaign against Lloyd George, and especially against his chancellor of the exchequer, Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain.

Lord Rothermere daily fills the air with criticism and complaint, not in London alone, but throughout the provinces, where the newspaper magnates have several journals under their control. Lord Beaverbrook is also developing the critical influence of the Daily Express quite considerably.

Women throughout the country have been impressed by the cry that the government is spending money wastefully and have begun to vote in large numbers. In towns most of the present indications are in favor of an increased labor vote, and in the counties the government is thought to have alienated the agricultural laborers. Decontrol, it is argued, may have pleased the land owners and the tenant farmers, but for every owner-farmer with a vote there are scores of agricultural laborers, each of whom has a vote to cast, and every one of whom is threatened with a reduction in wages when decontrol comes into force.

In the north country there is a rapidly growing demand for a return to Liberalism-Gladstonism and Asquithian-Liberalism, the phrases currently employed.

Where, it is asked, is the coalition going to turn for support? There are rumors at Westminster that the politicians who support the coalition are casting about for ways and means of making their own places secure in the case of a government change on the next election. Everybody is speculating as to what would be the coalition ticket in the event of a general election.

LOCAL NEWS

REMOVING ROCK

A start was made this morning on the removal of the rock at the corner of Chealey street where an automobile accident happened recently.

CHALLENGE

The Maple Leafs will claim the junior championship of the city, challenge an junior team to a game of baseball on any diamond at any time. They ask an answer on Saturday 8:15-8; September 40-4.

JEWISH FEAST OF WEEKS

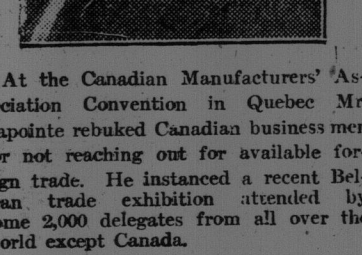
A special religious service in celebration of the "Feast of Weeks" and lasting for two days opened on Saturday night at sunset on Saturday evening at the synagogue of the city. The service is being conducted by Dr. C. A. Press who spoke at the service last evening and explained that the holiday was the giving of the ten commandments to Moses. Practically all those of the Jewish faith in the city are attending the services which are conducted with great solemnity. The closing of the Jewish children's religious school will take place next Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Hogan, who took place at her home in Charlottetown this morning after an illness of two months. She was born in Albert County and was a daughter of the late Timothy and Catherine O'Connor. She is survived by one son, William L. Hogan, who is north shore representative of Baird & Peters, and one sister, Miss Margaret J. O'Connor of this city, who was with her at the time of her death. Her body will arrive in the city tomorrow evening and her funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon from the residence of her niece, Mrs. John Connors 28 Paddock street.

PARLIAMENT OF LABOR MEETS

Annual Convention of American Federation.

Gompers Speaks of Some of the Problems to be Considered—Irish Question Among Things to be Taken Up.



Denver, Colo., June 13.—The forty first annual convention of the American Federation of Labor was opened today. It will be a gathering for the promotion and development of warfare and freedom on this continent, said president Samuel Gompers last night.

This convention, the veteran labor leader said, would deal with the "great post-war issues—confronting organized labor, which are today in the balance at the crucial moment, when the die must be cast one way or the other."

The major issues before the convention as outlined by President Gompers include: "The condition of unemployment, which estimates run as high as 5,000,000 workers, the open shop movement, the railroad problem, the immigration problem, the problem of new best to meet conditions brought about by court decisions, added to these are constructive demands, problems that will be brought up in a series of delegates affecting the trades and callings, the relationship of American labor to international bodies, the consideration of suggestions and proposals looking to the making out of new work and new programs of action.

Disarmament and the Irish question and the high cost of living will also occupy outstanding positions on the programme.

The adoption of a resolution calling upon congress to take steps to bring about world-wide disarmament will be unpopular, labor leaders declared. It points to the membership enrollment as proof that the Campaign against organized labor has failed.

Mr. Gompers, reviewing the accomplishments of the federation during the year, urged more active opposition on the part of organized labor to its enemies.

NEW CARDINALS

Rome, June 13.—Creation of three new college cardinals was expected when a secret college convened here today at a sacred consistory. It was understood that Monsignor Tacci Porrioli, the papal major domo; Monsignor Ratti, the muncio to Poland; and Monsignor Laurenti, secretary of the congregation of the propagation of the faith, would be named to receive the cardinal's hat. Today's secret consistory will be followed by a public consistory on Thursday, at which the insignia of cardinal will be conferred on Monsignor Tacci Porrioli, archbishop of Burgos, and Monsignor Barrajon, archbishop of Taragona, who were created cardinals at the March consistory.

QUEBEC CROP SAVED

Quebec, June 13.—Reports from outlying sections of the province are that the week end rainfall was widespread and that the crops which were seriously threatened are now past the immediate crisis. Hay crops are reported to have specially benefited.

LUMBER LOST IN FIRE UP THE ST. JOHN RIVER

Fredericton, N. B., June 13.—A saw mill located on the St. John river between Evandale and Oak Point, owned and operated by Adam McPherson, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night, together with the manufactured lumber in the yards according to a report reaching the provincial department of lands and mines here today.

A telephone message to The Times from McPherson's, Kings county this afternoon was to the effect that the mill itself was not destroyed but that about 100,000 feet of manufactured lumber fell a prey to the flames. The loss is said to be covered by insurance.

BRITAIN TO BE STRICTLY NEUTRAL

London, June 13.—The attitude of Great Britain with regard to the conflict between the Greeks and the Turkish Nationals will be one of strict neutrality, Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the House of Commons, announced today.

McNEIL GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF DOM. COAL CO.

Sydney, N. S., June 13.—Official announcement of the appointment of Alex. S. McNeil as general superintendent of the Dominion Coal Co., was made here on Saturday. For the last few years he has been general superintendent of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company.

NEW LOW FOR SUGAR ON THE N. Y. MARKET

New York, June 13.—A new low for the last four years was established in the refined sugar market today, when several local refineries quoted fine granulated at six cents a pound because of the weakness in raws.

OTTAWA BARBERS WANTING MORE

Ottawa, June 13.—Journeymen barbers here are asking the master barbers for an increase in commission to become effective on July 1. If their demands are not met they warn that they may take a "holiday." They are now receiving \$20 a week and fifty cent off \$81 in gross receipts. They demand that sixty per cent over \$80 and the wages remain as at present.

BELIEVE THAT HE WAS DRUGGED BOUND WITH WIRE AND DROWNED

Montreal, June 13.—Reports of city detectives to Coroner McMahon indicate that Budder Harris, colored, believed to have been murdered, had returned from London and Paris in a Handley-Page airplane. Dr. Addy, in conversation with a Times reporter, said that the trip was accompanied with no undue sensation, and was getting to be a popular mode of transportation between the British Isles and the continent.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Three Rivers, June 13.—Alfred Robitaille, of Three Rivers, a lumberman working along the St. Maurice River, was killed by lightning and killed while he was washing his hands in a camp near a telephone box during a recent storm.

Krasin's Visit

London, June 13.—Leonid Krasin, Russian Soviet minister of trade and commerce, is planning to visit Canada, and the U. S. in the near future.