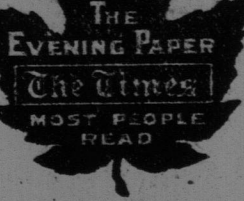


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CONFESSES TO POISONED CANDY PLOT

Wife Puts Strychnine in Box of Sweets and Has Rival for Husband's Love Arrested but Scheme Fails

St. Louis, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Annette L. Lillard has confessed that she deliberately put strychnine into a box of candy that she herself bought and then had Mrs. Maud Riley, a handsome young widow, arrested on the charge of attempting to poison her. She admitted that she played the ruse in a desperate attempt to win back the love of her young husband, a well-known newspaper man, who, she says, was intoxicated with Mrs. Riley. Mrs. Riley has been released.

The confession was as dramatic as the original charge. Mrs. Lillard went to Police Captain Gaffney a few days ago, and handed him a box of candy, told him it had been given her by the woman who was wrecking her home and demanded that Mrs. Riley be locked up. A chemist's examination showed that each piece of candy contained enough strychnine to cause instant death, and Mrs. Riley was taken from her home, in a fashionable apartment house, and lodged in jail, despite her frantic denials. She admitted, however, that she loved Lillard.

Captain Gaffney became suspicious of the wife's story. He learned from J. Horne, a drug store clerk, that he had sold Mrs. Lillard the very box of candy she offered as proof of the alleged poison plot. Mrs. Lillard was brought to police headquarters. She reiterated her charges against Mrs. Riley. Captain Gaffney brought the clerk into the room and asked: "Is this the woman who bought that box of candy from you?" "She is the woman," said Horne, "I know her well."

Mrs. Lillard fell to the floor in a faint and fainted again after being revived. There she lay for some time, and confessed. Later she issued a signed statement, in which she said: "My husband loved Mrs. Riley more than me. I knew she was taking him away from me and our two children. But I am not vindictive, or I would not have given the poisoned candy to her. So instead I bought the candy, put the poison capsules into it, threw one piece away to carry off the suspicion and then took the box to the police, declaring Mrs. Riley had given it to me as a piece offering after I had changed her with stealing my husband's love."

"All I wanted was to protect myself and my home from the woman I believed had taken away my husband. Now I have accomplished my object. Now I ask only that I may be permitted to go back again into the privacy with my sorrow, praying for better days will come to me and mine."

Mrs. Riley, in an interview, said: "When Mrs. Lillard returned home two months ago from a visit to relatives, her husband told her that I had come into his life, and that we loved each other. This honesty of his, as events proved, was quite true, but Mrs. Lillard was always a dreamer and a poet."

BARRIE BEGS WIFE TO WED HIM AGAIN

Author, Who Has Just Divorced Her, Astounds England by Change—Said to Have Offered \$200,000

London, Oct. 26.—Having divorced his wife, J. M. Barrie, with the whimsicality often displayed in his stage creations, wants her back again. He does not want to marry Pauline Chase, his beautiful young ward, he has declared. For her he feels only a purely platonic affection. He does not care for any unrelated woman except in a friendly way. He wants his wife; he loves her; he is willing—despite proofs of her guilt so strong that the divorce courts stayed in the middle of the taking of them—to have her come back to him. Indeed, he is offering her all sorts of inducements to return.

All England is literally astounded by the sudden change in the affairs of its most popular playwright. It does not know what to make of him, for he is going to most unusual lengths to win back the woman, who, according to the testimony in the case, openly flouted him for a younger and handsome man. For days, it has become known, Barrie has been writing letters to his wife, humbling himself, begging her pardon for having instituted the suit, forgiving her proven misdemeanors and absolutely begging her to wed him again.

He has offered, it has become known, to settle \$200,000 upon her in a lump sum if she will again be his wife. In addition to that, he has offered to take her on a trip around the world. More than that, he has requested her to make her own demand for terms, and has declared that he will accede, no matter what she wants. Mrs. Barrie thus far has been together with her friends and relatives, who are, of course, sympathetic. Her affections are centered, upon Gilbert Cann, the young critic and dramatist, who was the correspondent in the divorce. The friends do not believe that any appeal of Barrie's will win back his wife, no matter how heart-broken he may be.

CANALS TO MAKE ATLANTIC COAST TRADE SAFER

Inland Waterways Association is to Meet in Norfolk Next Month

Newport, R. I., Oct. 26.—The convention of the Atlantic Inland Waterways Association which will meet for the third year in Norfolk next month to discuss more sheltered routes for the coastwise shipping between Boston and the Gulf of Mexico is arousing great interest in shipping circles of Narragansett Bay, and it is expected that Government members of the legislature to represent this state at the meeting.

The last convention ordered surveys of the entire line, and two boards have been at work, one covering the coast between Boston and Beaufort (N. C.) while the other is working south from that city. As is well known it is possible to go from western Long Island Sound, by the Atlantic Ocean, but this route, which takes in a number of bays, is only available for small boats.

The Cape Cod canal, now in process of construction is included in the general scheme. The national commission has also taken into consideration the proposition of connecting Boston harbor with Narragansett Bay by a canal from Weymouth through Brockton and Bridgewater to the headwaters of the Taunton River. The proposed Rhode Island canal seeks to eliminate the dangers of Point Judith by cutting across the so-called South Cove and connecting Narragansett Bay with Long Island Sound.

While all could agree that it was only a hard struggle that they were able to reach shore. At the summer cottages of E. R. Machum and E. Ledingham, kindness was shown and they were provided with dry clothing and warm drinks.

It is expected that much of the government survey of all these routes will be available when the commission meets at Norfolk on Nov. 17, 18 and 19.

PRINCE ITO, FOREMOST STATESMAN OF JAPAN, VICTIM OF ASSASSIN

Revengeful Korean Follows Him to Harbin and Shoots Him Down in Presence of Diplomats—Wounds Several Others

Murderer Seized, Says He Followed Prince Purposely to Kill Him—Ito the Founder of the New Japan and One of the World's Foremost Statesmen—Diplomatic Circles of the World Shocked

Harbin, Manchuria, Oct. 26.—Prince Hirobumi Ito, former Japanese President-General of Korea and probably Japan's foremost statesman, was assassinated here (Tuesday) afternoon by a Korean who had followed him here for the express purpose of killing him.

The motive of the assassin was revenge. The assassin was arrested. Almost immediately on his arrival here, and just as Prince Ito left the railroad, accompanied by his Russian Minister of Finance, Kokovoff, was starting to inspect the guard of honor drawn up along the platform when a pistol shot was heard.

Several more shots were fired in quick succession, the bullets striking the prince in the back. The former President-General of Korea fell where he stood, mortally wounded.

Three of the prince's companions were also wounded, bullets striking Japanese Consul-General Kawakan, General Manager Tanaka of the South Manchurian Railway and Prince Ito's private secretary, General-General Kawakan. The latter was badly but not fatally injured, it is believed.

The assassin was promptly seized. On being questioned he said he was a Korean. "I came to Harbin for the purpose of assassinating Prince Ito to avenge my country," the slayer told his captors. He also said he had a personal account to settle with the great Japanese statesman, who, during his stay in Korea, had ordered the execution of several persons closely connected with the assassin.

Was a Plot Harbin, Oct. 26.—The assassination of Prince Ito, appears to be the outcome of an organized plot. The local authorities, who anticipated the arrival of Prince Ito, were on the lookout for suspicious characters yesterday arrested three Koreans who were at the station and found to be armed with revolvers. However, the task of guarding Ito was rendered difficult by reason of Japanese Consul-General Kawakan's request that the railway officials permit all Japanese to enter the railroad station to greet the prince. The police point out that it was quite impossible to distinguish the assassin of several persons from the Japanese and the Russian minister of finance, Kokovoff, and the Russian minister of finance, Kokovoff, who were with him.

Indeed, Kokovoff was nearer the Japanese envoy at the time of the shooting than those who were wounded. Had the assassin delayed shooting for a moment of a few seconds, he would have been shot.

Effect in Diplomatic Circles Washington, Oct. 26.—Diplomatic circles here were shocked at the assassination of Prince Ito. The Japanese embassy here was plunged into mourning. Officials of the state department received the news with regret, and the taking of it was regarded as a personage as Prince Ito whom they looked upon as one of the foremost of the world's statesmen.

Despite a denial from Tokyo that Prince Ito's tour was political it has been made apparent that he was entrusted with several most important missions by the Mikado, the foremost being an attempt to forestall the protest of the Russian minister of finance, Kokovoff, against the Japanese and Chinese relations relating to railway construction in Manchuria. The treaty was concluded on August 31 and it has been urged by many diplomats was a violation of the treaty.

Undertakers FAVOR COURSE THE ALLIANCE SUGGESTS At the annual meeting of the Maritime Funeral Directors' Association in Moncton yesterday, a strong committee was appointed to present the by-laws and enlarge the same to include the funeral services of parliament. The association went on record as strongly endorsing the resolution adopted by the Evangelical Alliance on October 4 regarding the shortening of funeral services both at the house and grave in inclement weather.

DIVORCE CASES BEFORE JUDGE MCKEOWN THIS MORNING

Six on Docket in Court At Fredericton—Evidence Given in One—Three to Be Taken up in St. John Court

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 26.—(Special)—The October term of the divorce court was opened today by Judge McKewen. Six cases were entered. One was tried, three were stood over for chambers in St. John, one will be taken up this afternoon and the other tomorrow. Only one of the six cases is to be defended.

The docket is: Isabella Arnold vs. Horation Nelson Arnold; J. P. Reese files record; Fowler and Jonah for respondent. Bradley Greenlaw vs. Lillian Pearl Greenlaw; W. C. H. Grimmer files record; Hosea Benjamin Fanjoy vs. Mary Angus Fanjoy; B. R. Armstrong files record; undefended.

James Robert Parker vs. Lottie Gertrude Parker; N. Mark files record. Isabel Clougtown vs. J. S. Prudent Guy; Crockett and Guthrie file record. Bertha Wright vs. John H. Wright; A. W. MacRae files record. The Wright and Fanjoy cases will be taken up in St. John on Oct. 29. In the case of Greenlaw vs. Greenlaw, the libel read by Mr. Grimmer set forth that the couple had been married in Pennfield, N. B., on August 30, 1905, by Rev. T. N. Munro, Baptist. They lived together for one year and nine months when the defendant, without apparent cause, left her husband, and they have

the foreign consuls would have been in much danger as Ito was approaching them and they would have been directly in the line of fire. The body of the slain statesman has already been removed homeward. The case, before it was placed upon the train, was covered with flowers sent by M. Kokovoff and the Russian and Japanese officials. The Russian ambassador to Japan also refused to discuss the absorption of sovereignty along the South Manchurian Railway. His attitude was in glaring contrast with Russia's recognition of China's sovereignty in the recent Harbin agreement.

Sadness in Tokio Tokio, Oct. 26.—Gloom prevails in the city following the assassination of Prince Ito at Harbin. Details were lacking to night and were eagerly awaited. It is said that the prince received three wounds. When the foreign office received the news it immediately notified the members of the cabinet, many of whom hastened to the foreign office. These included Gen. Terachi, the minister of war, the Prince Ito was notified of the death of her husband at Ono, their country home.

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STEAMER ON THE OLD PROPRIETOR

Likely the Hestia—Crew in Bow or Rigging Signal to Schooner to Lend Aid—Too Rough to Get Near

A steamer, believed to be the Donaldson liner Hestia, bound for this port from Glasgow, is ashore on Old Proprietor ledge, Grand Manan, and it is feared she will be a total loss. It is hoped the crew are safe, but owing to the high seas and wind and to the fact there is no means of communication at the place where the steamer is ashore, it has been difficult to obtain any definite information.

Word of the disaster reached here first in a message to the marine and fisheries department saying that a large steamer was ashore on the Old Proprietor, off Grand Manan. There was no sign of the crew aboard and a lifeboat was to be sent out from Seal Cove to investigate.

On the supposition that the steamer might be the Hestia, Robert Reford Co., the local agents, were communicated with and they were trying all morning to find out if it is the Hestia, and what is the extent of the damage.

A special message to the Times from Dapost about noon stated that the steamer was fast settling and on account of the high winds and sea it was impossible to get a boat out to her to find out her name or to ascertain the fate of the crew. It was thought, however, that she had landed on Gannet Rock, about four miles away, and it was the intention, as soon as the sea became calmer, to send a boat to Gannet Rock as well as to the steamer.

The place where the steamer struck is said to be dry at low water, but is covered at high tide. The Hestia has the following cargo for this city—18,000 bags and 500 tons Scotch wool, R. Reford Co.; 1 roll linoleum, 7 bales carpets, A. O. Skinner; 1 case card, Barnes & Co.; 100 bags sugar, Two Barkers; 1000 bags sugar, Baird & Peters; 300 bags sugar, H. S. Daly; 30 bags sugar, S. Springer; 300 bags sugar, Ellmore & Milling; 2500 bags sugar, L. C. Pringle; 50 cases whisky, J. O'Hagan; 500 cases, 21 cases whisky, R. Sullivan & Co.; 800 cases iron pipes, T. McAvity & Sons; 500 cases R. Bump; 6000 fire brick, order; 10 cases whisky, W. E. McIntyre; 1 bale jute bagging, C. B. Co.; 17,000 fire brick, C. T. Peters & Son; 10 cases mids, P. S. & 6 bales mineral water, W. L. Williams; 5 pigs mids, order; 50 cases whiskey, Foster & Co.; 100 cases whisky, J. C. D.; 200 cases whisky, Coman & Sheehan; 6 cases pickles, order; 4 steel plates; 13 steel bars, St. John Iron Works; 1 crate earthenware, W. H. Hayward; 10 bags mals, J. Ready; 25 bils, 25 kegs salts, order; 1 case books, J. & A. McMillan; 1 case books, B. S. & Co.; 2 cases paper, Schofield Paper Co.; 1 case glassware, Canadian Fairbanks Co.; 2 cases cream tartar, L. K.; 4 cases, G. L. Barbour & Co.; 4 cases, order; 8000 fire brick, 100 bags clay, order; 25 cases herring, order; 1 bri steel, order.

For Halifax—1 case mids, Brander Morris & Co.; 10 cases whisky, J. P. Courtney & Co. For Moncton—300 bags sugar, order; 63 bales sheet iron, Drummond McCall & Co. For Sydney—50 cases whisky, J. P. C. For Charlottetown—10 cases whisky, order; 25 tons pig iron, N. Stairs & Morrison; 50 cases whisky, M. & D. Co., 6 cases mids, P. S. & Co. For Amherst—120 cases mids, H. & W. For Pictou—620 bags mids, P. M. For Campbellton—25 bils sheet iron, McClary Mfg Co., 50 cases pickles, H. W. C. For Windsor—4 cases mids, B. S. & M. Co. For St. Stephen—6 octv whisky, A. M. B.; 1 case lemons, H. Hill. For Fredericton—7 rolls linoleum, Colwell & Jennings.

The Hestia was in command of Captain H. M. Newman. She was built in 1880 by W. Duxford & Son, at Sunderland for Donaldson Brothers. Her length is 264 feet, breadth 44 feet 2 inches, depth 14 feet 3 inches. Her gross tonnage is 3,790 tons 288, and her engines of 300 normal horse power.

The Hestia in 1908 struck a submerged wreck off the Nova Scotia coast, and was towed into Shelburne Harbor, N. S., by the Dominion cruiser Lady Laurier. She filled, but was pumped out and was towed to Halifax, where she remained for some time making repairs.

Old Proprietor Shoals are situated about seven miles from Gannet Rock at the Mur Ledges, Grand Manan. It is a very dangerous place for a vessel in a heavy storm.

LATER A later message to the Times at 2:15 stated that the wrecked steamer has a white band on her funnel with a black top. The schooner Mirpha, Captain Joseph Gaskell, of Grand Manan, put off to the steamer and when nearing the wreck a flag was hoisted in the fore rigging, indicating that there are people aboard.

ITALIAN SHOT AND STABBED Refuses to Tell Who Did It—Was in Black Hand Trouble Port Arthur, Oct. 26.—(Special)—Refusing to give the names of men who shot and stabbed him, Paffel Skute, an Italian lies between life and death with two bullet wounds in his back and a large knife wound under his right ear.

The shooting and stabbing followed a Thanksgiving Day row in an hotel boarding house. The boarding master George Giovannianni and his cousin Mike Giovannianni were the victims. The man who shot and stabbed him was in a Black Hand trouble last winter.

DR. JOHNSON OF CHARLOTTETOWN HEAD OF M.P.A.A.A. Halifax, Oct. 26.—Dr. H. D. Johnson, of Charlottetown, was elected President of the Y. M. P. A. A. this morning. The result of mailed votes of the maritime province Clubs. L. B. McMillan, of Charlottetown, was elected secretary.

NELSON AND WOLGAST FIGHT DECLARED OFF Los Angeles, Oct. 26.—It was announced yesterday that the fight between Battling Nelson and Wolgast had been declared off. Nelson refused to enter the ring with Wolgast before next January.

TRIAL OF JOE PAGE THURSDAY Montreal, Oct. 26.—(Special)—Joseph Page today was committed for trial on a charge of seeking to bribe a crown witness in the Moore-Johnson case. Page pleaded not guilty. His trial will come on in special sessions on Thursday.

IRON COMPANY FIRE Scranton, Pa., Oct. 26.—The Sterrick Creek breaker of the Temple Iron Company in Jessup was totally destroyed by fire, which broke out early yesterday morning, entailing a loss of \$150,000. It was one of the biggest and most modern buildings in the vicinity.

HON. MR. KING ON BENEFIT OF READING

Addresses Canadian Book and Publishing Association—Letter Carrier Arrested—Laymen's Missionary Movement

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 26.—(Special)—Hon. W. W. Mackenzie King, minister of labor, speaking at the annual banquet of the Canadian Book, Stationary and Publishing Association, last night, urged those engaged in book publishing in Canada to endeavor to raise their business to an intellectual philanthropy, remembering that the formation of the minds of the public to a large extent the future of the country depends.

Everyone, declared the minister, who had to do with the circulation of a book, was helping to determine the place Canada was to occupy in history. Over 1,000 men belonging to the Baptist church attended a banquet in Massey Hall yesterday afternoon in the interests of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. In treating addresses were given and it was decided to increase by ten per cent last year's record of giving.

Alfred Heas, a letter carrier, was arrested at the general post office last night on charge of the theft of a letter containing \$850. He is charged with having admitted his guilt to the P. O. inspector.

In a one-sided game in the senior inter-provincial R. F. A. in Hamilton, yesterday, the Hamilton Tigers defeated Montreal 12 to 1. Armstrong of Montreal, in attempting to tackle, struck his head on the ground, sustaining concussion of the brain, and he is reported in a critical condition.

GAYNOR BRINGS A LIBEL SUIT

A Unique Development in the New York Campaign

New York, Oct. 26.—The unique situation of a mayoralty candidate suing for libel in his campaign was one of the political developments in New York yesterday. Wm. J. Gaynor, Democratic candidate for mayor, brought against the Press Publishing Co., publishers of the New York World, \$100,000 damages. The action is based on a libelous statement in an article by Arthur Brisbane, editorial writer for Mr. Hearst's newspaper, who has been presenting the Hearst side of the campaign in a series of articles under his signature.

WILL HAVE RACES

Oakland Track to Have Meet Despite Court's Decision

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Oakland race track will be opened on November 20 for a meeting of sixty days or more, despite the decision of the California lower courts adverse to the continuation of the racing interests that the hostile Otis-Walker law is unconstitutional.

Last night the positive statement made last night by President Thomas H. Williams of the New California Jockey Club, who arrived in the afternoon from New York, Mr. Williams has been in the east for several weeks studying the conditions under which eastern tracks are operated since "oral" betting supplanted the older system.

BRITISH LINE OF STEAMERS TO TURKEY

Constantinople, Oct. 26.—The first important concession granted under the new regime—namely, the shipping monopoly hitherto exploited by the Mabsoucheh Company on behalf of the State—has been obtained in a competition by two British firms, the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company and Messrs. Wedell, Turner & Co.

The concession is for a period of twenty-five years. The new company, which is to be formed within five months of the signature of the convention, is to be of Ottoman nationality and subject to the laws and regulations of the empire. It will be entitled to the monopoly of steamer traffic between Constantinople, the Princes Islands, Yalov, Kadikoy, Haida Pasha, the Anatolian coast as far as Pendik, and along the European coast as far as San Stefano, and may link together any of these stations.

The schooner answered the signal by also hoisting a flag, but to abandon the attempt of trying to reach her, owing to the high seas.

The steamer was all under water except her bow which was rising and falling with the tide, and it seems that she was on there to stay. It is thought that with the wind falling and the tide going down, boats will be able to get to her some time this afternoon.

TORONTO MAN IS SHOT BY WOMAN IN CHICAGO

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 26.—(Special)—A special from Chicago says: "Phillip Barrington Hardy, who came here two months ago from Toronto, was shot and killed yesterday by Mrs. Anna Van E. in the kitchen of the woman's boarding house. She was arrested charged with murder. She claimed she killed Hardy by accident during a struggle for possession of a revolver which he had taken from her trunk."

Mrs. Van E. admitted that during the twelve years since she first met him, Hardy had made love to her and had urged her to leave her husband, and that her husband and Hardy had quarrelled several times.