

HER PLEA WILL BE INSANITY

Jane Toppan is Said to Have Inherited the Ailments From Her Father.

What the Friends of the Alleged Whole-sale Poisoner Have to Say.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 7.—Insanity will be the defence should Miss Jane Toppan be indicted and made to face a jury on the charge of poisoning to death Mrs. Mary D. Gibbs, at Cataumet, on Aug. 13.

Although she has been reticent as to her family or herself, the fact that her father was known here as "Kelly the Crack" because of his idiosyncrasies and that a sister is now in a state institution for insane, was brought to light to-day by a correspondent. With this becomes public the strange story of the separation of four sisters through the profligacy of a father who wasted a comfortable fortune, as it would have been styled half a century ago.

One sister, adopted from a city institution 36 years ago, has never been heard of since. Another, adopted from the same institution, is Jane Toppan, born North Kelley, Mass., another sister, who had been separated from those who were sent to the institution, spent in 25 years, thousands of dollars to locate North, whom she finally found as a nurse in the Massachusetts General Hospital. Now, when her sister is in the direct trouble, no trace can be found of Mary, who was last heard from in Niagara Falls, N. Y., about three years ago.

From the lips of relatives of the prisoner these facts came to-day, and one of these significantly said:

"I cannot believe Jane has committed the crime charged against her. But if she did she was insane, and she inherited her ailment from her father. There is much in the case that I cannot tell now, but it will all come out."

It is said that Jane Toppan's lawyer, James Stewart Murphy, an old friend of the family, will come here from Lowell to-morrow, when he will consult one of the few relatives that Miss Toppan has, Mrs. Jeannette A. Snow.

A Lowell dispatch says: Dr. W. H. Lathrop, who frequently saw Jane Toppan at the home of O. A. Brigham, is inclined to believe the nurse insane and thinks that mental irresponsibility in her case would be limited to homicidal mania. Other physicians hold this opinion.

Miss Toppan knew in September that she was under suspicion in connection with the death of Mrs. Gibbs and other persons, but she bore herself with fortitude, only once giving way when the suspicions were the subject of conversation.

Dr. F. W. Chadbourne, who had charge of Miss Toppan in the General Hospital here early in October, said that he saw nothing in her actions to lead him to think her insane. He admitted that she was nervous.

Dr. Chadbourne said Miss Toppan, so far as he observed, was not a victim of the morphia habit. It was suspected that she was and precautions were taken to prevent her obtaining the drug.

DISTRICT DOINGS, TILBURY

Nov. 8.—Mrs. Lemsworth and her daughter, Miss Edith, of Lowell, arrived here yesterday on a visit with her daughter, Mrs. T. Dobson.

Mrs. Lachapelle died yesterday and will be buried to-morrow in St. Francis Cemetery.

W. C. T. U. meets to-morrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. E. Scriven.

The stores here will not close to-morrow.

Mrs. P. Shaw left to-day on a visit to Otterville.

Mrs. Hogan, of Detroit, is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Currier.

The local banks close to-morrow for King's birthday.

The Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

DRESDEN

Nov. 8.—An "At Home" in aid of the Presbyterian church will be held at the residence of Mrs. Wm. McVean on Tuesday afternoon next from 3 to 6.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Horning, a well known Dresden resident, died yesterday at the age of 79 years.

The funeral took place from the residence of her daughter, Sombra, to the Dresden cemetery, this afternoon.

Charles Simpson and Garnet Wells returned from the Northwest last evening.

John Lee, M. P. P., of Highgate, was in town to-day.

Herbert Kipp and son, of Toronto, are in town for a few days.

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BLOOMFIELD.

Miss Carrie and Lizzie Sullivan spent Sunday with Thos. Taylor, River road.

Miss Edith Lindell spent Sunday evening with Miss Wilcox, River road.

Bloomfield Sunday school had a grand rally on Sunday. We had a number of friends from Chatham. We had a crowded Sunday school.

Anthony Edwards, of Providence, made a visit out to Bloomfield Sunday school.

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wards made a visit out near the Middle road to friends.

Fred. Peck spent Sunday out at Bloomfield Sunday school.

Theatrical

The Passion Play at the Grand Saturday evening.

Much interest is attached to the forthcoming production of The Passion Play, which will hold the boards at the Grand to-morrow evening. The entertainment is a sacred drama of pictorial order and is an idyl in its ways. Advance criticism of the performance speak in glowing terms of the instructive effects. Among the special features are the singing of the popular favorites like "The Holy City," with special scenic effects by Mr. Handel Hastings, the eminent baritone.

"The House That Jack Built," Geo. H. Broadhurst's latest musical farce, will have its first presentation at the Grand on Saturday evening, Nov. 10.

In his previous farces Mr. Broadhurst has used a distinctly satirical theme as the basis of his plays. In this one, however, instead of aiming his shafts at the tyranny of domestic servants and the various labor unions, he wings them at the folly of the would-be socialists.

The cast is headed by George H. Summers, who will appear as a paperhanger and Miss St. George Hines as the rich widow. Others members of the company are Bessie Lockwood, C. F. Lorraine, Hugh Cameron, Alonzo Gloria, Albert Amberg, Mildred Keith, May Courtney, Robert Brower, Joe Williams, Arthur Cline, Fred Jones, Harry Hopkins and others among whom are many vaudeville headliners.

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The Secretary of War on the Mortality in the Refugee Camps.

London, Nov. 7.—Lord Kitchener, cabling supplementary details of the recent fight near Brakenlaagte, Eastern Transvaal, says:—"The Boer loss was forty-four killed, including General Opperman, and one hundred wounded. The Boers got nothing beyond the guns. The Boer attack was easily repulsed until the arrival of Louis Botha with 600 men."

MORTALITY IN REFUGEE CAMPS.

London, Nov. 7.—Secretary of War Brodrick, writing to the Bishop of Rochester in regard to the mortality in the refugee camps in South Africa, states that certain recommendations of the ladies' commission, which was sent there to investigate the matter, have been adopted. Mr. Brodrick says the loss of life has been mainly due to causes incident to the war. Many families were ill-clad and short of food before they came in, and were unable to combat disease when they were attacked. The War Secretary states that everything possible is being done for the refugees, but no Government can secure the inhabitants of a country from privation when a small number of desperate men are sparing no means to render it uninhabitable.

DELUDED LUTHERANS.

Cologne, Nov. 7.—At a church conference held at Gadsbach yesterday it was decided to call upon the entire Lutheran clergy to denounce the conduct of the British in South Africa, and the "slandorous utterances" of Joseph Chamberlain, the British Colonial Secretary, in regard to German soldiers. The German universities contemplate taking similar action.

TWO LADIES ARRESTED.

London, Nov. 8.—The Daily News says:—We learn that Miss Hobhouse and lady companion have been arrested in South Africa and presumably deported. Miss Hobhouse was the first to agitate regarding the condition of the British concentration camps.

TO THE STUDENTS

The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Church Entertains them with a Pleading Program.

The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's church pleasantly entertained the Model School students in the Sunday school room last evening to a promenade concert. A very large number were there and a very enjoyable evening was spent by everyone present.

Besides a number of promenades an excellent musical program was rendered, consisting of a vocal solo by Miss Gertrude Somerville, a reading by Mr. Anderson, vocal solo by Dr. Russell, solo by Miss Stewart, flute solo by J. W. Wilson and a vocal solo by Miss Belle Rickell. All of the selections were very creditably rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The entertainment broke up about 11 o'clock.

FIERY TEMPER

It Won out at a Debate of the C. C. I. Glee Club Yesterday.

A meeting of the C. C. I. Glee Club was held in the assembly hall of the school yesterday afternoon, an excellent program being rendered. The debate, the subject of which was,—"Resolved that a quick and fiery temper is an element of greatness rather than of weakness"—was conducted by Chas. Farquharson and J. Lannigan, affirmative, and Chas. Heath and Will J. Mounter, negative. The affirmative won, with a special mention being made of the ability of Mr. Farquharson. The judges were Messrs. Chinnick, Campbell, and Wheeler, of Form III.B.

The program was as follows:—Minutes of last meeting.

Report of committee.

Competition of recitation of "The Diver," by a delegation from I.I.A. and I.I.B.

Chorus, Glee Club.

Debate.

Inst. Duet, Misses Wrong and Hoig.

Criticism of the meeting, Mr. Wilson Taylor.

Address by the Honorary President, Mr. Thos. Scullard.

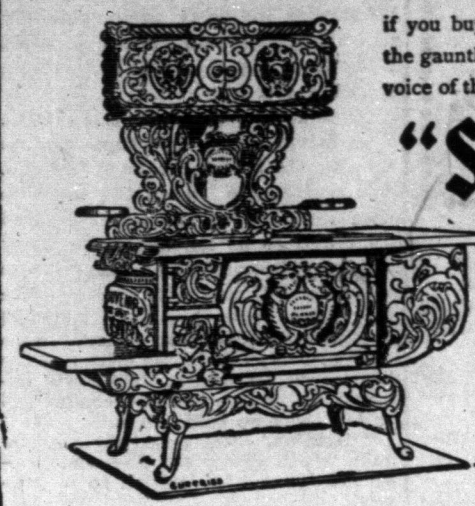
God Save the King.

PERVERTED IDEAS.

London Advertiser.

A southern newspaper, apropos of the subject of President Roosevelt's dining and wine Book of T. Washington, the negro reformer, states that "a dinner given in the house and privacy of his family means that the guest or his son may win and win the host's daughter." The same journal goes on to state that there is but one more step to miscegenation. What can be more absurd than such a contention? What obligation can the mere entertainment to dinner place either the host or the guest under than merely the bonds of friendship? If such hospitality could possibly point to a mixture of races, what can be said of the fact that eastern princess have been repulsed at the festal board of British royalty?

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