

BERGDOLL MODEST SPENDER, WITNESSES IN SUIT TELL COURT

Jail Warden, Chauffeur, Two Pretty Girls and C. P. Wynne Testify for "Speed Fiend" in Sanity Trial

SAY HE IS THRIFTY

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll was a modest spender, despite the income from his estate of nearly \$900,000, and never paid more than 25 or 50 cents for his meals while on automobile trips, according to witnesses who testified in his behalf today before Judge Shoemaker in the Court of Common Pleas No. 1.

Eight witnesses, two of whom were girls, were called by Grover's attorney, N. H. Larzere, to refute the allegations of his brother, Charles A. Bergdoll, who is asking the court to appoint a guardian for Grover on the ground that he is largely incompetent to manage his large estate.

One of the witnesses, Lemuel Roberts, warden of the Norristown jail, told the court that Grover was a model prisoner while confined at that institution for 90 days as a result of conviction for assault and battery. He frequently instructed the other prisoners, Roberts told the court, when the regular tutor failed to turn up at the prison night school.

MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA ELECT OFFICIALS TODAY

Officers of Blue Lodges to Be Chosen Within Next Week

Election of officers in the Grand Chapter of the Grand Lodge of Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania will be held today. Officers will be elected in the blue lodges throughout the country within the next week. The officers will be installed December 27 along with those elected last night at the quarterly communication in Masonic Temple.

PLOTS AGAINST U. S. ARSENAL FRUSTRATED

Continued from Page One to Washington by Lieutenant Colonel George W. Burr, commandant at the post, relating a series of mysterious circumstances. As a result a small army of guards is stationed on the post, and no one is allowed to pass the sentry posts without accounting for his presence.

TWO DEAD IN BLAST FEARED TRAGIC END

Philadelphia Killed in Powder Explosion Had Premonition of Disaster

Premonitions of disaster preceded the death of the two Philadelphians who were among the 20 workmen blown to pieces in the powder explosion at the Henry Clay plant of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, near Wilmington. The two young men left behind them two women, a young wife and a sweetheart, who today are in serious condition as a result of the tragedy.

FIRE IN BATTERY PLANT ATTRIBUTED TO INCENDIARY

Several Explosions Precede Blaze That Caused \$100,000 Damage

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 2.—Police and officials of the French Battery and Carbons Company, of East Madison, today are investigating the mysterious fire, which destroyed the battery plant, causing a loss of \$100,000. Several explosions were heard by the night watchman just before the fire was discovered, causing the belief that it was incendiary.

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FORD AT THE HELM OF PEACE SHIP OSCAR II

He Arrives in New York and Says Liner Will Sail Saturday

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Henry Ford returned from Detroit today and began to put his peace expedition to Europe on a business basis. He declared that the liner Oscar II would sail promptly at the hour set, 2 o'clock, on Saturday afternoon, with the American contingent of peace pilgrims.

The first leg of the liner's voyage will take the Ford party to Christiania, where the Americans will be joined by peace advocates from other neutral countries. Mr. Ford said he expected delegates from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland and Spain. As those delegates will not officially represent their countries, Mr. Ford will pay their expenses as well as those of the American party.

This council, Mr. Ford explained, will not make any suggestions of peace to the belligerent nations, but will, instead, await suggestions from the powers involved in the war.

FORD PILGRIMS DECLINE TO BE BERTILLOIZED

Cheltenham Police Chief Thanked for Finger Print Offer

Nameless graves may or may not be yawning for the members of the Ford peace party. At any rate it is their own fault, for no longer ago than this afternoon they turned down flat the offer of Chief Eldon S. Lever, of the Cheltenham police force, to finger-print them free of charge, so that they might become identified dead in the event of being torpedoed.

"Thank you very sincerely for your kind and courteous offer," said the wire received today by Chief Lever. "Our committee does not feel that it is practicable to accept your offer with reference to finger-printing the members of our expedition."

The telegram was signed by L. P. Lochner, secretary for Henry Ford. It was in answer to the following from Chief Lever: "I offer my services as a finger-print expert to you and your guests sailing on December 4. If agreeable to you, I will come to New York, at your convenience; will make two sets of finger prints of each person sailing; said prints to be returned to the owner or subject, upon your safe return of your expedition. In case of accident, these records would prove invaluable and would positively prevent any unidentified dead. Advise immediately. G. S. LEVER, Chief Cheltenham Department, Ogontz."

FORD TO SHUN WAR ZONE

His Secretary Says Trip Will Be to Neutral Nations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Official announcement was made at the State Department today that Henry Ford's secretary, in a letter to Secretary Lansing, made it plain that the peace pilgrimage intended to visit only neutral countries. The letter said that passports therefore would not be wanted for the countries at war. The officials added, however, that it had been decided any way to issue the passports to the party only to neutral nations.

POLICEMAN DIES IN HOSPITAL

John McMahon Underwent an Operation a Month Ago

Policeman John McMahon, of the 7th and Carpenter streets station, died in the St. Joseph's Hospital last night, following an operation for a stomach disease on November 3.

90-cent Gas for Lancaster

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 2.—Ninety-cent gas begins in Lancaster this morning, marking a decrease of 5 cents. During the last 12 years the price of gas has been cut in two. In 1903 it sold for \$2 a thousand feet.

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One hundred lives approximately have been lost in mysterious American munition plant fires and explosions since the European war began. The following is a list of the more important fires and explosions:

- August 30, 1914—Du Pont de Nemours powder plant, Pompton, N. J.; explosion; one killed.
January 1, 1915—Buchthorne plant of John A. Roebing's Sons Company, Trenton, N. J.; fire; loss, \$1,500,000.
March 6—Du Pont de Nemours powder plant, Haskell, N. J.; explosion; five killed.
April 1—Equitable powder factory, Alton, Ill.; explosion; five men killed.
May 12—Anderson gun cotton warehouse, Wallington, N. J.; explosion; three killed.
May 15—Du Pont de Nemours still house, Carney's Point, N. J.; explosion; six injured.
June 26—Du Pont de Nemours plant, Wayne, N. J.; explosion.
July 7—Harrison Brothers' benzol factory, Philadelphia; fire; loss, \$500,000.
August 16—Aetna Powder Works, Sinnemahoning, Pa.; explosion; five killed.
August 19—Du Pont plant, Wilmington, Del.; explosion.
August 29—American Powder Company's factory, Acton, Mass.; explosion.
August 29—Du Pont plant, Wilmington, Del.; explosion; two killed.
September 1—National Conduit and Cable Company's shell factory, Hastings, N. Y.; explosion.
October 6—Aetna Powder factory, Emporium, Pa.; explosion; four killed.
October 28—Russians' munitions warehouse, Seattle, Wash.; fire; loss, \$500,000.
November 10—Bethlehem Steel Company's ordnance plant, Bethlehem, Pa.; fire; loss, \$1,500,000 (estimated).
November 10—Midvale (Pa.) Steel and Ordnance Company; fire; two buildings destroyed.
November 10—Baldwin Locomotive munitions plant, Eddystone, Pa.; fire; loss, \$50,000.
November 11—Roebing's steel rope plant, Trenton, N. J.; fire; loss, \$1,000,000.
November 30—Du Pont powder plant at Wilmington, Del.; explosion; 30 men killed, 7 injured.

POLICEMAN'S SHOOTING CAUSED BY POLITICS

Detective Says Thomas J. Farley Was Wounded Trying to Stop Fight

Politics was at the bottom of the shooting of Policeman Thomas J. Farley, of the 25th and Oxford streets station, who was dangerously wounded last night in a fight between Christian Krauss, of the crew of the police boat Stokley, and Louis Trefz. This statement was made today by Detective William Callahan, head of the homicide squad, who is investigating the shooting. Physicians at St. Joseph's Hospital, where Farley was taken, said today he had a slight chance of recovery. Farley was shot outside the 20th Century Republican Club, at 25th and Oxford streets. Krauss was held this morning without bail.

"From the information gathered we have reason to believe that the shooting was deliberate," Callahan said. "Krauss had resigned from the club when the Blankenship administration went into power because the administration wished the police to stay out of politics. Not long ago, when Krauss was proposed for membership, Trefz, who is a clerk in the Prothonotary's office, and lives at 274 Master street, is said to have made an insulting remark in asking why Krauss' name was proposed."

"Krauss heard of it, and when the two men met in a saloon an argument and fight followed. When they reached the street Farley attempted to act as peacemaker and was shot in the mix-up. When Krauss told Lieutenant Tate that the shooting was an accident, he was quoted to tell all the incidents that led to the shooting, but declined."

Krauss made a statement in his cell in City Hall after the shooting and admitted drawing his revolver and shooting. He said the wounding of Farley was accidental.

In a statement to Magistrate Morris, the wounded man placed the blame on Krauss.

In his cell Krauss refused to talk until Captain Cameron sent for former Captain Souder. This was done, and then Krauss told the story of the argument and Farley's attempt to play the peacemaker. Farley's home is at 254 Oxford street. Krauss lives at 121 Dover street. According to Policeman Douglas Cleeg, of the 25th and Oxford streets station, he has been on the force three years. He was at the 19th and Oxford streets station for two years, and then was sent to the 20th and Buttonwood streets station. Only recently has he been on the police boat. Cleeg said Krauss is of a very excitable nature.

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MRS. ANGIER B. DUKE Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Drexel Biddle, is receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

A. J. DREXEL BIDDLE NOW A GRANDFATHER

"Millionaire Baby" Born to Mr. and Mrs. Angier Buchanan Duke in New York Home

Another "millionaire baby" has arrived. He is the son of Mrs. Angier Buchanan Duke, who was Miss Cordelia Biddle, the debutante of this city whose marriage on April 28, of this year, at the Holy Trinity Church, was the most brilliant event of the year. The new arrival was born to Mr. Duke's home at 189 5th avenue, New York, at 5 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The event caused great excitement in both the Duke and Biddle families, and both Mr. and Mrs. Angier J. Drexel Biddle, the parents of Mrs. Angier B. Duke, immediately hurried to New York that they might behold their new grandchild as soon as possible. Mr. and Mrs. Duke have been living at the 5th avenue address since October 1. Last Saturday both attended the Army and Navy game, and Mrs. Duke's beauty, as usual, excited to no end of comment among those who were near the box she occupied. The news of the birth of a son to Mrs. Duke has renewed talk of her wedding in this city when she received, among her wedding gifts, jewels valued at \$200,000. These included a diamond necklace valued at \$2,000 from her husband, and a pearl necklace valued at \$2,000 from her father and mother. Her husband is the son of Benjamin N. Duke, former treasurer of the American Tobacco Company.

The money collected was expended in liquidating the deficiency left over from the 1914 campaign, the maintaining of the party headquarters and publicity work in connection with the committee.

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NO PARDON FOR SWINDLER Armstrong, of Lumber Company Deal, Gets Lighter Sentence

A pardon has been refused William Armstrong, one of the men convicted in connection with the International Lumber Company swindle, according to dispatches from Washington today. It is understood, however, that Attorney General Gregory has recommended a slight reduction in sentence.

The Attorney General, according to the dispatches, is of the opinion that Armstrong should serve a large part of his sentence as soon as he is sufficiently recovered from an attack of rheumatism. Armstrong is the only one of the convicted officers who has remained out of prison.

The report of the pardon attorney of the Department of Justice and the recommendation of the Attorney General have been sent to the White House, but it is said that the President will not take any action in the matter for several days.

Building Bought for Synagogue Electrical Prosperity Week

The building at the northeast corner of 7th and Parrish streets, will be used as a synagogue by the Congregation Gilas Israel, which has purchased the property from Louis Vereshchagin. Conveyance was made subject to mortgages of \$520.

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