

CLUBMAN SOUGHT AS GIRL'S SLAYER

Model Said to Have Feared Visit of Wealthy Chicagoan

COPS HUNT CLUE TO HIM

Detectives Believe Woman Was Attacked Last Friday by Man From West

A wealthy Chicagoan, with membership in several exclusive clubs in Philadelphia, is being sought by detectives as the possible slayer of Mrs. Grace Roberts, artist model, who was found beaten to death on Saturday in her apartment at Fifteenth and Poplar streets.

Discovery this morning of a Chicago timetable in the woman's apartment, together with fear expressed before her death that a man from Chicago had vowed he would come East and "get" her, started the murder squad on a new trail.

Detectives feel certain that he is a clubman and stopped at one of his clubs in Philadelphia. The theory is that he arrived on Friday, went to the apartment in the morning, being in fact the visitor known to have been in the girl's room shortly before noon on Friday. Whether he is in the city or whether he has returned West, the police have not yet been able to ascertain.

IN TERROR OF VISIT
A friend of the model, who also was known as Marie Colbert, told Captain Tate, of Detectives' T-10, of the terror the proposed visit of the man from Chicago had aroused in the girl who was slain.

"Grace was greatly worried last week," this woman told Captain Tate. "She told me that she was frightened because a man from Chicago had said he was going to make a call. I understood from her that she had threatened to kill her."

This man, according to Captain Tate, was the buyer of the furnishings in the apartment. He also had assisted her financially from time to time. Belief that he heard rumors, through clubmen in this city, and, being angry, made the trip here for the express purpose of killing her, became firmly fixed in the minds of the detectives after the developments following discovery of the body.

The motive of robbery, as advanced by the girl's family, is shattered by this latest clue. Vincent Colbert, brother of the model, said yesterday that robbery was the cause of the slaying, but investigation by the police resulted in the discovery that but one diamond ring, valued at several hundred dollars, is missing. This partially strengthened the trail leading to the man from Chicago, as the ring is believed to have been one of the many presents bestowed by him on the girl and taken by him from the apartment on Friday.

BROTHER IDENTIFIES BODY
Colbert and his sister Bessie identified the body this morning. He said the victim had never been married, thus changing his earlier statement that she had been wedded. The cheap shirt and collar found near the body, the head of which had been crushed by a flatiron, are being held by the police as exhibits. They evidently belonged to a man of a lower type than the clubman sought by the police. Whether the clubman used them for the purpose of later discarding them is another angle that has made the trail leading to his capture more complex.

Complaints of the model that a "bugger from New York" had been threatening her life and had been seen near the house were passed over in view of the more promising clue of the Chicagoan.



MODEL FOUND SLAIN

Mrs. Grace Colbert Roberts, manufacturer and art model, was found strangled in her apartment at Fifteenth and Poplar streets after a visit by a friend.

6000 APPLY FOR POSTS IN FEDERAL LAND BANKS

Many Applications Received for Places in Rural Credits System—None for 5800 Posts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Six thousand persons in the United States have started the new year by resolving to get jobs with the twelve Federal land banks created by Congress as units of the new rural credits system. That number of applications had been received by the Federal Farm Loan Board.

But 5800 resolutions, like most others made on New Year's, will be cast aside. From present indications the twelve banks will have but 200 jobs to fill, inasmuch as they plan to start their work modestly and take on additional help only as they develop.

The principal positions to be filled will be those of appraisers of lands on which farmers desire to borrow money. These men will receive salaries averaging \$2500 a year. Each bank will have a large staff of appraisers.

H. Crawford Coates's Funeral Today
The funeral of H. Crawford Coates, a charter member of the Union League Club and member of one of the oldest families in the city, was held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Coates home, 4503 Kingsessing avenue. Mr. Coates, who was eighty-four years old, died yesterday from heart disease, with which he had suffered for several years. Services were conducted by the Rev. John Reber, of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Forty-seventh street and Kingsessing avenue. Interment followed at the South Laurel Hill Cemetery.

DR. WENDELL REBER DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Widely Known Ophthalmologist and Leader in Charitable Hospital Work

Funeral services for Dr. Wendell Reber, noted ophthalmologist, who died Saturday, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at his home, 423 West School lane, Germantown. Doctor Reber's death followed an illness of two weeks from pneumonia, contracted while attending the annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology at Memphis, Tenn.

The Rev. Virgil Rorer, of the Arch Street Methodist Church; the Rev. J. P. Hughes, of St. George's Methodist Church, and the Rev. John Gordon, of Temple University, will officiate at the funeral. Interment will follow in Mount Moriah cemetery.

Doctor Reber was born in St. Louis April 21, 1867. He was a graduate of the medical department of Washington University, St. Louis, and in 1893 received a degree from the Jefferson Medical College in this city. He practiced first in Pottsville and later served a year as interne in the Norristown Hospital for the Insane. He had practiced in Philadelphia for the last twenty years.

Recently Doctor Reber was chosen as the only American member of the council of the Ophthalmological Congress of Oxford, Eng. He had received many honors in his country and was ex-president of the Philadelphia Clinical Association, a member of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Philadelphia Medical Club and the American College of Surgeons.

Doctor Reber was an extensive contributor to medical journals on diseases of the eye and had served for the last few months as corresponding editor of a leading ophthalmic review of London, England. He was also an ex-president of the Meridian Club and a member of the Union League, Manufacturers' Club and Quiver Lodge of Masons.

DEMOBILIZATION DAY FOR GUARD AT BORDER

Reception Given by Major General Clement to Officers of Pennsylvania Division

CAMP STEWART, Tex., Jan. 1.—New Year's day is being duly celebrated here by the formal demobilization of the Pennsylvania division as the seventh tactical unit of the United States army. It is that, January 1, 1917, will be historic.

The formalities consist of a farewell reception by Major General Charles M. Clement to the officers of his command numbering about 500. The scene is not one of particular anxiety. Division headquarters and the headquarters of the Pennsylvania division are in a solid mass of uniformed humanity, the spirit of which is as drab as their uniforms. For the comradeship of arms is being severed. Field friendships the kind that are clinging and intimate are being cut up. Six months of united service under the colors have brought the deferred recall.

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GIRL'S SLAYER RECOVERING

Farmhand Still Refuses to Make Any Statement About the Crime

Some hope is entertained for the recovery of Thomas Conway, who on Saturday shot himself after murdering fourteen-year-old Mary Sherman in her home at Grinnell, Conway, who is thirty-two years old, was employed as a farmhand by the woman's father. He shot the girl after she told her mother he had annoyed her while passing through her room to reach his own apartment.

Despite the fact that the contents of the gun went through Conway's body at the shoulder and were buried in the ceiling of his room, the physician is much stronger in opinion that he would recover, and still refuses to make any statement concerning the crime.

MRS. W. STRAWBRIDGE DIES

Bride of Philadelphia Broker and Athlete Succumbs

Mrs. Irene Anna Strawbridge, the bride of Welsh Strawbridge, broker, horseman, poloist, carman and all-around athlete, died yesterday at Saranac Lake, New York. She was married to Mr. Strawbridge in Rotterdam, Holland, August 16.

Soon after their return from Europe in September, Mrs. Strawbridge was stricken with pneumonia in New York. She was taken to the Adirondack in the hope that she would be restored to health. Complications ensued which resulted in her death yesterday.

Mrs. Strawbridge was the daughter of Edward Thomas, a wealthy business man of Chicago. She was introduced to the Philadelphia on a steamer on the way to Europe three years ago, when their romance began. The young woman went to Dresden and lived there with an aunt. Mr. Strawbridge returned to America when war was declared.

Last July he went back to Europe and was married. Mrs. Strawbridge is a sister of the late Dr. George Strawbridge. His mother and sister, Mrs. Anne W. Strawbridge, live on Washinton avenue, Germantown. He is associated in the brokerage business with his brother, John Strawbridge.

The funeral will be held in New York, with interment at St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh, tomorrow.

KILLS ROACH, SPRAINS ANKLE

Police Station Turnkey Victim of First Accident of New Year

John Gabel, turnkey of the Fourth and York streets police station, is the victim of 1917's first accident. It happened eight o'clock last midnight while the bells were still tolling the arrival of the New Year.

Mr. Gabel sprained his ankle when he leaped to fill an insect with his foot in the station house. He was successful in that venture but fell and thus hurt himself. He was taken to his home at 2422 Howard street.

That insect, it was reported at the station house, had been having the run of the building for several weeks, all efforts to kill it proving vain. Mr. Gabel finally succeeded, but at a considerable cost to himself. The insect was a roach.

KINDLY SANTA CLAUS'S POCKET PICKED OF \$25

Assistant District Attorney McCullough Loses Money While Distributing Gifts

Somewhere in Philadelphia there is a person mean enough to steal from Santa Claus.

When Assistant District Attorney Michael McCullough was acting as Santa Claus for 1000 young people at the new municipal building, Twenty-first and Race streets, last Thursday, some one picked his pocket of \$25.

Not so taking of the treachery against one of St. Nick's emissaries was known until today, when Santa Claus at first refused to make any statement concerning the theft. Santa McCullough does not seem to mourn the loss of the money so much as he regrets the fact that any one would be mean enough to rob a man playing the part of Santa Claus.

"I do not think that it was any of the children who are on probation," said Mr. McCullough, with his accustomed faith in human nature. "There were many people there besides the youngsters who are on probation. The building was crowded. I left the money in my clothes in another room, while I dressed in a Santa Claus costume, was giving out gifts to the children."

Mr. McCullough is a favorite among the young people on probation. When they find out that his pocket was picked while he was making Christmas worth while for others, his loyal followers will leave no stone unturned to persuade the thief to return the money.

First Fire of Year a Small One

The New Year's first fire was almost a harmless one. It occurred at the home of Albert Daitman, 2511 North Seventh street, a few minutes after midnight. A candle set fire to a Christmas tree and for a minute it looked as if the blaze would spread. An alarm was turned in, but before the engines arrived Mr. Daitman carried the burning tree to the street and everything was all right.

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