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SLAYS 2 WOMEN, WOUNDS THIRD, ENDS OWN LIFE

Cornelius Coff, Ordered From House at 5509 Market St., Kills Cousin and Boarder

3D VICTIM, HIT IN STOMACH, LEAPS THROUGH WINDOW

Falls 15 Feet to Shed Roof, Suffers Fractured Leg, Collapses in Home of Neighbor

SLAYER INSANE, IS BELIEF

Yelled, "I'll Kill 'Em All," Says Woman Near Death in Hospital

Cornelius Coff, forty-five years old, shot and killed two women at 5509 Market street, where he was a boarder, at 9:50 o'clock this morning, wounded a third woman perhaps fatally, and then killed himself. Presumably, Coff was crazy.

The women killed were:

Mrs. Minnie Warrington, fifty years old, a widow and mother of two small children.

Mrs. Bella Drake, sixty-five years old, a boarder.

The woman wounded is:

Mrs. Agnes Borrell, forty-seven years old, believed to be dying in Misericordia Hospital.

Coff, according to an ante-mortem statement made by Mrs. Borrell to Magistrate Dugan, suddenly went out of his head when he was ordered to leave the house by Mrs. Warrington, who was the proprietor and his own cousin, because he had paid no board money for many months.

He ran through the house, Mrs. Borrell said, brandishing a revolver and yelling "I'll kill 'em all, I'll kill 'em all."

Mrs. Borrell escaped immediate death by jumping out of the third-story window, breaking her leg, after she had been shot in the stomach.

"I was in my room, at the rear of the third floor, a few minutes before 10 o'clock," said Mrs. Borrell to Magistrate Dugan.

Third Victim Shot in Stomach

"Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Warrington must have been shot before 'Connie' came upstairs, but I did not hear the shots. I was near the back window, hanging up a curtain. I heard him running up the stairs, and he burst into my room with a revolver in his hand. He was yelling at the top of his voice, 'I'll kill 'em all; I'll kill 'em all.' He fired at me as I turned around. The bullet hit me in the stomach.

"I did not know what to do. I was frightened, and I jumped out the window. He fired again as I jumped, and the bullet just missed me. I could feel it go past.

"I fell on the roof and hurt my leg, but I managed to crawl over to the house next door and in the window. I told them I had been shot, and that 'Connie' was shooting them all, and asked to be sent to a hospital. That is all I remember."

Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Warrington were on the first floor when they were shot.

Coff Left Letter

Coff left a rambling letter giving his reasons for the shooting. The letter was written in a wabbly hand in pencil. It was not addressed to any one.

He wrote that he had lived at the Market street address for a year and a half, but was not on good terms with the women. He said they constantly annoyed him and disliked him because he refused to associate with them. The letter was in a denunciatory tone throughout.

Coff said that Charles Warrington, who works on the Pennsylvania electric road in New Jersey, was a stepson to Mrs. Warrington and could tell of wrongs done by the woman to his father.

Just what happened before the actual shooting has not been learned.

Mrs. Borrell, in her statement to the magistrate and also in the few words she said to physicians and nurses at the Misericordia Hospital, gave the impression that there had been a final row this morning over Coff's failure to pay his board.

Police believe Coff walked into the dining room with his revolver concealed, asked Mrs. Warrington, who was putting the breakfast dishes away in a cupboard, and went into the outside kitchen, where Mrs. Drake was at work.

The elderly woman had been dusting, and had a brush in her hand. A washtub stood nearby. Coff, coming close, drew the revolver and fired. The bullet entered the victim's temple, and she fell, dying almost instantly.

Woman Screams

Mrs. Warrington screamed when she heard the shot, and probably turned from the cupboard, judging from the position of the body. She had no time to run, however, as Coff was upon her in an instant, with the revolver leveled, and fired again. Mrs. Warrington went down as had Mrs. Drake, the bullet having entered her temple.

Then Coff ran upstairs to finish the job, yelling "I'll kill 'em all," as Mrs. Borrell described it. It was his own crazy frenzy that aroused her vigilance in time to save her from instantaneous death. After he had shot her and fired again as she jumped out of the window, Coff went down to the second-story back room, where he lodged, and there, with the last shot in his revolver, sent a bullet into his own brain, ending his life.

Street Sergeant William McGinnis, of

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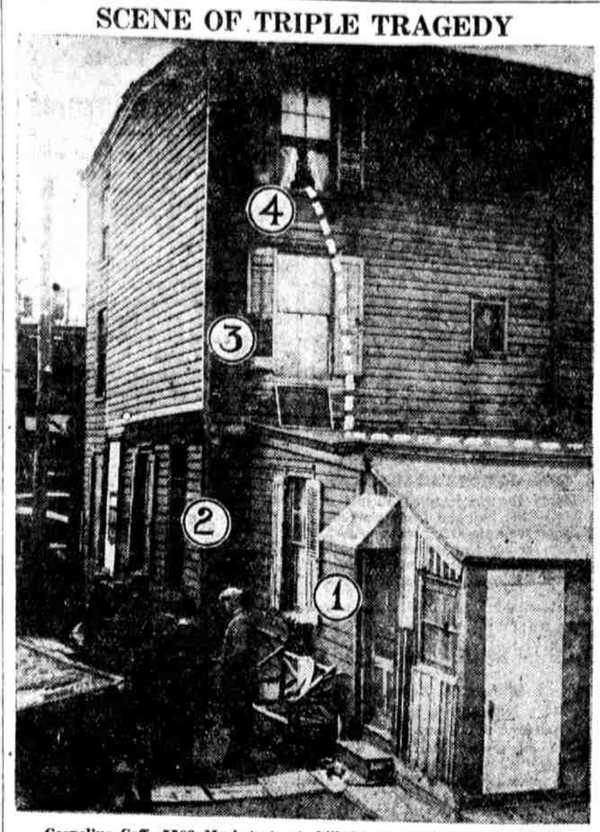
FLORIDA—ATLANTIC COAST LINE. 4 through trains daily. Best service. Office, 860 Chestnut st., Phila. Tel. Locust 5393.—Adv.

SCENE OF TRIPLE TRAGEDY



Cornelius Coff, 5509 Market street, killed two women at that address this morning, wounded another and then killed himself. "No. 1" indicates the outkitchen where Coff shot Mrs. Bella Drake. "No. 2," dining room, where Mrs. Minnie Warrington was murdered. "No. 3," the second floor, where Coff committed suicide. The window, "No. 4," is where Mrs. Borrell leaped to the roof of the outshed, after being shot by Coff. Mrs. Borrell crawled along the roof into the window of a neighboring house. The course of her jump and where she crawled is shown by the dotted line

CHANDLER PARTNER MAY PAY $390,000

E. S. Little Asks Release From Further Civil Liability for Failure

WILL PUT UP MORTGAGE

A Christmas gift of $390,000 cash is promised the creditors of Chandler Brothers & Co. by Edward S. Little, the partner who was in charge of the New York office.

Little owns a 19½ per cent interest in the brokerage house, which failed in July for $5,000,000. He is staging a comeback in the financial world, and at the suggestion of J. Howard Reber, counsel for Willard P. Barrows, the trustee, made his offer.

A petition embodying the proposition will be filed in the United States District Court here today. A date is then to be fixed for a hearing on it. Before that hearing, according to Mr. Reber, Mr. Little will be thoroughly examined as to his operations in connection with Chandler Brothers & Co.

No Criminal Immunity

The conditions of the offer are that if Mr. Little pays $325,000 cash, in monthly installments, he is to be relieved of any personal liability civilly to the creditors of the bankrupt firm. He will in no wise be relieved of any criminal liability that may exist.

The payment is to be increased in yet another way. A mortgage for $65,000, upon a house in the name of Little's son, was added to the assets of the firm last May. This mortgage, according to Mr. Reber, is perfectly good. It is agreed that Little is to pay this mortgage off, with interest. This boosts the total offer to $390,000.

To Pay $10,000 in March

Under the terms of the agreement Little is to turn over to the trustee $10,000 on March 15, 1922. He is to turn over $10,000 more June 15, and $10,000 more September 15. Then he is to turn over $20,000 every three months thereafter until the entire $325,000 has been paid. If he defaults in any payment he loses whatever he has paid in, and the deal is off.

The $65,000 mortgage was placed in the assets of the firm by Little when its condition became shaky.

There was to have been a meeting of creditors today in the office of John M. Hall, referee in bankruptcy, but it was postponed until next Wednesday, owing to the indisposition of Mr. Reber. At this meeting the cross-examination of Earl Mendenhall, head of the firm, and Frederick T. Chandler, Jr., will be resumed.

HUNT FOR ATHLETIC FIELD

Roper and Wagner Cull Germantown Lots to Aid High School

Councilman Roper, who is also a football coach at Princeton, and Assistant Director of Public Works Wagner looked over vacant land in Germantown today, in search for a suitable site for an athletic field for the Germantown High School.

The school is at Germantown avenue and High street. There is no land in the vicinity available. A plot large enough to provide for a football field, a baseball diamond and a quarter-mile track is wanted.

"I am sure the people of Germantown will donate $50,000 toward this field," said Mr. Roper. "If the Board of Education will appropriate a like amount."

Mr. Wagner, who is intimately acquainted with the district, guided the Councilman to all the vacant lots in the district.

BRITISH CANCEL SAILING

Expect Conference to Last Until Middle of January

Washington, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—The British delegation today canceled reservations it had made on a steamer sailing from New York on December 31.

It was stated members of the delegation think there is little chance of their being able to leave before the middle of January.

MGR. KIERAN DIES; A PRIEST 54 YEARS

End Comes Few Hours After Reaching St. Patrick's, Where He Asked to Die

EXPIRES ON ANNIVERSARY

Fifty-four years, to the hour, after he had recited his first mass in the chapel of the American College at Rome, Monsignor Kieran, rector of St. Patrick's Church, and one of the oldest and best known prelates in this section of the country, died this morning.

The death occurred in the rectory of the church, and beside his bed were the parish priests, his sister, Sister M. Baptista, of the Cathedral Parish School, and his physicians, Dr. D. J. McCarthy and Dr. John O'Connell.

Monsignor Kieran returned to St. Patrick's yesterday from St. Agnes' Hospital, at Atlantic City, where he had been for four months. The journey home was made by his own order and after it had been made clear to him the last chance that he might recover was gone.

"Let me die," he said to the doctors, "at old St. Patrick's."

Receives Last Sacraments

Last evening a heart attack, such as he had been suffering for more than a year seized the aged priest. It became apparent to his attendants that the end was near. The last sacraments were brought to him. Cardinal dougherty rose hurriedly from the Cathedral residence and imparted his blessing. The last hours of Monsignor Kieran were peaceful.

Five years ago today Monsignor Kieran celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into the priesthood, and bishops and monsignori and clergymen from many States gathered in St. Patrick's Church to pay him homage.

Three days ago Monsignor Kieran passed his eighty-fourth birthday. For most of these years the priest had been to his acquaintances and his parishioners a marvel of physical health and he seemed to gain rather than lose sturdiness as his age increased.

In the last year, however, it has been different. His parishioners encountered him less frequently in the streets, he was seen less often at the church, and finally the news passed round that the Monsignor was sorely afflicted by heart disorders and hardening of his arteries. From the beginning of July his decline was steady. Finally it was announced he had gone to the hospital and prayers for his recovery were asked from the altar.

Was Born in Ireland

Monsignor Kieran was born at Armagh, Ulster, Ireland, but when he was less than seven years old his parents came to America, bringing him with them. The Kieran family settled in Kensington, and young Kieran got his early education at the parochial school of St. Ann's Church.

When it had been decided that he had a vocation for the priesthood he entered St. Charles' College at Ellicott Mills, Md. From there he went to the seminary at Glen Riddle, and finally entered the theological seminary of Philadelphia. In 1863 he entered the American

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TYPHUS CASE AT BOSTON

Woman Taken Ill at Wilmington, Del., Now in Boston Hospital

Boston, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—A woman, fifty years of age, who had just made a trip by water and rail to Jacksonville, Fla., and return, has been found to be suffering from typhus, Health Commissioner Woodward announced today. Adequate precautions have been taken here, he said, to prevent spread of the disease.

The woman was taken ill at Wilmington, Del., on the return trip, and came immediately to a Boston hospital, the commissioner said.

So far as he was informed, the case was the only one in this part of the country, he added.

IF IT'S A USED AUTOMOBILE YOU want, you'll find it on pages 28 and 29.—Adv.

MUST QUALIFY 4-POWER PACT TO SUIT SENATE

Revelation Regarding Japan Furnishes Issue Recalling "Article X"

TOKIO LIKELY TO MOVE FOR NECESSARY REVISION

England's Concern for Pacific Dominions Responsible for Inclusion of Nippon

U. S. DELEGATES AGREED

Blunder in Failing to Notify Harding Causes Embarrassing Confusion

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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Washington, Dec. 21.—A reservation agreed to by Japan or a modification of the four-Power pact by the Conference, to the effect that it does not include the home islands of Japan, will be necessary now to insure the acceptance of the treaty by the Senate.

Such an understanding will, it is believed, be easy to arrive at. The first step is likely to be a declaration by the Japanese Government that it does not interpret the treaty to include the home territory. The question of thus construing the treaty is now, it is understood, before the Government at Tokio.

Japan is free to take this step and she is the only Power really free to act. She did not ask for the inclusion of all island territory in the assurance of safety. The British suggested the interpretation adopted by the Conference Committee. The American delegates expressly assented to it. Both are thus morally bound.

How It Came About

What happened was this. It was the clear intention of everybody that the British dominions of Australia and New Zealand should be covered in the pact. But the language of the instrument was insular possessions and dominions.

Some question might arise whether Australia, which is commonly described as a continent, might be regarded as an island for the purposes of the treaty. Mr. Balfour, to clear up this point, asked that it be agreed that Australia, New Zealand and the islands of Japan be included. Japan said nothing. After a delay of twenty-four hours, the Americans assenting, the Conference Committee unanimously agreed to Mr. Balfour's suggestion.

I am satisfied that there was no attempt at concealment by the conferees of this agreement. But a series of blunders has had an unfortunate effect. First Senator Lodge, in his speech at the plenary session, not only failed to give the agreed-upon interpretation, but even suggested one totally opposed to it.

Confirmed by Americans

The American delegation, however, as soon as asked specifically, replied frankly, "Yes, Japan is included, just exactly as the Philippines." The first information to this effect came from the American delegation. It was promptly confirmed by the British spokesman here.

Then the next mistake was that no one informed the President of the official interpretation. So yesterday he gave to the treaty the interpretation which every newspaper correspondent and every reader of it had at first given to it, his interpretation being out of harmony with that given officially by the American delegation.

This conflict having been disclosed, the American delegation and the President got together and the White House statement of last night followed. Then the Japanese, seeing an opportunity to put themselves in a favorable light before the American public, set the machinery in motion to obtain an interpretation from Tokio which would end possible embarrassments.

Balfour's Motive

Mr. Balfour's object seems to have been clearly to remove any doubt whether or not Australia was an island within the meaning of the treaty. His motive in including also Japan seems to have been to avoid the appearance of asking for the inclusion of a large British territory alone, perhaps for fear that anti-British prejudice might be aroused by what might be represented as a special favor to Great Britain.

The English, having vast territories whose protection was essential, could hardly ask for their inclusion while Japan benefited only to the extent of small islands. The Americans, having the Philippines in view, were more or less estopped from objecting to the considerable possessions of Great Britain and Japan. So the understanding was reached.

The practical importance of what was done in the case of Japan is not great. Its political importance is considerable

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Mistaken identity brought the fortune hunter into the realm of love and money. He is the hero of

The Fortune Hunter

A new serial which begins on comic page Friday next. Should he have practiced deception? The answer is given in a brilliant story

By Ruby M. Ayres

Which Oath to Take Issue Before the Dail

"The difference between the oath proposed by Mr. De Valera and the oath in the treaty is the issue before the Dail Eireann"—John Milroy, in speech in Dail Eireann.

The Treaty Oath

I do solemnly swear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the Irish Free State as by the law established, and that I will be faithful to His Majesty King George V and his heirs and successors by law, in virtue of the common citizenship of Ireland with Great Britain and her adherence to and membership of the group of nations forming the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The De Valera Oath

I do swear to bear allegiance to the Constitution of Ireland and to the treaty of association of Ireland with the British Commonwealth of Nations, and to recognize the King of Great Britain as head of the associated States.

WOMAN ACCUSED IN POLICE LOVE TRIANGLE COLLAPSES

Patrolman Says Fellow Bluecoat Stole Wife's Affections

Mrs. Jacob Berweiler, 2644 East Thompson street, fainted at the Police Trial Board hearing in City Hall this morning where she was called as a witness in the case of her husband, who accuses a patrolman of alienating his wife's affections.

Mrs. Berweiler hobbled to the hearing on a crutch. She was assisted by neighbors, who said that she had received a broken leg when her husband struck her with a baseball bat six months ago.

Berweiler charges that Patrolman Grindel broke up his home. The case was postponed as several witnesses failed to appear.

In another case, Patrolman George H. Weaver admitted being drunk December 12. He was fined ten days' pay. He blamed three drinks of "block and fall."

SOLDIER ARRESTED SAYS LIEUTENANT ROBBED HIM

Prisoner Gets Liberty Back, but Not $122 He Had in Wallet

New wrinkles in banditry involve masquerading as an army officer accompanied by a military policeman, arrest of a perfectly harmless soldier, taking of his money and his incarceration in a police station.

Stephen Wallace, of Camp Dix, was arrested as a deserter by a man who said he was First Lieutenant Fried. He was accompanied by a sergeant. Both were in uniform and trappings extending to pistols and holsters.

They took his wallet containing $122, marched him to the Fourth and Race street station and asked the night sergeant on duty to lock him up for the night. They said they would return for their prisoner in the morning.

Two days passed and the army officer and the sergeant did not return. Inquiry at Camp Dix developed Wallace was on legitimate furlough. He was released.

WINTER HOPS IN; CHILL DUE

Official Polar Equipage Will Arrive at 4:08 A. M. Tomorrow

Bag and baggage, hoary old Father Winter arrives here at 4:08 A. M. tomorrow.

Although the bag and baggage will not be examined by customs officers, they are said to contain a rare assortment of chill blasts, blizzards and other hyperborean knic-knacks.

One of these he will proceed immediately to unpack. This means a cold night with the temperature hovering about 25. This will last a couple og days, or long enough to give the old fellow time to get his bearings.

As has been customary when Father Winter visits this part of the world, tomorrow will have the shortest daylight period of the year.

In fact, it is only nine hours, eighteen minutes and some odd seconds long, so that you must work fast or you will find the day over and your work but half done.

It may rain late this afternoon and it may not. Tonight there may be a few snow flurries. As to Christmas, nothing can be said until Father Winter has arrived and is interviewed as to his plans.

HASTINGS MAY TAKE STAND

Man Who Shot Park Guard Expected to Call Fatality Accident

Perley J. Emery, alias James Hastings, who is being tried for the murder of Vincent Hanley, a Park Guard, is expected to take the stand when the State closes its case today or tomorrow.

This was indicated today to Harry E. Fegler and Michael J. Hays, attorneys appointed by Judge Rogers, as counsel for the prisoner.

What line the defense will take is not known, but from their cross-examination of State witnesses it is supposed the attorneys will seek to show that Hanley fired the first shot and that the bullet that killed Hanley was not fired directly at him, but struck a windshield, from which it was deflected into the body of the Park Guard.

BILL TO BLOCK "BLOCS"

Measure in House Seeks to Prevent Combinations in Congress

Washington, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—A bill prohibiting the formation in Congress of "blocs," based upon particular pursuits or geographical locations, for the purpose of "in any way affecting legislation," was introduced today by Representative Ansorge, Republican, New York. Senators and Representatives would be subject to a fine of $5000 in case it was proved they belong to a "bloc."

The proposed bill was designed, he explained, to prohibit combinations in restraint of execution, which are inherently more dangerous to the country than combinations in restraint of trade.

"If we are to have an agricultural 'bloc,' why not a manufacturers' 'bloc'? A consumers' 'bloc' and numerous geographical blocs?" Mr. Ansorge asked. "Legislation will not follow platform pledges, but will be the result of dickerings and combinations between various blocs. It will be a case of 'you vote for this and we will vote for that.'"

GAVAN DUFFY SAYS IRISH SIGNED PEACE PACT UNDER DURESS

Acceptance of Treaty or Immediate War, Lloyd George's Ultimatum

DUBLIN DELEGATES GIVEN THREE HOURS TO DECIDE

By the Associated Press

Dublin, Dec. 21.—Arguing to the Dail Eireann today for ratification of the Anglo-Irish agreement and opposing a referendum to the Irish electorate, George Gavan Duffy, one of the Irish plenipotentiaries, said that Prime Minister Lloyd George had issued an ultimatum to the Irish plenipotentiaries requiring them to sign the treaty under threat of immediate hostilities.

Mr. Duffy declared he opposed this course because of the high feeling a plebiscite campaign would create. Such a campaign, he asserted, would rend the country from one end to the other. He declared the pact represented the fruits of the sacrifices of all who had died for Ireland. "Every man and woman here," he continued, "is entitled to go out and die for Ireland. But none is entitled to send the Irish people to death."

Mr. Duffy declared it was a "monstrous iniquity" that the delegates who had been invited under the Prime Minister's roof for the discussion of a peaceful settlement should have been given only three hours to decide the question of signing without the opportunity of consulting Dublin. The treaty, however, should be ratified in the interests of the people of Ireland, he said.

Duffy said he made no apology for signing the pact, but felt that he was bound to drive home to the minds of the Irish people the circumstances under which the signatures were extorted.

Going over the events that occurred in London on December 4 and that leading up to the reaching of the agreement, he said that Prime Minister Lloyd George had issued an ultimatum requiring the signatures to the treaty of all the delegates under the threat of immediate war. They believed that this time he was not bluffing. It was, Duffy said, as the Prime Minister's official organ declared, "a grim choice."

War Threat Made

Duffy read from this morning's newspapers the semi-official denial from London that the treaty had been signed under duress. He said the complaint was not that the alternative to a treaty was war, but that war was the alternative to this particular treaty, and that the Irish delegates had been given three hours to reach a decision, without reference to the home Government, under the penalty "of letting loose fresh horrors of savages to trample, torture and crucify Ireland."

Duffy said he recommended the treaty reluctantly, but sincerely, because he saw no alternative. The treaty was not utterly valueless, but it was not payment in full. He advised that the treaty gave real power for the first time, and that Ireland would be in a

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NAME 7 PHILADELPHIANS TO WILSON FOUNDATION

Prominent Citizens Added to Membership of Board

New York, Dec. 21. Announcement was made here today from the national headquarters of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 150 Nassau street, that Roland S. Morris, State chairman of the Foundation in Pennsylvania; Edward W. Bok, Mrs. Edward Browning, Harrison S. Morris, George W. Norris, all of Philadelphia; Vance C. McCormick, of Harrisburg; M. Carey Thomas, dean of Bryn Mawr College, and Miss Gertrude Ely, of Bryn Mawr, had accepted appointments to the National Committee of the Foundation.

This committee has general supervision over the campaign to raise $1,000,000 or more starting January 16, and which will also select the permanent Board of Trustees. The committee will number 250 when all the appointments are made.

SNYDER PAID BEIDLEMAN $5000 OF STATE FUNDS FOR 'SERVICES NOT SHOWN'

EDWARD E. BEIDLEMAN

Former Auditor General Authorized Check to Lieutenant Governor

NO VOUCHERS FILED TO SHOW EXPENSES

Public Accountants for New State Official Uncover Odd Transaction

RECIPIENT OF BIG SUM IS SEEKING GOVERNORSHIP

Payment for "Advertising in Connection With Escheat of Money" Is Explanation

This is the first of a series of articles in which Colonel George Nox McCain, of the Evening Public Ledger staff, will shed light on certain amazing conditions at Harrisburg.

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

Harrisburg, Dec. 21.—Among the records of the Auditor General's office is a check for $5000, dated November 11, 1920, paid to and indorsed by Lieutenant Governor Edward E. Beidleman.

Interest in the appearance of the name of the Lieutenant Governor in this connection is heightened by the obscurity which surrounds the character of this additional service which he rendered to the Commonwealth.

The Lieutenant Governor is the second highest official in the State. He has luxurious offices in the State Capitol, adjoining those of the Governor.

The Commonwealth pays him an annual salary of $5000, and as a member of the Board of Pardons he draws $500 more.

His expenses are cared for by the Legislature, which this year appropriated $2500 a year for his traveling and office expenses.

The check for $5000 was not apparently, as indicated by the requisition, given him for legal services, as his Harrisburg law firm has another account on the Auditor General's books.

His Firm Gets State Fees

Beidleman & Hull, with offices in the Kunkel Building, this city, are credited with receiving liberal fees for legal services. They amount to $4500, and the services which the firm rendered are set forth in detail.

It is different with the $5000 which was authorized by the then Auditor General Charles A. Snyder, to be paid to Lieutenant Governor Beidleman.

According to the direct requisition this amount was given him for "the payment of costs of advertising and other expenses in connection with escheat of moneys and property to the Commonwealth."

The check was made payable to E. E. Beidleman and bears the indorsement on the back, "E. E. Beidleman."

It was cashed on the Quaker City National Bank and was numbered 19,493.

In addition, the number of the Auditor General's warrant is on the check, 43,221, and it was signed by J. B. Le Cocqueo, Assistant Cashier for H. H. Keyser, State Treasurer.

Issued, as set forth in the requisition, on account of "payment of costs of advertising and other expenses" there is nothing on file in the Auditor General's office to indicate the nature of the advertising or "other expenses."

No Explanatory Bills

There are no advertising bills, no suggestion or indication of what was advertised or how, or where.

The matter of expense is equally mystifying. There are no vouchers for expense accounts on file; nothing to indicate what moneys or property had been escheated or by whom, or for what purpose.

Correspondence on the subject is equally lacking so far as any one in the office has been able to discover.

Since, according to the official records, E. E. Beidleman received $5000 from the Auditor General, who at that time (November, 1920) was Charles A. Snyder, in payment for advertising and escheat.

The Lieutenant Governor's law firm, Beidleman & Hull, received at various time $4500 for legal services, the details of which are duly set forth in the records.

These sums were paid as follows: Kuhn vs. Commonwealth, $1000; Atlantic Refining Company vs. Commonwealth, $1000; collecting taxes Northwestern Pennsylvania Railway Company, $500; collecting taxes Scranton and Binghamton Railway, $1500.

Paid From the Funds

These amounts were paid out of funds other than those for advertising, and escheats from which the Lieutenant

"FIREWATER" GETS TOO HOT AND FIRE EXPOSES STILLS

Police Raid Follows Firemen's Visit to Manufacturer's Home

Herman Wasserman, a bed spring manufacturer of 405 North Second street, is said by the police to have made some real "fire-water" early today. As a result of the overheating of a distilling apparatus, a fire was started in his home that did $200 damage.

Wasserman discovered the blaze in his bathroom at 3:30 A. M. and sent in an alarm, but by the time the engines arrived the flames had spread to the third floor and the roof of the building.

His wife and nine children, who were asleep on the second floor, fled to the street by means of a fire-escape, and Wasserman himself disappeared and has not yet been found.

Police found a still in the bathroom, another in the kitchen and a third on the top floor, besides six gallons of mash, all of which were seized and sent to the Federal Building.

RYHAL GUILTY IN FIRST DEGREE OF GIRL'S DEATH

Death Sentence Automatic With Verdict in New Castle Case

New Castle, Pa., Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—Thomas Verne Ryhal was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in the Criminal Court last night in connection with the death of Clara Belle Lennox, a school girl who died recently following an attack last summer.

The verdict automatically carries with it the death sentence, but an appeal was made for a new trial. The Court did not consider the motion last night nor was sentence pronounced.

The jury deliberated from 6:06 to 10:45 o'clock. There was no indication of how many ballots were taken in the case. Ryhal received the verdict with haughtiness, according to newspapermen present, and showed no undue excitement in the matter.

B. AND O. TRAIN DERAILED IN W. VA.; NO ONE INJURED

Five Cars of Passenger Train Thrown Into Ditch

Grafton, W. Va., Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—Five cars of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad passenger train No. 3, New York to St. Louis, were derailed and thrown into a ditch at Independence, 6[illegible] miles east of here today. Physicians were hurried to the scene, but their services were only needed to treat bruises and a few minor injuries.

The derailed cars were thrown off the track and entirely off the road, but there was no interruption of traffic.

BANDITS STEAL $10,000 FROM OHIO BANK

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Dec. 21.—Five armed bandits held up the Steelton branch of the Citizens' Trust and Savings Bank today and escaped with $10,000.

VLADIVOSTOK ENVOYS ON WAY TO ARMS PARLEY

HONOLULU, Dec. 21.—V. S. Kolnesnikov and A. de Bodisco, enroute to Washington to represent the maritime provinces government of Vladivostok at the Arms Conference, have arrived here aboard the Tenyo Maru. They will endeavor, they said, to obtain the sanction of the Conference for the army of the maritime provinces to carry defensive arms, which they declared is not permitted by the Japanese Government. They declared the Vladivostok army would be helpless in event of a Bolshevik invasion.

THIEF IS NEARLY HONEST

Leaves Old Clothes After Robbing Camden Store of Outfit

The furnishing store of Sigmund Schoenagle, 838 Federal street, Camden, was broken into last night by a thief who carried off about $800 worth of merchandise including a new suit, overcoat and hat.

The thief left his old clothes behind. He carried off his loot in a suitcase taken from stock. The stolen merchandise consists of silk shirts, silk socks, underwear, neckties and the contents of the jewelry case.

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JOHN W. GRACE, JR., DEAD

Brother of President of Bethlehem Steel Company

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—John W. Grace, Jr., forty-seven, assistant general superintendent of the Bethlehem Steel Company, succumbed early this morning to a complication of diseases at his home in this city.

He was graduated from Lehigh University, class of 1899, distinguishing himself on the varsity baseball team of which his brother, Eugene G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, was also a notable factor, the brothers being in the same class. He leaves a widow and several children.