

**CONFESSION OF MURDER.**

**Valet Jones Tells of the Killing of William Marsh Rice.**

**PATRICK CHIEF CONSPIRATOR.**

**According to the Story of the Murderer the Accused Lawyer Was the Author of the Conspiracy to Rob and Murder the Aged Millionaire.**

New York, April 3.—Without the slightest quaver in his well modulated voice, and displaying no outward sign of regret or remorse, Charles F. Jones, secretary and valet to the late William Marsh Rice, yesterday confessed under oath that he had ended the life of his employer and benefactor with chloroform.

The confession was the climax of a remarkable recital in which was laid bare the details of an alleged subtle conspiracy which had for its object the seizure of \$3,000,000 in cash and negotiable securities and the conversion of \$3,000,000 in realty to the uses of the alleged conspirator.

The self-confessed murderer told the story of the alleged plot from its inception. The capital crime he committed and all the minor offenses that preceded it were, he declared, at the instigation and direction of Albert T. Patrick. It was Patrick, he said, who conceived the idea of forging a will and forging transfers and conveyances. It was Patrick who induced two persons to witness the forged signature. It was Patrick who determined that Rice should die, and it was Patrick who sought to have him killed slowly, and then, becoming impatient, determined upon quick action. And, according to Jones, remarkable as it may seem, Rice never knew Patrick during his lifetime and never saw him but once.

Jones, according to his story, first began his acquaintance with Patrick when the lawyer called at the residence of Millionaire Rice on Madison avenue, this city, in October, 1899. The witness told of the growing friendship and the gradual approach to the discussion of the affairs of Mr. Rice which finally resulted in the proposition to defraud, and Jones finally yielded. Then came the details of the story of the transfers and conveyances of real and personal property to Patrick, over the forged signatures of Rice; the stealing of blank checks from the millionaire's check book; then delivery to Patrick and the forging of Rice's signature; the proposition to put the aged millionaire out of the way, first weakening him by continuous doses of mercury; the calling in of a physician at frequent intervals, thus apparently providing for the issuance of a death certificate, and the extreme care with which this plan of slow poisoning was carried out.

Jones described his return to Mr. Rice's apartments and the discovery of the millionaire sleeping peacefully in bed, of his stealthy search for a napkin and the fashioning of it into a cone shape as directed, he said, by Patrick, and of pinning a small sponge at the point of the cone. Then he told of saturating the napkin and sponge with chloroform and holding it over his own nostrils to test its effect. He described his approach to the bed with the saturated napkin in his hand, placing it over the face of the sleeping old man, his flight from the room, the weary wait of 30 minutes, in accordance with Patrick's alleged instructions, at the expiration of which time he returned and found Rice dead. He then threw open the windows to free the room from the odor of chloroform, telephoned to Patrick that Rice was dead, sent for a physician and then, after expressing his grief at the loss of so good and kind an employer, he said he went to bed and fell into a sound sleep.

Patrick, accused by Jones of being the arch criminal, listened to the witness with attention and occasionally made notes of the testimony. Not even the nerve of the remarkable witness on the stand was more cool, calm and collected than this remarkable prisoner. Patrick displayed neither anger, fear nor resentment.

**An Alleged Swindling Syndicate.**

New York, April 3.—Col. Robert A. Ammon, attorney for what was known as the Goslin syndicate, was arrested yesterday afternoon on charges of conspiracy to defraud. Later he gave \$11,900 bail. Ammon is co-defendant in a suit with Alfred R. Goslin, Frank B. Morgan, Thomas J. Gibbons, Gerald Ebermann and Richard F. Grey. The sworn affidavits state that the defendants formed the Brake and Coupler company, a New Jersey corporation, their plan being to create a fictitious price for the shares by bidding for them themselves on the "curb" market and then having their agents in the west persuade reputable brokers to purchase for cash.

**Six Hundred Miners Locked Out.**

Hazleton, Pa., April 3.—The 600 men employed at the Onedia colliery of Co. B. Bros. & Co. have been locked out. The company wants the miners to report earlier for work. A committee representing the men called twice on Superintendent Redick and General Superintendent Smith, but neither one of the officials granted them an audience. The committee alleges that the company asked the men to walk down the manway every morning, instead of riding to the bottom in cars. A lock-out at the Stockton colliery is also feared.

**Heavy Snow in Kansas.**

Atwood, Kan., April 3.—The northwest corner of Kansas is buried under a heavy blanket of snow, two feet deep on the level and from 18 to 20 feet in drifts. The prairie roads are impassable. Many cattle have died on the ranges, and in nearly all the towns there is a famine in fuel and provisions.

**May Be Commissioner of Pensions.**

Topeka, Kan., April 3.—It is believed among Republicans here that Col. R. W. Blue, ex-congressman-at-large, will be appointed commissioner of pensions in place of H. Clay Evans. The latter will probably be made minister to Japan.

**A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.**

Thursday, March 28.

The Pennsylvania building at the Buffalo exposition is to cost \$15,000. Governor Davis, of Arkansas, signed the anti-gambling bill yesterday, and all gambling places in the state are closed.

The imperial insurance department reports that 17,000,000 persons are now insured in Germany.

Eight thousand people died of the plague last week in Bengal alone, including Calcutta. Whole towns are being deserted.

Ex-State Secretary Caleb Powers, sentenced to life imprisonment, and James Howard, sentenced to hang for the Goebel murder, have been granted new trials by Kentucky's court of appeals.

Friday, March 29.

Mrs. Nation's lecture in Cincinnati last night drew a very small audience.

Ex-Governor Altgeld, of Illinois, supports the Republican ticket in Chicago's municipal election.

J. H. Millard and Governor Charles H. Dietrich, Republicans, were elected United States senators from Nebraska.

Mrs. John R. McPherson, widow of New Jersey's former United States senator, died in New York.

A Constantinople dispatch announces that nine men were scalded to death by the bursting of a steam pipe on the Turkish torpedo boat Shebah, at Salonica.

The Stove Founders' association and the Molders Union of North America, in joint session at Chicago, agreed upon the same scale for the coming year as the one in force last year.

Saturday, March 30.

Roland Reed, the actor, died in New York from cancer of the stomach, aged 47 years.

Attorney General Griggs formally retired from the cabinet today to resume his law practice.

Karpovitch, who killed Russia's minister of public instruction, was sentenced to 20 years' penal servitude.

Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, issued a proclamation yesterday designating April 12 and 26 as arbor days.

Mrs. Mary Ertel, who killed her paramour, George Deges, on Dec. 31 last, was acquitted in New York yesterday.

A seat in the New York stock exchange was sold yesterday for \$55,000, which is \$25,000 more than the highest previous price.

Sunday, April 1.

The Oil City (Pa.) tube mill, closed by the trust, was reopened today.

Robert M. Montgomery, Rep., was elected supreme judge of Michigan.

Medical Director W. T. Hord, of the navy (retired), died in Washington, aged 70.

Twenty cotton mills in Fall River, Mass., closed Saturday until April 8, affecting 8,000 employes.

"Squire" William McMullen, for years well known in Philadelphia politics, died in that city, aged 77 years.

F. H. Zabriskie, 27 years old, son of a Princeton (N. J.) clergyman, committed suicide by shooting in New York. Despondency.

The seventh annual meeting of the National Municipal League, and the ninth conference for good city government, will be held at Rochester, N. Y., on May 8, 9, 10.

Tuesday, April 2.

Count Tolstol, the noted political writer, has been banished from Russia.

St. Louis is threatened with another strike of street railway men.

Dr. Schleichter, the African traveller and geographer, is dead in Berlin.

For the first time in Havana's history, April begins without a single case of yellow fever.

Axel Douglass, a New York janitor, last night killed his wife and then shot himself. He will die.

The French training ship Duquay, with 300 French cadets, arrived at Annapolis to visit the naval academy.

George F. Baer, of Philadelphia, succeeds Mr. Harris as president of the Reading railroad and allied properties.

Tom L. Johnson, Dem., was elected mayor of Cleveland, John L. Hinkle, Dem., mayor of Columbus, and Mayor Jones was re-elected in Toledo. Republicans gained generally in Ohio's municipal contests.

Wednesday, April 3.

J. Pierpont Morgan sailed from New York for Europe today.

The bill to authorize the calling of a Tennessee constitutional convention was killed in the state legislature.

It is announced that Prince Louis Napoleon has arrived in Paris on a visit.

An earthquake at Cape Kaliakra, on the Black sea, March 31, destroyed the lighthouse there.

London's county council has decided to buy 225 acres of land on which to build workmen's houses to accommodate 42,000, at a cost of £1,500,000.

The bill appropriating \$100,000 for the construction of a hospital in the Adirondacks for the treatment of consumptives was favorably reported in the New York legislature.

**GENERAL MARKETS.**

Philadelphia, April 2.—Flour steady; winter superfine, \$2.50; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$2.50; city mills, extra, \$2.50; eye flour dull at \$2.50 per barrel for choice Pennsylvania. Wheat dull; No. 2 red, 77¢; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 76¢; No. 2 white, clipped, 23¢; lower grades, 22¢. Hay steady; choice timothy, \$1.50; mixed, spot, 45¢; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 44¢; No. 2 white, clipped, 23¢; lower grades, 22¢. Live poultry quoted at 15¢; fat hens, 14¢; for old roosters, 12¢; for winter chickens, 25¢; for spring chickens, 15¢; for ducks and 10¢; for geese, 12¢; dressed poultry at 11¢; for choice geese, 75¢; for old roosters, 50¢; for nearby broilers, 11¢; for fancy young western turkey hens, 11¢; for choice fancy western ducks and 75¢; for western geese. Butter firm; fresh creamery, 16¢; factory, 15¢; imitation creamery, 14¢; New York dairy, 15¢; fancy Pennsylvania prints, jobbing at 24¢; do, extra, 23¢. Cheese firm; fancy large colored and white, 18¢; fancy small colored, 17¢; fancy small white, 16¢. Eggs strong; New York and Pennsylvania, at mark, 13¢; western do, 12¢; southern do, 12¢. Potatoes firm; Jersey, \$1.50; New York, \$1.40; Long Island, \$1.50; Jersey sweets, \$1.50. Cabbages quiet; New York, \$1.50 per ton. East Liberty, Pa., April 2.—Cattle market steady; extra, \$5.00; prime, \$4.50; common, \$3.50. Hogs light; prime mediums and heavy hogs, \$4.50; heavy Yorkers, \$3.50; light do, \$3.00; pigs, \$2.50; roughs, \$2.00. Sheep firm; choice wethers, \$3.50; common, \$2.50; choice lambs, \$5.00; common to good, \$4.00; veal calves, \$6.00.

**HARRISBURG LETTER.**

**Measures That Occupy the Attention of the Lawmakers.**

**A NEW APPORTIONMENT BILL**

**Introduced in the House Which Increases the Membership—Nevada Urges Aid in Bringing About Popular Election of Senators.**

Harrisburg, April 3.—A legislative apportionment bill was introduced in the house yesterday by Mr. Patterson, of Blair. The bill increases the number of members of the house of representatives from 204 to 207. Philadelphia is given 41 members instead of 39 under the present apportionment, and still retains its 28 districts. Allegheny is given 24 members, an increase of 8, and is divided into eight districts. Blair, Cambria, Clearfield, Fayette, Jefferson, Northumberland and Westmoreland gain one member each, and Luzerne and Lackawanna two members each under the bill. Adams, Bedford, Bradford, Bucks, Center, Chester, Clarion, Columbia, Huntingdon, Lancaster, Lycoming, Mercer, Montgomery, Susquehanna, Schuylkill and Wayne each lose a member. York county is divided into two districts, the city of York constituting one district and the rest of the county the other.

Mr. Reynolds, of Lackawanna, introduced a bill prohibiting the employment of children under 13 years in and around mines, breakers and washeries under a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$250 and 30 days' imprisonment.

Mr. Colville, of Philadelphia, presented a bill for the establishment of a state naval militia.

The Laird local option bill was defeated on final passage by 78 to 73. The Willard fox hunting bill was also defeated on final passage.

The bill providing for the election of mine inspectors in the anthracite region, instead of appointment by the governor, passed finally by 112 to 32.

The bill taxing store orders, etc., was reconsidered and passed finally, as was the bill requiring coal to be mined by weight only, the bill providing for the appointment of checkweighmen and requiring all coal to be weighed before screening, and the bill to prevent adulteration and deceptions in the sale of linseed or flaxseed oil.

The senate held a short session last night and cleared the calendar of bills on first and second reading. Several new measures of minor importance were introduced.

A communication from the Nevada legislature was read asking co-operation toward a constitutional convention to amend the present federal constitution so that United States senators may be elected by the people.

Wednesday of last week the anthracite mine inspection bill was amended in the house to fix the salary of inspectors at \$3,000 annually, and providing for inspectors every three months, after which it passed third reading.

In the house on Thursday of last week the senate bill providing that when a city of the third class has passed or will pass into the second class the license fee for the sale of liquors in such city shall remain the same as when it was a third class city until three years after such city has entered into the second class was defeated by a vote of 76 yeas to 79 nays. The purpose of the bill is to reduce the cost of a liquor license in the city of Scranton from \$1,100 to \$500 annually.

The Kennedy factory inspection bill passed second reading after it had been amended to provide for the appointment of 27 inspectors, five of whom shall be women, and allowing the factory inspector to ascertain if boilers are in a safe condition. Under the present law there are 20 inspectors. The McClain corporation bill also passed second reading.

In the senate on Thursday of last week the Guffey ballot bill passed first reading.

Another change has been made in the senate congressional apportionment bill by the house committee. The bill as reported to the house Friday last takes Cumberland away from York and Adams, which are made a separate district, and attaches it to the Seventeenth district, composed of Snyder, Perry, Mifflin, Juniata, Huntingdon, Franklin and Fulton. As the bill passed the senate Lebanon, Dauphin and Cumberland are designated as the Nineteenth district.

The Jones employers' liability bill was called up by Mr. Mayne, of Lehigh, and postponed for the present.

On motion of Mr. Patterson, of Blair, the bill providing an additional law judge for Blair county was postponed indefinitely.

The Philadelphia "ripper" bills were reported and went over for second reading this week, because they were not called.

A short session of the house was held on Monday night last, the order of business being original resolutions and bills on first reading. On motion of Mr. Bedford, of Philadelphia, the senate bill creating a juvenile court was sent back to committee for a public hearing.

Mr. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, offered a concurrent resolution, which was referred to the education committee, that the college and university council be authorized and empowered to make inquiry and to report to the legislature at its next session, by bill or otherwise, a plan by which existing laws can be harmonized and amended or codified so as to improve the organization, administration and management of our systems of education. The members of the council shall serve without pay, except for necessary expenses.

A concurrent resolution was offered by Mr. Wadsworth, of Philadelphia, and adopted, that a committee of two senators and three members be appointed to confer with congress and the legislatures of the various states of the Union with the object of securing such an amendment to the United States constitution as to provide for the election of United States senators by popular vote, and its expenses not to exceed \$200 a year.

Mr. Haug, of Schuylkill, offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the senate be requested to appoint a committee to confer with a like committee from the house to consider the date of final adjournment.

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