



“POISON” WRITER, CAUGHT AT LAST, HAD LOVE SORROW

Woman Confesses to Penning Degenerate Missives to Betrothed Girls

GOT NAMES FROM PAPERS

Did Not Know Slandered Persons; Federal Attorney's Bride to Push Case

Special to The Telegraph New York, Dec. 17.—By arresting Miss Theresa Samuels, of a wealthy family of Goshen, N. Y., at her home yesterday, postal inspectors say they captured the writer of the "poison pen" letters that in the last year have been sent to newly married or betrothed women, some of them of great social prominence in New York city.

Inspectors Durkin and Pich, who made the arrest, at Middletown, N. Y., where they went from Goshen after Miss Samuels had been admitted to \$5,000 bail, given by her brother, Sigmond Samuels, said that she had confessed the authorship of the "poison pen" communications.

They declined to give the confession in full detail, but said Miss Samuels had admitted writing every one of the twenty letters which have come into the hands of the authorities in the last year.

"Were you acquainted with any of the persons to whom you wrote letters?" she was asked. "Had you any grudges against any of them?" "No," it is said Miss Samuels answered. "I just picked the names at random out of newspapers—names that appeared in the accounts of weddings or engagements."

"Have you ever had any love affair?" "Yes," the inspectors report she answered, "two years ago."

Asked if this love affair had preyed upon her mind and caused her to write such scandalous letters, she replied: "Perhaps it did."

The last "poison" letter known to have been received was written December 11 on a postal card from a train running between this city and Salamanca, N. Y.

Came in Hospital Envelope It was addressed to Miss Elsie Seydel, of 409 West One Hundred and Fifty-third street, following the announcement of her engagement to Samuel Schary. The postal card was inclosed in an envelope, on the back of which was printed, "Private Pavilion, Mount Sinai Hospital, Fifth Avenue, One Hundred to One Hundred and One."

Laundrymen Raise Rates Because of Compensation

Because of the workmen's compensation law enacted by the last Legislature, and which will be effective January 1, laundrymen of Harrisburg will exact a tax of one cent on every bundle, and will increase the price of laundrying collars from two and a half to three cents each.

This decision was reached last night at a meeting of all laundrymen of Harrisburg, except two. It was decided to join the laundry exchange of Pennsylvania, an organization for the protection of laundrymen in this State.

The new rates and bundle tax are similar to those adopted in the western part of the State, where every bundle will be a label explaining that the one cent tax is to take care of the provisions of the new compensation law.

Relatives of Wilson Gather for Wedding

Washington, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, President Wilson's daughter, reached here to-day from Williamstown, Mass., to attend the wedding of the President's daughter, Mrs. Anne Howe, of Philadelphia, the President's sister, and Mrs. Anne Cochran, his niece, to take place at the White House to-day.

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SITUATION IS GRAVE

Diplomatic Relations May Not Be Discontinued Until Another Exchange of Notes

By Associated Press Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Austria's reply to Secretary Lansing's note on the Ancona, received during the night, was laid to-day before President Wilson and the cabinet and discussed more than an hour.

The gravity of the situation caused by Austria's rejoinder to the American demands, which is considered evasive, unsatisfactory and unacceptable, remained unchanged.

The next step will not be decided upon until some minor points not clear in the official text are checked up. The apparent discrepancies are not important and may be due to transmission or translation from the State Department code but they will be cleared up before another move is made.

Secretary Lansing said after the cabinet meeting that he did not know when the official text of the note would be given out for publication and that it certainly would not be made public until he had an opportunity to study it carefully.

Exchange of Notes Final Diplomatic relations, although in danger of being broken off, are not likely to be discontinued, at least before there has been another exchange of notes with Vienna and so the crisis [Continued on Page 26.]

Ancona Situation Meets With Approval in Berlin

Berlin, via London, Dec. 17.—Seldom has a diplomatic document of war series met with such general approval in German circles and the answer of Baron Burian, Austrian minister of foreign affairs to the note from the United States regarding the Ancona case.

The reply is regarded not only as a success in finding weak points in Secretary of State Lansing's logic but as a dignified reply to the American demands for a prompt disavowal and punishment of the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona.

The German notes in the Lusitania correspondence all had their critics, some finding German excuses and others others insufficiently adept, but the general opinion expressed in political circles is that Baron Burian struck exactly the right note and by inviting Washington to enter on an interchange of views and submit some proof for the charges, shifted the onus of defense to the shoulders of the American government.

Relief Steamer Beached After Striking Mine

London, Dec. 17, 12.35 p. m.—The Belgian relief committee's steamer Levenpool, from New York, for Rotterdam, has been beached on the English East coast in a sinking condition as a result of striking a mine.

New York, Dec. 17.—The relief steamer Levenpool, which struck a mine in the English channel, carried a mixed cargo of foodstuffs for the Belgians valued at \$1,400,000. It is fully insured.

GIRL KILLED BY SHOT FROM FATHER'S GUN

Special to The Telegraph McConnellsburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—While Mack Richardson, living one mile from Burnett Cantine, was cleaning his gun yesterday, the weapon was accidentally discharged. The bullet struck his 15-year-old daughter, killing her instantly.

SHERLOCK HOLMES, JR., HITS TOWN; WILL BE ON THE JOB TOMORROW

Get Out Your Searchlight and See If You Can Catch Him and Win \$25 Reward

He is here! Sherlock Holmes, Jr., is in town. The mysterious and ingenious gentleman is walking about in Harrisburg.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND BRIDE HE WILL LEAD TO ALTAR TOMORROW



These photographs of President Wilson and his bride are the favorites of the President and the ones he requested to be used.

NEWPORT ENJOYS PROSPERITY; ALL MILLS ARE BUSY

Juniata Furnace and Foundry Company Will Soon Re-open Plant

By ROBERT F. GORMAN Newport, Pa., Dec. 17.—When smoke again begins to pour from the stacks of the Juniata Furnace and Foundry Company's plant within the next few weeks, every industry in Newport will be working up to capacity and enjoying conditions of prosperity greatly in excess of the conditions a year ago.

Every person who wants work in Newport at the present time can get employment and at least one industry has been forced to refuse some orders because of the shortage of help.

The Juniata Furnace and Foundry Company operates the only iron industry in the town and when the fires died out in February, 1915, more than fifty men were thrown out of employment.

The company at that time manufacturing pig iron, but the lack of orders caused a shutdown with no prospects of a reopening.

Business conditions have improved since, however, and several months ago announcement was made that the old furnaces were again to be put in operation. The company, with Alfred Marshall as its president, immediately hired a gang of men to put the furnaces into working shape and make all necessary repairs.

Since then the buildings have been re-roofed and painted, the flues and boilers have been cleaned and every part of the plant has undergone a general overhauling.

Men who worked at the furnaces before they were "blown out" and who were forced to leave town to secure [Continued on Page 6.]

Dies on Way Home From Christmas Shopping Tour

While on her way home, last night, from Christmas shopping, Mrs. Anna Dellar, aged 58 years, 521 Race street, was stricken with heart trouble.

The survivors are two children, Elizabeth F. and John F., at home; two brothers, John Langlotz, Harrisburg, and J. D. Langlotz, of Baltimore. The funeral will take place Monday afternoon. The Rev. S. Winfield Herman, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, will conduct services at the home at 6 o'clock. Burial will be made in Harrisburg cemetery.

HALT MAN RUNNING OFF WITH ANOTHER'S WIFE

A man and a woman, said to be eloping from Lykens to Pittsburgh, are being held by the local police department.

The couple were taken from a train at noon by Joseph Ibach, city detective, on advice from the police authorities at Lykens.

The man had a ticket from Lykens to Pittsburgh. The woman's ticket was from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh. Late this afternoon the Lykens constable and the husband of the Billet woman came here. It is understood that legal proceedings will be instituted.

WEALTHY LAWYER WEEPS AS HE GETS HEAVY JAIL SENTENCE; WIFE REJOICES

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 17.—Despite his lawyer's plea that the defendant's predicament was due to a "desire to keep the name of an eminent woman out of the case," and while the convicted man wept, Colonel Edward Dudley, a rich Camden lawyer and member of the Philadelphia Union League, was sentenced here yesterday to serve from eighteen months to three years in State Prison and fined \$1,000 for criminal contempt of Court.

A writ of habeas corpus, carrying the case to the Supreme Court, at once was filed on Dudley's behalf and he was released on a \$2,500 bond, furnished by his counsel, Alart H. Strong.

Strong made an eloquent plea for Dudley and a bitter attack on Mr. Dudley, the defendant's wife, to whose institution of "harrassing litigation" he said the Colonel's unfortunate situation was due.

WANTS \$23,280 MAINTENANCE IN FORESTRY DEPT

Mueller Gives Out Some Figures Showing Where Money's to Be Spent

Just \$23,280 is asked by City Forester Harry J. Mueller for the maintenance of the municipal department of forestry during 1916.

City Forester Mueller gave out some figures on his budget to-day and his report to council as to his department's needs were among the budgets considered this afternoon at the first meeting of the city commissioners to make up the budget for 1916.

Here are the various items of the forester's budget: River Park trees, \$1,000; planting park trees, \$500; Reservoir Park trees, \$500; Wildwood Park trees, \$1,000; municipal trees, \$250; nursery stock, \$5,000; trimming trees, \$4,280; tools, \$100; spraying equipment and materials, \$500; planting trees, \$2,450; wire guards, \$2,250; cultivating, watering, etc., \$500; tree moving machine, \$200; educational material, \$300; printing, postage, office supplies, \$200; office rent, \$200; work clothes, \$200; miscellaneous, \$500; salary of forester, \$1,500.

Present Complete Budget While the meeting was more or less preliminary, the five commissioners, it is understood, presented their complete departmental budgets. All declined to make the figures public however until the ordinance is whiplashed into shape. Certain parings will be necessary here and there, if the nine mill rate is to be retained.

The ordinary maintenance requirements for all the departments will vary little from previous years with the exception of certain items where the natural growth and expansion of the city requires more money. This applies particularly to the park, fire, street and lighting departments.

In the street lighting department the principal new item, it is understood, will be in the neighborhood of \$12,000 for new electric lamps. Third street from North to Reily and in Federal Square. Commissioner Harry F. Bowman hopes to incorporate this in his budget. Additional expenses that must be considered this year will be the \$10,000 for city damages in the Naudain street sewer proceedings, more than \$20,000 for State taxes, sinking funds, and several other important items that must be taken care of this year.

Few Salary Raises While few if any raises in salary will be considered, it is understood that some will be asked for. The City Forester wants a raise of \$500. Among the salaries that must be provided in his budget are \$2,000, the city assessor's of \$2,500, an assistant at \$1,000 and the new city controller whose emoluments amount to \$900.

While Council was called this afternoon to consider only the budget, the city treasurer and the city assessor's ordinances were on the postponed calendar for consideration.

TALLEST POLICEMAN HIT

Joseph M. Van Camp, Harrisburg's tallest policeman, is critically ill at his home, 1523 North Second street. He has pleuro-pneumonia, and at noon to-day was reported as very low.

Patrolman Van Camp has not been in good health for some time. He returned to duty ten days ago after an illness lasting a month.

LIVE TURKEY SALE A carload of choice live Turkeys will be here to-morrow morning, 23c to 25c a pound. Come early, bring your coupons and take your birds along with you. Brelsford Packing and Storage Co.—Adv.

40,000 MEN ARE TAKEN BY SERBS DURING RETREAT

Being Placed in Concentration Camp in France; Italians in Albania

PRESAGE BIG OPERATIONS

Believed Allies Will Start New Movement in the Balkans

The Serbians succeeded in making thousands of prisoners during their retreat before the Austro-German-Bulgarian drive, and 40,000 men who were captured by them, together with 750 Bulgarian, German and Austro-Hungarian officers taken prisoner, have reached Marseilles on their way to a concentration camp, a dispatch from the French seaport states.

Further particulars regarding the Italian force sent to Albania, with the presumed purpose of co-operating in the Balkan operations of the entente allies, state that the number of men already landed at Avlona is 30,000.

The sending of these troops is regarded as presaging operations on a large scale, according to a Milan correspondent.

Of the large force of Greeks that was stationed at Saloniki only one regiment of artillery and one of engineers remain, Athens advises state. Greek army headquarters are now at Kozhani, 55 miles southwest of Monastir.

The Cetinje war office admits a further retreat by the Montenegrin troops in the San Jak region, where they have been resisting the Austrian advance.

Submarines Active Further operations of submarines in the Mediterranean are indicated by the announcement from London of the sinking of the Italian steamer Porto Saldo, of 5,187 tons, which was lost reported in Mediterranean waters.

ENLARGEMENT OF WORMLEYSBURG SUBWAY IN SIGHT

Railroad Company's Offer May Be First Step in Building of Proposed Highway

LAND OWNERS MUST HELP

Property Holders to Be Asked to Donate Land on Which to Build Road

Residents of West Shore towns interested in the opening of a new road between Wormleysburg and Camp Hill will have a part of their desire fulfilled in the very near future if property owners who use the grade crossing at Ferry street, Wormleysburg, and the grade crossing at Kimmel's lane, just above town, agree to petition the Cumberland county court for the closing of the crossings and [Continued on Page 17.]

Moose to Provide 200 Baskets For the Poor

Harrisburg Lodge No. 107, Loyal Order of Moose, on Christmas day, will distribute 200 baskets of food to needy families. In order that only deserving ones will get the baskets, the Moose will have the co-operation of the Associated Aid Societies.

In addition to the baskets, poor children will be entertained on Christmas day at the Moose Home, Third and Boas streets. A large tree will be erected, on which will be placed toys and other gifts for the little folks. Arrangements for this Christmas cheer were completed last night at the regular meeting of the lodge.

Harry McDonald of San Francisco will be Santa Claus. He will be assisted by a committee including Charles G. Moore, S. Hiner, J. Harbold, M. Aronson and A. Frankenberg.

Members of the Moose, last night, also planned for a big representation in the numbers parade. The Com-munity band will play for the Moose all day. In line will be 200 members in fancy costumes. The degree team will also be out in uniform. The committee on parade includes Elmer E. Stacks, A. Cameron, S. Hiner, J. Emerich and A. Frankenberg.

MARKET CLOSES FIRM

New York, Dec. 17.—Short covering, base don more hopeful reports regarding foreign conditions infused some strength and activity to the final dealings. The closing was firm. Restraint was manifested by to-day's dull market, mainly as a result of the uncertain international situation.

THE REV. RICHMOND SUSPENDED FOR YEAR

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—The ecclesiastical court, which tried the Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, rector of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church in this city, on charges of conduct unbecoming a clergyman and violation of his ordination vows, to-day rendered a verdict suspending him from the performance of his church duties for one year.

TEN THOUSAND FOR HOSPITAL IN PARIS

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Ten thousand dollars to establish a Chicago ward in the American hospital in Paris, was subscribed at a meeting here yesterday at which Myron T. Herrick, former Ambassador to France, spoke.

BJELOPOLJE FALLS

Berlin, Dec. 17, via London, 3.15 P. M.—At army headquarters the announcement was made to-day that the Austro-Hungarian troops which are invading Montenegro have captured Bjelopolje, on the Lim river about twenty miles west of the Serbian border.

SWEDISH STEAMER TAKEN TO KIRKWALL

London, Dec. 17.—The Swedish steamship Stockholm, formerly the Holland-American liner Potsdam, bound from Gothenburg for New York with a general cargo, has been taken into Kirkwall by the British authorities. The Stockholm was purchased in October by the new Swedish-American Steamship Company and was on her first voyage to New York under the management of this company.

FLETCHER NOMINATED FOR MEXICO

Washington, Dec. 17.—Henry Prather Fletcher, now Ambassador to Chile, was nominated by President Wilson to-day for Ambassador to Mexico. Elesio Arredondo already has been appointed Mexican Ambassador to the United States and Mr. Fletcher's nomination to-day restores diplomatic relations between the two countries, broken off nearly three years ago.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION EXEMPTIONS

Harrisburg.—The Workmen's Compensation Board adjourned this afternoon after granting exemptions to eighteen more companies. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday when representatives of the coal companies of the State will confer with the board.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Edward Ripper and Annie Liba Sheffer, city. William Park Farmer and Edna Pearl Sheffer, city. Stanley Patterson Scholl and Sarah J. McCuskey, city.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain and warmer this afternoon and to-night; Saturday partly cloudy, a For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain and warmer to-night; Saturday partly cloudy, preceded by rain in the early morning.

Tausig Christmas Benefit IF you know of a worthy poor family in Harrisburg whose home is likely to lack Christmas cheer this year, fill out the blank below and forward it to the Tausig Christmas Benefit, 420 Market street, has given the Telegraph \$500 with which to purchase Christmas baskets for 200 families. The Associated Charities will investigate the names sent to it and will deliver the baskets the day before Christmas. Fill out below.

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