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## DOPED MIDDIES TO DISCREDIT NEW COOK

### Two Employees Accused of Tampering With Food.

Suspected of complicity in a malicious attempt to make as many of the midshipmen at Annapolis, Md., ill as was possible and thereby cast discredit on the recently appointed chief cook at the United States naval academy, C. J. Ridgely, commissary steward, and William Harris, second cook, both colored, have been suspended.

The two men have been forbidden to enter the naval academy pending the completion of a rigid investigation into the "doping" of the middies food.

For several days more than a score of midshipmen have been attacked with intestinal trouble which weakened them to such an extent that they had to be sent to the hospital. Many others were practically incapacitated for work in their classrooms.

A number of the members of the football team were affected and considerably weakened physically. This was especially serious in view of the near approach of the final game with West Point.

Investigation, under the supervision of Captain Coontz, the commandant, has practically narrowed down the cause of the sickness to the sugar used in tea, coffee and desserts. Samples of the food have been sent to Washington for analysis.

It is alleged that Ridgely wanted Harris appointed head cook, but his recommendation was not accepted. It is alleged that an effort was then made to discredit the man who was selected by the authorities, by tampering with the food.

The typhoid fever situation at the academy is about the same. No new cases have appeared and those ill are all doing well.

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### Bridegroom a Widower Eight Years When Bride Was Born.

Henry Dickson, sixty-eight years of age, and Miss Mary Barkowitch, aged seventeen years, both of Tunkhannock, near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., were married in Scranton by Rev. Dr. G. C. Lyman.

Dickson is a farmer and he had been a widower for eight years when his new bride was born. The young bride after the marriage said:

"I'm sure we will be very happy, as he is so good, and I know he will take good care of me."

Dickson met the young girl a year ago and has been courting her ever since. A short time ago she got permission from her parents to marry him.

## ADMITS KILLING WOMAN

### Confronted by Razor, Man Confesses In Center County Jail.

When he was confronted with the fact that the authorities had found his razor with blood spots on it, Bert Delige, now in jail at Bellefonte, Pa., for the murder of Mrs. John Baudis, of Scotia, on Oct. 16, confessed that he did the deed when intoxicated.

Mrs. Baudis was on her way home from visiting a neighbor, when Delige grabbed her, threw her down and cut her throat from ear to ear.

His case will come up for trial in December.

## Steamer With 450 Passengers Overdue

The big coastwise steamer Bear, of the San Francisco-Portland steamship line, carrying 450 passengers, is now more than three days overdue at San Francisco on her southward trip, and the company's offices are besieged by inquiries. The Bear was scheduled to arrive in San Francisco early on Monday.

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## STOCK SWINDLE OF \$50,000,000

### Federal Authorities Raid Offices and Arrest Firm.

## HUGE FRAUDS ALLEGED

Wholesale Swindle in Shares of Companies That Have Failed—Big Dividends Were Promised, But None Paid.

Federal officials raided the offices occupied by Burr Brothers, in New York, a corporation dealing in stocks and other securities.

The raid was made on warrants charging the use of the mails to defraud investors.

Postoffice officials say that the concern has sold to investors at par value between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 of stock in various companies, most of which have gone out of existence or become bankrupt, and none in a single instance paying the dividends held out in the promises of the concern.

The raid was planned by Warren W. Dickson, postoffice inspector, in charge of the New York district, and Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock and Robert A. Sharpe, chief postoffice inspector.

The officers arrested were: Sheldon C. Burr, president; F. Harry Tobey, vice president, and Eugene H. Burr, secretary and treasurer.

The three officials of the company arrested were arraigned before Commissioner Shields and held in \$20,000 bail each. Pending the furnishing of bail they were sent to jail.

Hundreds of complaints have been made against the corporation by investors, who charge that they have been swindled through false representations made to them concerning the profits that were being realized by those who put their money into the various oil, timber, copper, lead, zinc and gold companies.

After the raid Postmaster General Hitchcock gave out an official memorandum concerning Burr Brothers. The firm was organized several years ago and in 1907 was incorporated with a capital of \$100,000 and later increased to \$300,000. The memorandum says that among other companies the Burr Brothers are selling the stock of the Bulk Oil company, a concern with \$5,000,000 capital.

The memorandum further states as follows:

"They have also organized the following oil companies: Carolina Consolidated, capitalized at \$1,000,000; Coalinga Alladin, capitalized at \$1,000,000; Kern-Western, capitalized at \$750,000; New York-Coalinga, capitalized at \$500,000; Coalinga Crude Oil, capitalized at \$400,000; Peoples Associated Oil company, capitalized at \$1,000,000.

"All the stock in these companies has been sold except a part of the two first named. While all the companies are still in existence, none save the first four named is doing any work at the present time.

"The Burr Brothers have also organized, promoted and sold the stock in the following mining companies: Rawhide Tarantula, with a capital of \$1,000,000; Montezuma Mining and Smelting, with a capital of \$1,000,000; Golden Fleece Mining, Milling and Refining company, with a capital of \$500,000.

"Practically the entire stock in the companies has been sold to the public and at the present time all these companies have gone out of existence.

"They have also sold large amounts of stock in the Red Top Mining and Leasing company, capitalized at \$1,000,000; Long Beach, Mexico, and Arizona Mining company, capitalized at \$1,500,000; Nevada Goldfield Mining

## MRS. PANKHURST.

One of the Leaders of the London Suffragettes.



and Smelting company, capitalized at \$5,000,000; United Standard Lead and Zinc, capitalized at \$1,000,000; Florence Consolidated Mining and Leasing company, capitalized at \$1,000,000; Round Mountain Central Mining, capitalized at \$1,000,000; Cobalt-Portage Mine company, capitalized at \$1,000,000; British-American Copper Mines and Smelter company, capitalized at \$5,000,000; Arizona Copper Mines company, capitalized at \$1,500,000; Searchlight Canina Gold Mining company, capitalized at \$1,000,000; Holcomb Automatic Engine company, capitalized at \$5,000,000; Cottonwood Copper company, capitalized at \$1,000,000.

"All of these companies are at the present time out of existence.

"They also sold the stock of the Vitak company, a \$1,000,000 corporation, which is now in the hands of a receiver, and they are at the present time also engaged in the sale of lots in Lincoln, N. J.

"It can safely be said that they have sold stock at par value from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 in the various companies; have an extensive suite of offices in the Flat Iron building, in New York, and at times have had offices in Cleveland, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

"In every instance they have promised large dividends on the stock sold, in addition to an increase in the value of the stock, but not in a single case have any of the companies paid any dividends, and, as stated above, practically all of them have been complete failures."

## 200 Feet Through Sewer.

Wriggling through an eighteen inch sewer for 200 feet, E. E. Adamson, a plumber, of Washington, found a diamond ring valued at \$1200.

The ring had been lost by Miss Harriet Shadd. The loss had worried her to such an extent that physicians who operated on her for appendicitis several days ago doubted whether she would recover.

The doctors now think the news of the recovery of the ring will aid greatly in restoring its owner back to health.

## Big Fire at Harrisburg.

Fire that for a time threatened to sweep the business center of Harrisburg, Pa., destroyed three business buildings on Market square before it was gotten under control.

The buildings burned were occupied by the David W. Cotterell Stationery company, the Harrisburg Hardware company and the Holmes Seed company.

The three structures were completely gutted and the loss on buildings and contents will exceed \$150,000.

## Dr. Crippen's Father Dead.

Myron H. Crippen, aged eighty-three years, father of Dr. Henry H. Crippen, under sentence of death in London for the murder of his wife, died in Los Angeles, Cal., of pneumonia.

His death, due to the infirmities of age, was hastened by grief over his son's crime.

## Five Children Die at Sea.

Five children died on the steamer Carpathia on the voyage from Trieste to New York.

When the ship got into port she was held at quarantine for the transfer from the steerage of fifty-three children, all ill with minor contagious diseases.

## Divorced From Brutal Wife.

Because his wife pulled his hair and barred him from the house, the court at Norristown, Pa., granted a divorce to George W. Magill.

## Pastor Commits Suicide.

Rev. J. O. Kindstrom, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Alta, Ia., committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He is believed to have been insane.

## UNEARTH PLOT TO KILL MEXICANS

### Diaz Was to Be Spared in Wholesale Assassination.

## ALL OFFICIALS MARKED

Revolt Spreads Over the Whole Republic and Diaz Government is Face to Face With Serious Revolution.

Documents found in the house of a revolutionary at Mexico City, Mex. are said to have revealed a conspiracy for the wholesale assassination of prominent government officers, including Foreign Minister Creel, Vice President Corral and other prominent Mexicans, among them Editor Spindola owner of El Imparcial.

Miguel S. Macedo, sub-secretary of the government, was also listed for death. President Diaz was to be taken, but his life spared because of his past services to the country.

The bodies of those killed were to be suspended from electric light wires in the streets. The building of El Imparcial was to have been destroyed with dynamite.

The papers exposing the conspiracy were discovered during a raid by the police on Sunday. Three employees of El Imparcial had been furnished with the explosive and were instructed to use it at the first report of the uprising, which was planned for last Sunday.

The seizure of the plans on the day upon which they were to be executed is thought to have had a great effect in heading off the rebellion.

The government of President Diaz is now face to face with a serious revolutionary movement. Francisco Madero, reputed leader of the rebels, is believed to be near his home in Coahuila.

Three bodies of revolutionists attacked the military barracks at Orizaba and liberated and armed the prisoners from the adjoining prison.

The attack was well planned and executed. The revolutionists, who numbered 300, divided their forces.

A group of 100 stationed on the summit of a nearby hill threw dynamite bombs into the barracks. When the soldiers fled from their quarters and charged their assailants the other party of 200 revolutionists attacked the prison. Beating down the guards and forcing an entrance they liberated all of the prisoners and then armed them.

The Fifteenth Mexican infantry then charged the revolutionists and drove them back into the woods after a hot fight. The number of casualties cannot be learned.

## REBELS HOLD SEVEN TOWNS

Whole Republic is in Revolt and Hundreds Have Been Killed.

Throughout the entire province of Chihuahua, Mex., and extending into Durango, to the south, actual warfare has begun with varying success to the rebel forces and defenders of the government.

At Puebla the government forces captured forty revolutionists and they were immediately put to death.

On the other hand it is reported that San Antonio, San Andres, Torreon Ranch, Minaca, Encinillas, Guerrero and the surrounding country in the state of Chihuahua, were taken by the revolutionists, who confiscated all the stores, military equipment and surrounded all cattle and horses. Chihuahua is under martial law.

Practically all of the surrounding country is in the hands of the rebels, according to good authority, and an attack on Chihuahua is expected. The whole republic is affected.

There are reports of general fighting at Orizaba, Rio Blanc, Anogales and Santa Rosa, a group of manufacturing towns in Vera Cruz, whither troops have been sent. Some of the mills, it is said, have been fired. These are cotton manufacturing towns and there are 10,000 employees in Orizaba alone, all said to be against the government.

## DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY 63

House Figures Give Republicans 163, Democrats 227, Socialists 1.

The Democratic representation in the next house of representatives at Washington will be 227, as against 168 Republicans and 1 Socialist, according to the roster of the house. These figures give the Democrats a majority of 63 and a plurality of 64.

## Taft to Be Dinner Guest.

President Taft has accepted an invitation to be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Society at the Hotel Astor, in New York, on Jan. 21.

## RALPH JOHNSTONE.

Holder of Altitude Record for Aeroplanes Killed.



Photo by American Press Association.

## Johnstone Killed in Flight.

Ralph Johnstone was killed by a drop of 800 feet in his runaway biplane at Overland Park at Denver, Col. He tried to remove his helmet after he struck the earth, gave a few short gasps and expired. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

From the time he lost control of the machine until it struck the earth it turned three complete somersaults, and it is a question whether something broke or whether the machine was broken by the strain of these evolutions before it struck the ground.

When the crowd saw the machine whirling downward there was a scattering, and the space on which it fell was clear of people until the crash. Then there was a rush to the spot where Johnstone's crushed and bloody body lay. Police were the first at his side and lifted the motor which bore him down. Then the crowd was driven back and a canvas stretcher secured to remove the body. Forced backward by the officers, the crowd next rushed to where the lighter parts of the machine lay in a tangled heap thirty feet away, and before the police could prevent it the framework and everything had been broken or torn to bits and carried away by souvenir fiends.

## Congress to Probe Delaware Ballot.

Senator Dupont may not be returned from Delaware as senator without the washing of much dirty linen.

The Democratic house in the Sixty-second congress is to inquire into the ways of Delaware politicians and politics.

It is charged there were grave frauds in the election to congress of Representative Heald, and as he represents the state at large, a contest before one of the election committees of the house will bring under public scrutiny the conduct of the elections in the entire state, not of course as to officials other than members of the house, but at the same time it is expected to illuminate the general subject of election methods in Delaware pretty thoroughly.

Inasmuch as the Anti-Bribery league had detectives watching at the polls on Nov. 8, it is supposed that it will have some evidence of interest to contribute if there is an investigation.

It is charged that the buying of votes in Delaware is so nearly open and so flagrant that there is little concealment about it, and that enormous sums are used. The advantage of inquiry into the facts by a committee of congress is that it will have due authority to get at the facts. It is pointed out that if an exposure of the truth does no other good, it may at least through publicity serve to help conditions.

## Tolstoi Is Dead; Wife Ill.

With her husband lying dead in the bare room of a railroad flag station at Astopova, Russia, the condition

of Countess Tolstoi rapidly grew worse, and physicians who have been attending her and the aged count became seriously alarmed for her life.

After a desperate entreaty of the physicians for the privilege of seeing her husband alive once more, the countess was allowed to be present at the death of the author and social reformer, which occurred on Saturday. She collapsed immediately after Tolstoi's last spark of life flickered out.

It is understood that the body will be taken back to the village of Yasnaya Polyana, where he was born and where he spent his youth. It is believed that his known wishes in regard to his funeral will be obeyed.

Whatever the form, however, which consigns the great seeker for truth to his last resting place, the ceremonies will undoubtedly be witnessed by a gathering of the greatest men of Russia. Though he died without making his peace with the church, from which he had been excommunicated, the great Russian writer is sure to be honored in death, even as in life, by superior intellects.

Count Tolstoi died without regaining sufficient consciousness to enable him to say farewell or cast a loving look upon his wife and children.

His last words were: "There are millions of people and many sufferers in the world. Why always anxious about me?"

## Admits He Killed Woman.

Frank Mitchell, a foreigner employed by Peter Faulds, a farmer near Auburn, Schuylkill county, was arrested in Reading, Pa., and confessed to Magistrate Mast that he had killed Mrs. Mary A. Richards, had beaten her daughter, Mrs. Faulds, and had robbed his employer of money during the latter's absence in Pottsville.

Faulds, returning home, found his house locked. Summoning a farm hand, they broke into the cellar and found the dead body of Mrs. Faulds' mother, Mrs. Richards, lying on the cellar floor, shot through the heart. On the kitchen floor was the badly battered form of Mrs. Faulds, unconscious. Upstairs they found the drawers all ransacked and a roll of bills containing \$38 missing.

Mrs. Faulds remained unconscious all night, and is so dazed that she is unable to give any information of the killing. It was presumed that she detected Mitchell in the act of rifling the drawers and was set upon and beaten and then tied to the bed. Mitchell, going down stairs, shot Mrs. Richards when he was accosted by her. Mrs. Faulds succeeded in freeing herself and made her way to the kitchen, where she dropped over unconscious. Her condition is critical.

He declares that he encountered Mrs. Faulds in her home and bound her hands and feet. Mrs. Richards, he says, then appeared on the scene and he promptly shot her with a shotgun. Covering her body with a blanket, he maltreated Mrs. Faulds, robbed the house and made his way to Reading. He was taken back to Pottsville.

## Engine Pilot Bore Corpse.

When the Philadelphia express east bound on the Pennsylvania railroad steamed into the station in Lancaster, Pa., it carried on the pilot the body of a dead man, a wagon wheel and the seat of the wagon, all unknown to the crew of the engine.

Later it was discovered that the victim was Michael Tort, aged seventy years, a junk dealer of Lancaster, and that he had been struck at a grade crossing a mile west of the station. His skull was fractured, leg and arm broken and chest crushed in.

## Quarter Meter Kills Girl.

A quarter gas meter was the cause of the death of Miss Maria Curran, aged nineteen years, of Scranton, Pa.

Late Thursday night the gas in the Curran home failed because nobody had a quarter to put in the meter, and the jet in the young woman's room remained open. A few hours later her brother returned home and, placing a quarter in the meter, turned on the gas. The room occupied by the girl was flooded.

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