



GUNNESS TRIAL ON

Farmhand Faces Charge of Murdering Four.

DID THE WOMAN DIE IN FIRE?

Lamphere Is Accused of Burning House, With Woman and Children, After Aiding to Murder Men Lured Thither.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 9. — Ray Lamphere, former farmhand for Mrs. Belle Guinness, proprietor of the "murder farm," was placed on trial here today on the charge of murdering the woman, her three children and Andrew Helgelein.



RAY LAMPHERE.

men whom she murdered after robbing them and that jealousy brought him to the point of burning up the woman and her children. Others hold that he is not mentally accountable and not capable of planning so atrocious a crime.

Flowers and Doves For King Manuel. Oporto, Nov. 9.—King Manuel made a state visit to this city, which is the center of republicanism.

No Drinks For Railroad Clerks. Portland, Ore., Nov. 9.—Ralph Blaisdell, auditor for the Harriman roads here, announced that any one of his 500 clerks would be dismissed forthwith if detected taking a drink or even visiting a saloon.

Leaps From Liner at Sea. New York, Nov. 9.—The French line steamer La Touraine, from Havre, reports that J. T. Leguerre jumped overboard in midocean. The steamer stopped and lowered a boat, but no trace of the man could be found.

TAFT'S RELIGION.

President Answers Inquiries Made Before Election.

"HIS OWN PRIVATE CONCERN."

He Points Out That In His Cabinet "Catholic, Protestant, Christian and Jew" Sit Side by Side.

Washington, Nov. 9. — "Secretary Taft's religious faith is purely his own private concern and not a matter for general discussion and political discrimination," says President Roosevelt in a letter he made public in which he answers numerous correspondents.

You are entitled to know whether a man seeking your suffrage is a man of clean and upright life, honorable in all his dealings with his fellows and fit by qualification and purpose to do well in the great office for which he is a candidate, but you are not entitled to know matters which he purely between himself and his Maker.

Now, for your objections to him because you think his wife and brother to be Roman Catholics. As it happened, they are not, but if they were or if he were a Roman Catholic himself it ought not to affect in the slightest degree any man supporting him for the position of president.

ARCTIC EXPLORER BACK.

Leflingwell Discovered Three Rivers in Northern Alaska. San Francisco, Nov. 9.—Ernest Leflingwell, geologist and explorer, who was with Einar Mikkelsen on the arctic expedition in the schooner Duchess of Bedford, which was wrecked in 1907, has arrived from Point Barrow on the whaling vessel Harwhal.

SARDOU IS DEAD.

Passes Away In Paris From Pulmonary Congestion.

AT THE AGE OF SEVENTY-SEVEN

His First Play Was Hissed, but He Died With Title of France's Greatest Contemporary Dramatist.

Paris, Nov. 9.—Victorien Sardou, the famous dramatic author, died here of pulmonary congestion. He was the dean of French dramatists and a member of the French academy.

At the age of seventy-five Sardou witnessed the production of his latest drama, "L'Affaire des Poisons," at the Porte St. Martin theater. This play, which has to do with the infamous poisoning camorra which existed under the reign of Louis XIV. and which was presented for the first time on Dec. 7 last, is still running to crowded houses.

Almost every land knows the stage heroes and heroines born out of Sardou's resourceful mind. Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has won her greatest triumphs in roles he wrote for her, such as "Tosca," "Fedora," "Theodora and Glomonda," "Mme. San Genie" was written for Mme. Rejane, in which she portrayed the outspoken, good hearted wife of Marshal Lefevre.

POLICEMAN FOUND GUILTY.

Borrowed Money From Salvation Army Lasses in Restaurant. New York, Nov. 9.—Policeman George E. Streble has been found guilty of "borrowing" nickles, dimes and dollars from Mrs. Esther Quinn, a Salvation Army "lassie," until he owed her \$20.

HAINS CASE CALLED TODAY.

Affidavits Alleging Insanity Under Consideration of Court. Flushing, N. Y., Nov. 9.—The case of Captain Peter Hains and T. Jenkins Hains, accused as principal and accessory in the murder of William E. Annis, who was shot following, as the defense claims, undue intimacy between Annis and Mrs. Peter Hains, was called here today.

Are Our "Good Roads" Bad?

In calling our "good roads" poor roads the Engineering News is careful to distinguish between the well built and the well maintained. A recent issue of this paper discusses the subject editorially and, citing the roads of England for example, says that good roads cared for are always good.

Pertinent to this question are the views of Mr. Samuel Hill, a Washington delegate to the International Roads association, which met in Paris in October. Mr. Hill says that "any country in Europe" maintains better roads than the United States and that the root of the trouble with this country is lack of competent engineers.

The only way is to establish a good, thorough course of highway engineering in the universities. Our engineers are sure as good as any Europeans, but you cannot ask the farmer to run a bank, and you cannot ask a man lacking the necessary knowledge to build a good road.

In the article quoted above the Engineering News says that there is money enough spent in road maintenance in this country, but the work is without competent direction. Until the system is changed the public will continue "to consign its investments of \$5,000 to \$8,000 per mile to rot and neglect."

Paper From Corn.

Still another valuable byproduct of the corn crop is promised by recent experiments of the agricultural department. Uncle Sam's chemists have succeeded in making five grades of paper out of cornstalk pulp.

Great quantities of cornstalks are destroyed every season or put to use far less remunerative than would be the case if the cornstalk grower could find a market for the stalks with the paper maker.

FARM LIFE HEARING TODAY.

President's Commission Taking Testimony at College Park, Md. College Park, Md., Nov. 9.—Inquiry into the conditions of rural and agricultural life by the commission appointed by President Roosevelt and headed by Dean Bailey of the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell began in earnest with a hearing by the commission today in this town.

The commission has mapped out an itinerary covering the entire country, and the next ten days will be spent in the south, the schedule during that period including Richmond, Va.; Raleigh, N. C.; Spartansburg, S. C.; Athens, Ga.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Lexington, Ky., and Washington.

Killed in Election Quarrel.

Anniston, Ala., Nov. 9.—In a fight at Edwardsville James Vaughan, a college student, shot and instantly killed Jackson Barker and wounded Elbert Jones and Bart McCormick. Vaughan was placed in jail. The fight grew out of an election day quarrel.

Job Hedges Assistant Treasurer.

Washington, Nov. 9.—President Roosevelt selected Job E. Hedges of New York as assistant treasurer of the United States at New York to succeed Hamilton Fish, who resigned the office to become a candidate for congress. It is understood that Mr. Hedges has signified his willingness to accept the position.

Brooklyn Chancellor at Rome.

Rome, Nov. 9.—Mgr. G. W. Mundelein, chancellor of the diocese of Brooklyn, has arrived here on orders from Bishop MacDonnell to represent Brooklyn at the jubilee mass Nov. 16.

LEST WE FORGET.

The Old Honesdale Academy.

FIFTH ARTICLE. Almost directly opposite the rear entrance of the magnificent new high school building now being built, stands the fine residence belonging to the Geo. F. Bentley estate, and at present occupied by the family of Hon. Leopold Fuerth, No. 1022 Court street.

The Academy building was erected in 1833, but it was not at first devoted to the teaching of the higher branches. For five years it ranked simply as one of the public schools of the borough, of which there were at that time three or four.

Mr. Smith married Betsy Hannah Brush, daughter of Deacon Stephen Brush in December of the year he became principal. The trustees of the Academy at that time were J. B. Walton, A. H. Farnham, John D. Delezenne, Stephen W. Genung, Amory Prescott and John Torrey.

Charles Sherman Minor came to Honesdale in 1844. He was born in Washington, Conn., in 1818, and graduated from Yale College in 1841. After receiving his diploma he taught school for some time at Wellsboro, Tioga county, at the same time pursuing the study of the law.

The entire division appeared for the first time in its history in full dress uniform, and made an exhibit that reflected the highest credit upon the organization, and that must have been a matter of personal pride, as it was of honor to every officer and enlisted man who participated in the demonstration.

In an article on the people of Morocco a writer in "Figaro" says: "They have some queer adages and some that closely resemble ours. Thus, they say, 'The camel cannot see its hump, but plainly sees the one on its neighbor'; 'He who depends on his neighbor will go to bed hungry'; 'A wise enemy is better than a stupid friend'; 'Cross the rushing stream, but beware of the quiet, noiseless one.'"

member how attractive she was in their eyes, then, yanked away at that bell rope, much, doubtless to her annoyance if not her disgust. The bell itself has something of a history. It has done duty here for three score and ten years, having been brought to Honesdale in 1848, before which date it was in use as a steamboat bell on the Hudson River.

As stated, Miss Brown was educated expressly with a view to teaching, and was promised a situation when she should have completed her studies. The place was found for her, but it happened to be in a Southern State, and her mother objected to her accepting it, as it would take her so far from home.

In 1852 the old Academy building was sold to Howkin B. Beardlee, then the editor of the Wayne County Herald, and by him removed to a lot on Court street, and converted into a dwelling house in which his family resided for a number of years. The more imposing and commodious structure which was erected on its site, was first occupied in May, 1853.

In the October 7th chapter of this series, a list of upwards of one hundred names was given as signers of a petition sent from Honesdale in 1851, praying the Legislature to take over as part of the State public works the Pennsylvania section of the Del. & Hud. Canal.

NEWARK VALLEY, N. Y.,

OCT. 26th, 1908. * * * A copy of your paper of Oct. 7th, was sent me by a friend, and I see in the same a list of the signers to the anti-D. & H. Petition, 57 years ago.

I am happy to inform you I was one of the signers, and that I am still living and enjoying very good health. I was brought up near the Faatz & Greeley glass factory. My father moved from Vernon, N. Y., when I was four years old.

Governor Stuart Praises Guard.

Gov. Stuart pays this high compliment to the National Guard of the State, in speaking of the late Founders' Week, in Philadelphia: "The entire division appeared for the first time in its history in full dress uniform, and made an exhibit that reflected the highest credit upon the organization, and that must have been a matter of personal pride, as it was of honor to every officer and enlisted man who participated in the demonstration."

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