

SEEK SLAYER OF 18-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Wealthy Farmer's Daughter Had Rival Suitors.

VICTIM TERRIBLY BEATEN.

After She Was Choked to Death Body Was Thrown in Lake—Youth Last Seen With Girl Protests His Innocence.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 9.—Miss Crispell, the young woman believed to have been murdered, in connection with which Herbert Johns, an ardent admirer, is under arrest, had another suitor. The police learned that the two young men's rivalry had reached such a stage that they had arranged a swimming match across Harvey's lake, where the girl met her death, to determine which one should win her.

This information came out through a letter written by young Johns to the girl on Sunday night, two days before she disappeared. This letter, which came to the attention of the authorities, indicates that young Johns knew nothing of the girl's death. It contained the name of his rival, for whom the police are now searching, and referred to the feat of swimming across the lake.

Miss Crispell, the pretty eighteen-year-old daughter of a prosperous farmer, disappeared from her home on Friday night and was last seen alive talking to Johns after 11 o'clock on that evening. The letter which was found was written by Johns to the girl on Sunday night and bears every evidence that he did not know of her death.

The writer said that he was lonely and hoped to see the one he loved soon. The letter closed with the following sentence:

"From the fellow who will never forget the girl who has forgotten him."

With Her That Night.

The young man admits that he was with the girl almost up to the time when persons living near Harvey's lake said they heard a girl screaming in terror. A witness is being sought who is said to have told of seeing a young man clad in a gray suit running away from the lake just after the time the girl is supposed to have met her death. Johns admits having worn a gray suit that evening.

An autopsy has revealed the probable motive for the death of the young girl, and the case now appears to parallel that of the murder of "Billy" Brown near Herkimer, N. Y., for whose death Chester Gillette went to the electric chair. Further examination of the girl's body showed that she had fought vigorously for her life and makes it appear that she was beaten and choked until stunned and then flung into the lake.

Both Eyes Blackened.

Both her eyes were blackened, there were other bruises on her head and on her right wrists were the deep imprints of teeth. Her throat and body were marked by finger prints. Immediately after the autopsy Dr. F. J. Higgins, who made the examination, would only say, "I am convinced that murder was committed."

Johns was found at work in a mine by reporters, who had learned he was the last one seen with the girl before her death. He talked freely with them and was on his way to see the authorities when the coroner decided to order his arrest. He stoutly declares that he is innocent of the girl's death.

M'COMBS OPERATED ON.

Chairman of Democratic Committee Under Knife in Paris Hospital.

Paris, July 9.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who is regarded as the probable new ambassador to France, was operated upon for appendicitis in a private hospital in the Avenue Victor Hugo.

The operation was quite successful. It was performed by Dr. Du Bouche, who states that the patient is doing well and that he does not fear any unfavorable consequences.

AMERICAN OFFICIAL SHOT.

Reported Killed During Battle of Mexicans at Tuxpan.

Port Arthur, Tex., July 9.—An American attached to the consular office was killed in a battle between Mexican federalists and Zapatistas at Tuxpan July 4, according to Captain O'Neill of the British steamer Bloomfield, which has arrived here.

He said the rebels retired after exhausting their ammunition. Casualties were light.

WEATHER EVERYWHERE.

Observations of the United States weather bureau taken at 8 p. m. yesterday follow:

Table with 2 columns: City and Weather. Rows include Albany, Atlantic City, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, New Orleans, New York, St. Louis, Washington.

DREHER.

Dreher, July 10.—A most welcome shower of rain fell in this locality on Saturday, July 5, and for about thirty minutes the rain came down in torrents, but the ground was so very dry and dusty that the good it done cannot be estimated. The shower was accompanied by sharp lightning and heavy thunder. Philip Ecks barn was in the path of the electricity and was somewhat shattered, but not set on fire. A locust tree on the Eck farm, some distance from the barn, was struck by lightning and the ground for 75 feet or more around the tree was torn up as though done with tons of dynamite.

A house on the estate of John Haines, deceased, situated in Greentown, Pike county, owned by Rudolph Reikie and occupied by Mrs. George Blitz, was destroyed by fire on Saturday forenoon together with furniture and furnishings and clothing belonging to the Blitz family and several boarders from the city, also some money, the property of Mrs. Blitz. The origin of the fire is unknown, as the family and boarders had gone out for pleasure and did not return until the building was in ruins. The house was insured but the stock of furniture and clothing is a total loss.

John Heberling, aged about 60 years, a former resident of Greentown, Pike county, died July 5, in Hillside Home, near Scranton, where he had been for some time. Interment was made in the new Moravian cemetery July 7.

George Bartleson lost a valuable horse a few days ago from kidney disease.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ottensofer of Rockaway Beach, N. Y., are guests of A. C. Angel and family, also Mrs. Frank Houck and two children of Scranton.

A. E. Hause, of Philadelphia, and W. G. Hause and wife of South Bethlehem, are guests of J. W. Hause and family.

Quite a number of people from this locality journeyed to Tobyhanna on July 4th to visit the soldiers encamped there.

The Charles Edwards family are now located on their hundred-acre farm in Sterling and are nicely fixed in a brand new "bungalow."

LAKEVILLE.

Lakeville, July 10.—On July 4th considerable excitement was created when a number of boys and girls who were riding on a raft in Daniels Lake near here were fortunately saved from a watery grave. The party of six or more young ladies sat on the raft and when one young man who strangled was drawn on the raft, it sank and only two could swim. After considerable work they were rescued by members of the Daniels family. One of the party, James E. Ammerman, of Wilkes-Barre, was the nearest to death as it took one and one-half hours of continual work to bring him around.

Mrs. Margaret Bunnell, aged 91 years, died at the home of her son, James, at Stroudsburg. Interment was made in the Lakeville cemetery July 4th.

Miss Evelyn James and lady friend, Miss Edith Harding, of Honesdale, are the guests of Chester James and wife for ten days.

Lakeville school will open Sept. 3rd. Stanley Crane will be the teacher.

Garfield Goble is threatened with quinsy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Reineke are entertaining Mrs. August Reineke and two children from Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Orange Whitney of Sterling, passed Saturday and Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Martha Loveless.

Miss Lucy Sheeley is very sick at her home here.

S. Miller is entertaining twenty Scranton people this week.

Raymond Evans and Elmer Gillett of Scranton, passed a few days last week with the former's grandmother, Mrs. Lovelace.

Mrs. Hattie Williams and family of White Mills is spending a week with her parents, E. H. Alpha and wife.

Royal White, of Niagara, N. Y., passed a day with friends and relatives here.

STALKER AND BRAMAN.

Stalker and Braman, July 9.—

The Fourth was celebrated here with a picnic held by the L. A. S. Mrs. Chance Lewis has been sick the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and daughter of Deposit, visited their daughter, Mrs. George Skinner, a part of last week.

Some from here attended the picnic at Abramsville on the Fourth. Helen Minor, who has spent some time with her grandparents, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. Frances Kent and two daughters, Elmer White of Port Jervis and Ernest White, wife and daughter, of Hancock, spent the Fourth with their mother.

Mrs. Maggie Kellam of Long Eddy is visiting her niece, Lodusky Barnes.

Sophia Bloom, who has just graduated from Stroudsburg State Normal school, is at home, also John P. Blum, her brother, who spent the winter in Florida.

CENTAUR COMPANY WINS INJUNCTION SUIT.

A permanent injunction restraining the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical company from imitating the wrappers used by the Centaur company of New York, manufacturers of "Fletcher's Castoria," was granted by Judge F. A. Geiger in United States district court. The complainant company charged the local concern with using wrappers which infringed upon their copyright for the labels of their well known preparation. The judge upheld its claim and ordered the defendants to pay damages of \$200 as well as the costs of the action. The decision handed down by Judge Geiger applies to between 400 and 500 Wisconsin retail druggists who are stockholders in the defendant company.—Milwaukee, Wis., News.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

Celebrated Seventy-fourth Birthday Yesterday at Summer Home.



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John D. Rockefeller celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday at Cleveland yesterday by playing more and working less than usual. He played golf with Dr. H. B. Bunker and his pastor, the Rev. W. W. Bustard; rode his bicycle and sat with Mrs. Rockefeller, who is not in good health. He gave orders he was not to be bothered by the stock reports, which come over the private wire from Wall street to Forest Hill. For one day the world's wealthiest man refused to pay any attention to the reports that told whether he is wealthier or not so wealthy. Not in five years has the health of Mr. Rockefeller been better. Dr. Bunker said.

At last the State of Pennsylvania is to have a genuine Public Utilities Law. Thanks to the untiring determination of Governor Tener; to the ability which Attorney General displayed in drawing the bill; to the cooperation of William Draper Lewis and to the good sense of the Legislature itself; the old Railroad Commission is to pass out of existence and a commission of seven members is to take its place clothed with the powers that the existing body never possessed and without which its mission was only advisory.

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NEW YORKER HEADS ELKS.

Grand Treasurer Edward Leach is Chosen Grand Exalted Ruler. Rochester, N. Y., July 9.—Grand Treasurer Edward Leach of New York was elected grand exalted ruler of the Elks to succeed Thomas B. Mills of Superior, Wis. Mr. Leach was opposed by J. Cookman Boyd of Baltimore. The vote was: Leach, 1,110; Boyd, 392.

Grand Secretary Fred C. Robinson of Dubuque was re-elected in a three cornered fight. Other officers chosen were: Grand esteemed leading knight, P. H. Shields of Clarksburg, West Va.; grand esteemed loyal knight, H. H. Jennings of Bridgeport; grand esteemed lecturing knight, E. M. Dickerman of Tucson, Ariz.; grand inner guard, Edwin J. Kelly of Cheyenne; grand trustee for five years, S. V. Perrott of Indianapolis; grand trustee for two years to fill vacancy caused by the death of Mayor Charles C. Schmidt, James R. Nicholson of Springfield.

DENY WILSON NEAR TRAGEDY

The Mayflower's Commander Refutes the Twelve Inch Shell Story. Washington, July 9.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels when asked about the "near accident" to the Mayflower said that a newspaper dispatch from Norfolk was the first intimation he had had of President Wilson having been endangered by twelve inch shells on his cruise. He added that he had not issued any order for the suspension of gun testing at the navy proving grounds.

Commander Newton Alexander McNulty of the Mayflower said that he had not been aware that any shell had been fired in the vicinity of the Mayflower during the recent cruise.

Weather Forecast.

Showers this afternoon or tonight and probably tomorrow; warmer tomorrow; moderate south winds.

ORSON.

Orson, July 9.—Andrew M. Decker died at his home in Orson, Pa., on June 26th, 1913, of diphtheria after about one week's illness. The deceased was born January 13, 1872, at Preston Park and was the son of John W. and Elizabeth Barrows Decker. He was united in marriage on December 15, 1902, to Mary Wakeman of Deposit, N. Y., who now survives him, together with five small children, Theron, Elizabeth, Elma, Inez and Thelma, also his aged mother, who resides at Preston Park, and two brothers, Harris P. and Warner H. Decker of the same place, and two sisters, Mrs. L. M. Blanchard and Mrs. Joseph Simpson of Lakewood. The remains were taken to Hambleville for burial the following day.

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STATE TO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS.

The Senate bill conferring authority upon the state water supply commission over all dams and obstructions in streams of the state, except the tidal waters of the Delaware and its navigable tributaries has been approved by Governor Tener and hereafter no dam or wall can be erected without permission from the commission and its approval of the plans. The commission is authorized to supervise the construction and operation of all dams as well. This bill was drafted to overcome lack of authority to prevent such disasters as the breaking of the dam at Austin.

The governor vetoed the G. A. Baldwin House bill extending to foreign corporations engaged in the manufacturing of lumber the right to hold real estate in Pennsylvania. Bills signed included: Senate—Regulating procedure in Allegheny county courts. Authorizing counties and municipalities to make appropriations annually to Spanish War, Philippine and foreign service veterans for Memorial Day expenses. Permitting third class cities to manufacture and sell ice.

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