

LITTLE GIRL IS MURDERED IN A CHURCH

Margaret Millings, 10 Years
Old, Foully Slain in Room
of Sacramento Edifice.

ATTACKED AND STRANGLED

Victim Had Left Her Home
to Meet Some Friends and
Make Doll Dresses.

Special Dispatch to The Chronicle.

SACRAMENTO, December 5.—The most gruesome murder in the history of the city, rivaling in many respects the slaying of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams by Theodore Durrant in San Francisco twenty odd years ago, was uncovered at 4:10 o'clock this afternoon, when the scarred, scratched, bruised and blood-stained body of pretty ten-year-old Margaret Millings, a student in the Jefferson School of this city, was found in an obscure room in the basement of the German Lutheran Church, Seventeenth and L streets, by the church sexton, David Fountain.

Fountain is in jail awaiting an investigation, and that he may be given a chance to clear away the veil of suspicion that attracts the attention of the police the parents of the dead girl and the public generally to him.

GIRL STRANGLED TO DEATH

The girl died from strangulation. When found, her body sat nearly upright in a corner of the little room. A hemp rope was wound about her throat three times. Two large spots of blood on the cement floor indicated that she had fought hard and had been dragged about before submitting to the outrage that had been committed. Her clothes were torn partly from her body by the inhuman fiend, who evidently lured her to the church and then to the basement to commit an evidently premeditated crime.

The body of little Miss Millings was scarred, particularly about the arms and breasts. Her face was scratched and torn, indicating, according to the police, that an effort had been made to muffle her cries for help. Strangulation, it is believed, was resorted to, to keep her from making heard her cries.

DISCOVERED BY JANITOR

The gruesome murder was discovered by the janitor, Fountain, who lives in a room in the attic of the church. He stated that he had been to a motion picture show, and upon returning started to clean up the lawns and sidewalks surrounding the church. He went through the Seventeenth-street basement door, and in passing through the Sunday-school room saw the body of the girl lying in a corner behind.

Fountain made immediate report of his discovery to Rev. Charles Oehler, pastor of the church, residing on L street, near the church. Rev. Mr. Oehler made a hurried investigation and immediately notified the Coroner and the police. The body was removed to the Morgue.

The church was surrounded and searched by the police, and Fountain was placed in the City Jail.

POLICE FIND A CLEW

Inspector Koenig and Chief of Police Johnson stated at a late hour that they had a clew which might unravel the mystery surrounding the horrible crime.

The little girl, clad in kilties, unusually happy, and without secrets from her parents, strict Germans, left the family hearth at 12:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon for the German Lutheran Church, where she was to participate in a sewing bee, where dresses were to be made by a class for dolls. Nothing unusual was thought about visiting the church for the afternoon, for she had often gone there before. She was a member of the Sunday-school, also one of the choristers of the church.

WARNED ABOUT JANITOR

"I had been told to beware of the janitor," said Mrs. Millings soon after learning of the terrible death of her daughter, whose body was at the Morgue before she noticed that it was late in the afternoon and time for her to be home from the church.

"My boys told me often that the janitor was too fresh with the little girls. They did not like it, and although very young and well trained

Austria's Reported Overtures for Peace Russia's Terms Too Onerous, It Is Said

BERNE (Switzerland), December 5.—A dispatch from Prague says that after the fall of Lemberg, Austria tried to open negotiations for peace with Russia. They were broken off, however, in face of the Russian demands, which were:

- First—Cession of Galicia to the proposed Polish kingdom.
- Second—The cession of Bosnia to Serbia.
- Third—The constitution of the empire on a federal basis.
- Fourth—The grant of autonomy to Bohemia and Croatia.
- Fifth—The rupture of the Austrian alliance with Germany.

WOMEN ANXIOUS TO SECURE PEACE FOR WHOLE WORLD

Resolutions Adopted and Suggestions Made That Neutral Nations Insist That Belligerents Cease Fighting.

CHICAGO, December 5.—"There is only one way a woman can get anything—by begging for it."

In those words Frau Rosika Schwimmer of Hungary told an audience at a peace meeting here today how she hopes the women of the world will end the war in Europe.

Frau Schwimmer spoke from the same platform as a representative of an enemy of her country—Mrs. Fethick Lawrence of England, who, in her address, suggested that neutral nations insist that belligerents cease fighting.

The audience adopted resolutions urging President Wilson to invite "neutral" countries of Europe to send envoys to meet the delegates he will appoint to carry the message of our Nation, and that these envoys shall unite in a demand upon the nations now at war that they declare a cessation of hostilities" until a message of peace by the women of the world shall have been delivered. "We being confident that this armistice would be the first step toward permanent peace."

Publicity Urged on All-American Dress

Only Exception Will Be a Fad for Embroidered Top Boots Decried in Paris.

TOLEDO (O.), December 5.—At the closing session of its convention today the National Cloak, Suit, Skirt and Dress Manufacturers' Association voted for the establishment of a national bureau of publicity, and made appropriation of funds to carry on this work in connection with its style bureau.

This action follows the recommendations made by J. P. Haviland, of Chicago, the retiring president. He urged that American manufacturers establish closer relationship and that the women of America be taught the advantage of American-made styles and creations.

There will be just one exception to the all-American dressed woman in the coming spring and summer—that will be a fad for embroidered top boots which has been decreed in Paris. Skirts will be six inches from the ground.

Jason Leaves Gifts for French Children

MARSEILLES (via Paris), December 5, 6:34 P. M.—Something of Christmas cheer was assured the children of Marseilles whose fathers have been killed, wounded or are on the firing line when the United States naval collier Jason came into port today and unloaded fifty wagonloads of gifts. The townspeople, massed upon the quays to watch the landing, gave the ship and the Americans a warm greeting.

The Jason left New York November 13th, loaded with Christmas gifts for the children of the belligerent countries, leaving them at the ports for which they were intended. Her last calling place was Devonport, England, whence she sailed November 28th for Marseilles.

TO PICK UP EXHIBITS

GENOA (Italy), December 5 (via Rome, 8:20 P. M.)—Arrangements are

Girl Bride-Elect Secures a Guardian

Serious Legal Impediment to Miss Battercourt's Marriage Is Removed by Court.

Special Dispatch to The Chronicle.

STOCKTON, December 5.—Denied a marriage license this morning because she was under age, pretty Miss Emilia Battercourt, late of Portugal, found herself in a dilemma. Having no parents in this country, she could not procure their consent as required by the County Clerk, and yet announcement had been made that she would become the wife of A. C. Pimentel of San Mateo tomorrow, and many guests invited to the wedding.

Persuasion, coupled with an earnest statement of her predicament, failed to move the County Clerk.

Finally Miss Battercourt decided to take the attorneys into her confidence, and soon they removed the barriers by filing a petition in court asking that J. V. Mendoncia, a relative of the girl, be appointed her guardian. Superior Judge Smith consented to hear the matter at once, which paved the way for the wedding tomorrow. Miss Battercourt is 16 years of age, and Pimentel is 31.

Big Steamer Goes Aground in Delaware

Great Northern Gets Into Trouble on Trial Trip, but Is Pulled Into Deep Water.

Special Dispatch to The Chronicle.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5.—The Great Northern of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, which left here today on her trial trip, ran aground in the Delaware river a short distance below the Philadelphia Navy Yard. After an hour's work a fleet of naval tugs succeeded in pulling the big ship into deep water.

A heavy wind swept up the river, and she was anchored. The Great Northern was built by the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, and because no dry dock at the plant was big enough to accommodate the vessel it was taken to the Philadelphia Navy Yard dock and placed in a Government dock and its hull painted.

She is a sister ship of the Northern Pacific, now building at Cramps, and is one of the largest vessels ever constructed at an American shipyard.

Warships Gather to Assault Dardanelles

Deleted Dispatch Interpreted to Mean Trouble for Turks; Submarine Sighted.

BERLIN (by wireless to Sayville, L. I.), December 5.—A British submarine today tried to force a passage through the Dardanelles, according to a dispatch from Constantinople to the Frankfurter Zeitung. The submarine's presence was discovered, however, the message adds, and the vessel apparently was hit by shots fired by the Turkish forts.

COPENHAGEN, December 5.—A dispatch from Berlin says forty French and British warships have gathered outside (name deleted; probably Dardanelles) with evident intention of forcing their way through. This, however, is impossible, as fortifications are being strengthened and water strewn with mines.

Aviators Drop Bombs

ARIZONA'S LAW ON ALIENS IS PROTESTED

Governor Hunt Is Ready to
Delay Proclamation in View
of the Storm Aroused.

NATION'S TREATIES FIGURE

British and Italian Ambassadors Object to Discrimination Against Foreigners.

WASHINGTON, December 5.—In the absence of official advisers, Secretary Bryan refused to comment tonight on Governor Hunt's message announcing his decision to postpone the proclamation of Arizona's new anti-alien employment law pending further communications from the State Department.

Formal protests against the Arizona law were lodged with the department today by the British and Italian Ambassadors, and a message was sent to Governor Hunt asking if he had authority to postpone action. Bryan listened with interest to the text of the Governor's reply as carried in Associated Press dispatches from Phoenix, but would not discuss the matter.

The British protest attacks the law as in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution, which provides that no state shall "deny to any person within its jurisdiction equal protection of the laws."

The Italian protest cites the commercial treaty between Italy and the United States ratified in 1871, which provides that citizens of each nation resident in the other shall have liberty "to carry on trade, wholesale and retail, to hire and occupy houses and warehouses, to employ agents of their own choice and, generally to do anything incident or necessary for trade upon the same terms as natives of the country, submitting themselves to the laws there established."

BRITISH TO BRING SUITS

The note presented by the British Ambassador sought information as to the exact status of British residents of Arizona under the law. It was stated that British Consuls there had sent word that suits to test the legality of the act were contemplated by British residents.

In reply the State Department notified both embassies it had taken steps to obtain complete information as to the anti-alien act and expected soon to be able to furnish the desired information. As soon as the text of the Arizona law is available it will be subjected to study by the department's legal advisers, who will also look up court decisions based on anti-alien enactments of other states, such as California, Oregon and New York.

HUNT ANSWERS PROTESTS

PHOENIX (Ariz.), December 5.—Governor George W. P. Hunt telegraphed to the State Department at Washington today that he was averse to interfering with the operation of the Arizona "80 per cent law," which forbids the employment of more than one foreigner in every five employees in any business in the State.

The State Department wired to the Governor, informing him that the Ambassadors of Great Britain and Italy had protested against the law, and asking him whether there were any means by which he could suspend the operation of the measure which was adopted at the election November 3d.

LOTH TO DELAY ACTION

The Governor telegraphed the provisions of the law to the Department, and added: "I am directed to issue a proclamation declaring the measure a law forthwith, upon receipt from the Secretary of State of a certificate of the election returns 'forthwith' broadly interpreted, means within the reasonable time required to prepare the proclamation. I am very much averse to prolonging the period preceding the issuance of the proclamation, but I realize the international aspect given by the protest of the Italian and British embassies, and will await further advice from the Department."

The proclamation, which would give effect to all the measures adopted at the recent election was expected next week.

LARGE EAGLE IS DEFTLY CAPTURED ON 20TH FLOOR

But the "Bird" Was Made of Paper by Boys Who Had Succeeded in Blocking Traffic by Big Crowds.

NEW YORK, December 5.—A large black and white eagle that has perched on a ledge of the municipal building for several days and there attracted the attention of thousands of persons in the streets, sometimes causing a congestion of traffic, was captured this afternoon.

A man with a wastepaper basket crawled from a window on the twentieth floor of the building along the ledge to where the bird was sitting, and, in view of hundreds of persons, deftly placed the basket over the eagle's head and took it into the building.

The "eagle" proved to be a paper bird made by boys who had amused themselves watching the antics of the crowd below.

Newspaper Criticism Roils Vice-President

Marshall Says People of Nation Do Not Care Whether He Is Paid for Lecturing or Not.

BOSTON, December 5.—Vice-President Marshall took cognizance today of newspaper criticisms of his appearance on the lecture platform. He said:

"I do not think the people of the United States care whether I am paid for lecturing or not. I do believe they care whether I am on my job as presiding officer of the United States Senate while that body is in session. My duty to the United States calls for me to preside over the Senate. I was on the job when that body adjourned, and I shall be there when it convenes next Monday."

Reparation Claims Filed on Switching

Many Shippers of San Francisco Ask Interstate Commission for Refunds From Railroads.

WASHINGTON, December 5.—The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce today filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, on behalf of many shippers, large reparation claims for switching charges formerly collected by railroads there.

This action was supplementary to similar claims filed by Los Angeles shippers, amounting to millions of dollars.

The Commission held the charges illegal and that ruling was sustained by the Supreme Court.

Lusitania Carries Record Mail Cargo

Gunarder Sails for Liverpool With 9000 Bags, or 2000 More Than Ever Taken Before.

Special Dispatch to The Chronicle.

NEW YORK, December 5.—The Lusitania of the Cunard line sailed today for Liverpool with more than 9000 bags of mail, about 2000 more than any other boat has ever carried out of New York.

Most of the passengers were persons living on the other side, including fifty reservists returning to the English army.

James Gordon Bennett, who arrived in New York on the Lusitania a week ago, also sailed for his home in Paris.

King George Returns From Visit at Front

British Ruler Again at Buckingham Palace After His Trip to Trenches of Allies.

Special Dispatch to The Chronicle.

LONDON, December 5.—King George returned to Buckingham Palace from France this evening. He spent several days in visiting the British wounded in the hospitals and also entered the trenches at the front and talked with many of the men.

According to a Flanders dispatch to the Times, King George met King Albert of Belgium at the Belgian border Friday and reviewed the Belgian troops. He invested King Albert with the Order of the Garter.

King George returned from Boulogne to Dover in a torpedo boat.

Lightship Drifts Away in a Storm

NORFOLK (Va.), December 5.—An unidentified vessel, believed to be the

POLICE SEARCH FOR HOTEL GUEST

Carl B. Swain, Widely Known
Traveling Man, Disappears
From the St. Francis.

MISSING FOR TWO WEEKS

Circumstances of Case Lead
to Fear That He May Have
Met With Foul Play.

Carl B. Swain, traveling representative for a Chicago publishing house, and said to be known personally by nearly every railroad president in the United States, has been missing from his quarters in the Hotel St. Francis in this city since November 23d. After a quiet investigation of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance had been made by House Detective Frank Blake of the St. Francis the case was reported to the police last Tuesday, which resulted in a lookout order being posted.

The missing man registered at the St. Francis November 8th from Chicago. His card showed that he was connected with the Rand & McNally Company of Chicago, map and atlas publishers. A telegraphic inquiry addressed to this firm by the hotel management resulted in the information that his employers have also been without information concerning his whereabouts since November 23d.

POLICE NOTIFIED

Swain left the St. Francis also on November 17th, but after four days' absence returned. This fact caused the hotel people to hesitate somewhat longer than is usual before starting an investigation over his second disappearance. When ten days had elapsed, however, without any word from Swain, the police were notified, as well as the publishing house.

Swain left his entire wardrobe, a fairly extensive one, and his traveling bags and business papers in his room at the hotel. The hotel people stated last night that they did not believe he carried a very large sum of money with him when he dropped out of sight. Upon first arriving at the St. Francis Swain deposited a sum of money to his credit with the hotel cashier sufficient to cover his expenses for a few days. He did not draw any cash from the hotel.

FOUL PLAY OR ACCIDENT?

The missing man is described as being about five feet ten inches tall, weight about 185 pounds, smooth-shaven and with dark hair tinged with gray around the temples. He looks to be about 50 years of age and was well dressed when last seen around the hotel.

The fact that he took no extra clothing with him when he left the St. Francis and is thought to have carried but a small sum of money, has given rise to the fear that he may have met with some accident or with foul play.

Swain is said to have been connected with another publishing firm before entering the employment of the Rand & McNally Company, and to have passed the last twenty years in traveling over the United States and Canada. His business placed him in touch with the heads and advertising managers of railroads and he was widely known.

Paris Dressmakers Ready for Business

French Firms, Despite the War, Place Themselves at Service of Foreign Colleagues.

Special Dispatch to The Chronicle.

PARIS, December 5.—Thousands of letters are being received daily by famous Paris dressmakers and milliners from America and other countries asking about the fashions of 1915.

An answer was issued today by the president of the Paris Dressmakers' Syndicate to the effect that despite the war the Paris dressmaking industry was ready for business. All the firms have kept their workshops open, and all manufacturers of silks, ribbons, woolsens, laces and embroidery have completed their shows of spring and summer novelties.

French firms express their willingness to place themselves as usual at

FIND SANTA, IS PLEA IN LETTER OF LITTLE GIRL

Chief of Police White Asked by
Eight-Year-Old Pearl Morales to
Find Kris Kringle and Then
Tell Him Her Wants.

Chief of Police White has been asked to undertake the biggest job he has had since assuming charge of the police department. Little eight-year-old Pearl Morales, 1902B Filbert street, has asked him to find Santa Claus for her. Pearl's mother is sick in bed and with her little brother, aged 7, she is afraid that Santa Claus will overlook her when he makes the rounds. At any rate she is taking no chances and wants the chief to find old Kris for her. Also Pearl is practical in her desires and—well, read her letter:

Dear Chief White: I am writing you to let me know where I could find Santa Claus, being that my mother is sick in bed for a week, and she could not get me anything. I ask you most of all to get me a pair of shoes, a pair of rubbers, I am 8 years old and I have a brother; he is 7 years old. I am writing to you because I saw your picture in the paper and I hope you will be Chief of Police for many years. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I am telling you my number is 1902B Filbert street. From your little friend, PEARL MORALES.

Kisses x x x x x x x x x x.

Harrison's Candidacy Depends on His Wife

Mayor of Chicago Says He Has
Promised "Boss" of Household
Not to Run Again.

CHICAGO, December 5.—Whether Mayor Carter H. Harrison will be a candidate for re-election depends on Mrs. Harrison, who is "boss" of his household, he smilingly told a deputation which waited on him today.

He asserted that he had promised his wife that he would not again run for office, and she was holding him to the promise.

"The people of Chicago have honored my father and myself as no other municipality has honored a family," he said. "Each of us served five terms, and no other municipality has such a record. All a man can get out of public office is what he may accomplish in the way of constructive service that he may leave as a monument to his name."

Century-Old Frigate Grounded on Shoals

Historic Constellation Runs Into a
Dangerous Position While Being
Towed to Newport.

WASHINGTON, December 5.—The century-old frigate Constellation, being towed by the naval tug Ontario from this city to her regular station at Newport, R. I., grounded today near Thimble shoals, in Chesapeake bay, according to a telegram from Captain de Steigner, acting commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard.

The Constellation is at anchor, the message says, but "apparently dragging." The Ontario also is anchored, with the tow line fouled in her propeller. A fleet of tugs and the revenue cutter Itasca are standing by. Strong northeast winds add to the seriousness of the situation, the message says.

"Blue Sky" Law Is Unconstitutional

Decision Rendered by the Federal
Court in West Virginia Says
Citizens' Rights Abridged.

PARKERSBURG (W. Va.), December 5.—The West Virginia "blue sky" law was held to be unconstitutional by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, in a decision handed down here late today.

Judges J. C. Fritchard and A. G. Dayton concurred in the opinion, while Judge C. A. Wood dissented. The opinion declares the West Virginia statute seeks to restrain interstate commerce and to abridge the right of citizens to buy and sell property.

J. S. Darst, State Auditor, the defendant in the suit, announced in Charleston that he would appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Morse to Run Line of Steamers to Bermuda

NEW YORK, December 5.—Charles W. Morse, the former banker, who recently has been engaged in rehabilitating his steamship properties, announced tonight that he was about

FIGHT RAGES OVER HOME OF DEAD IN LODZ

Terrific Conflict in Graveyard
of Town in Poland, Where
Foes Use the Bayonet
When Ammunition
Gives Out.

FOE ATTACKS AFTER VIOLENT BOMBARDMENT

Dead and Wounded Strew the
Fields So Thickly That
Bodies Remain on Plain
Three Days After
the Battle.

Special Dispatch to The Chronicle.

PETROGRAD, December 5.—Ten thousand prisoners were brought into Kiev fortress on Wednesday. A total of 130,000 prisoners have passed through Kiev since the commencement of the war.

PETROGRAD, December 5 (via London).—Lodz was subjected yesterday to a vicious attack and bombardment. The heaviest fighting was for the possession of a Jewish cemetery on the outskirts of the city.

This position changed hands twice. As the result of many attacks and counter attacks the German and Russian troops exhausted their ammunition, but continued fighting with bayonets and rifle butts.

The gas house in Lodz was damaged. The suburb of Baluti was burned and three other outlying villages were partly destroyed by fire caused by exploding shells.

CITIZENS KILLED

Thirty citizens were killed and 200 wounded. In Lodz fifty houses and a Catholic church were demolished.

The center of the field of operations in the Eastern arena of the war has moved to the south of Lodz in Russian Poland. The German effort centers at Szczeczw, twenty miles west of Piotrkow, with that town the objective. Heavy fighting is reported also along a line from Glogno, sixteen miles northeast of Lodz, to the Vistula river.

The strength of the German forces opposing the Russian left wing is estimated at five corps, each corps occupying a front from eight to ten miles in extent.

EXHAUSTED GERMANS REST

There are indications that owing to the exhaustion of the troops composing the German center, most of those regiments which lost a large percentage of their fighting strength have been withdrawn or are resting on their arms, and that fresher troops are holding the line during a temporary cessation in the battle.

News dispatches from the front attribute the Russian success in crushing the German forces near Lodz chiefly to the miraculous endurance and tireless aggression of the Siberian troops.

HEAVY FIGHTING AT LASK

The heaviest fighting in the vicinity of Lodz during the past two days has occurred in the course of maneuvering for the possession of Lask, fifteen miles southwest of Lodz.

On the Szczeczw line, which is fifteen to twenty miles long, east of the Warta, the fighting appears to indicate that the Germans have been heavily reinforced and that they are filling the gap between the right wing and the isolated body, which

SUDAN GRASS The Sensational New Forage Crop FOR DRY REGIONS

After various tests and experiments Sudan Grass has been found to be the most valuable