

# DEATH CONFESSED BY WIDOW

## U. S. Planes Back Home Once More

First Ships to Fly Around the World Land at Santa Monica, Where They Were Built.

100,000 Greet Aviators

By Associated Press. Clover Field, Santa Monica, Cal., Sept. 23.—The first airplanes to encircle the earth flew home today when Lieut. Lowell H. Smith, flight commander, led three world cruisers back to Santa Monica where they were built.

The greatest reception of any place in the world greeted the fliers. Lieutenant Smith said he got out of his flag plane, Chicago, to kiss his mother. There were more than 100,000 on the field to roar a welcome to the fliers.

The home coming but a momentary stop, for tomorrow morning they will resume the flight toward Seattle, the next leg being to Crissy field, San Francisco.

"Where's Donald Douglas; he sure has built some planes," said Lieut. Erik Nelson, engineering officer of the world flight, as he jumped from the New Orleans and quickly found the airplane manufacturer on the field and hugged him.

Fond mother's greetings were bestowed upon two of the fliers, Lieutenants Smith and Lieut. John Harding, by Mrs. Jasper Smith of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Roberta Chase Harding of Beverly Hills.

Resume Flight Today. The world cruisers, mechanically perfect, hummed their way up from San Diego against headwinds, following the coast line most of the time. They flew over Los Angeles, then turned down to the field by the seashore, landing in one hour and 40 minutes after they hopped off from Rockwell field, San Diego.

The flight will be resumed tomorrow forenoon, the time of departure depending upon report of weather conditions by scout planes which will leave the field here at 7 in the morning. Maj. Shelden Fitzgerald, who will pilot one of the scout planes said that the route would be up the valley, across Tehachay pass, then over Berkenfield, Fresno and other valley towns, then over Livermore pass and to the San Francisco bay region.

The flight to San Francisco tomorrow will take about four and a half hours.

## BRUCE ESTATE TO DAUGHTERS

In a typewritten will of 12 lines the late Edward E. Bruce, wholesale druggist, bequeaths his entire estate to his daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth. The will was filed in probate court Tuesday.

It gives the estate's value at \$150,000, but the actual value is said to be much more.

Margaret is now Mrs. Charles McLaughlin, wife of an attorney, 5106 Cass street. Elizabeth lives at 507 South Thirty-eighth street.

The will is dated January 29, 1918. The two daughters are named executrices.

## GERMANY TO ASK EQUAL FOOTING

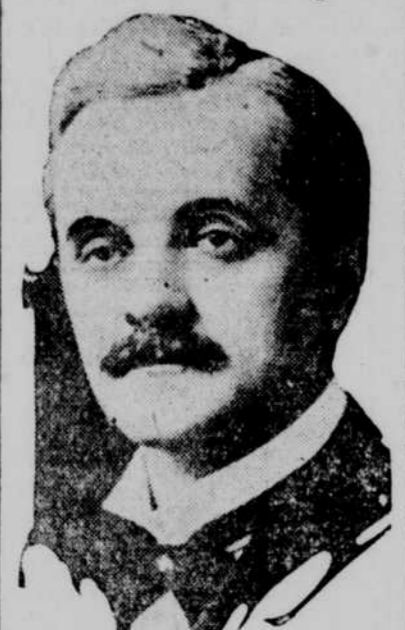
Berlin, Sept. 23.—Germany will soon make an effort to enter the league of nations on an equal footing with the great powers, it was officially announced today in a communique issued after a cabinet meeting.

## EATING PLACES BEING INSPECTED

Four inspectors of the city health department are visiting all public eating places in accordance with a city ordinance. They are condemning cracked dishes and serving notices where sanitary conditions need correcting.

**We Have With Us Today**  
G. E. Crosby, Consulting Engineer, Boston.

## Norris Raps Bryan in Grand Island Speech



Senator George W. Norris

## Large Audiences Greet McMullen in Seven Towns

High School Dismissed at Clarke—Candidate Pleased by Large Turnout of Women Voters.

By F. C. POWELL, Staff Correspondent of the Omaha Bee.

Central City, Neb., Sept. 23.—Adam McMullen, republican candidate for governor, E. C. Houston, candidate for congress, and T. B. Johnson, candidate for secretary of state, spoke to large and enthusiastic audiences in the third congressional district today at Duncan, Silver Creek, Clarke, Fullerton, Palmer and Chapman. The candidates were met at Palmer by a delegation of Merriek county republicans including W. C. Kerr, P. H. Heaton, Frank Campbell and Robert Rice, who escorted them to Central City for a meeting here tonight.

At every town delegations were on hand to greet the candidates. At Clarke Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chamberlain and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Shonsey met the caravan of speakers four miles out of town and escorted them to Clarke. There the candidates found, in addition to a large audience of country and townspeople awaiting them, the entire membership of the Clarke high school which had been excused for the purpose of attending the meeting at Duncan. Mrs. A. J. Lindley introduced the speakers while Clark Cook, Earl Colby and Floyd Buchanan were in charge of the speaking.

At Fullerton, county seat of Nance county, D. Stephenson, republican candidate for the legislature, Frank Frame, county chairman, and J. H. Kemp, attorney, acted as their guides.

Greeted by Bugler. When the candidates arrived at Palmer they found C. A. Newton, executive man, waiting for them with a bugle in his hands. As the cars stopped Newton blew reveille and in five minutes nearly the entire population was on the corner waiting to listen to the speakers. They were introduced by Palmer by Editor Palmer Gage. At Chapman, D. E. Magnuson introduced the speakers. It was nearly supper time when they arrived at Palmer. Despite this fact nearly 200 people were waiting for the speakers.

"The most encouraging fact to me is the large number of women who are present to listen," Mr. McMullen said. "This is not only because I am a candidate, but because one of my greatest desires as a citizen is to see the people turn out in large numbers at the polls and take an interest in government, candidates and issues."

"The growing lack of interest in government is a great menace to our country," he said. "In the 90s, approximately 8 of every 10 voted, now only about 3 out of every 10 vote."

Mr. McMullen also stressed the importance in selection of members of the legislature. He told his audiences that it is the legislature and not the governor who votes the appropriations, and is directly responsible for either high or low taxes.

Pleads for Good Legislation. "Our democratic government would make you believe, if he could, that he makes the appropriations," Mr. McMullen said. "We know this isn't true, and while a governor can urge economy in appropriations, it is the men you elect to the house and senate who finally decide the total of appropriations for which your taxes are levied."

The Houston campaign for congress in the district is proving a whirlwind. The well-known Tekamah man is putting the same energy and alertness into his campaign for congress that he has in so successfully conducting his personal affairs. He has made one entire trip over the district, and with Mr. McMullen in his second visit. Before the campaign is over he expects to make a third. The Columbus meeting last night, held at the county seat of Platte county, a democratic stronghold, was described as one of the most successful political meetings ever held in the county during the summer.

## Norris Raps W. J. Bryan About Face

Senator Says Commoner Tries to Make Wall Street "Sainly" Because It Backs Democrats.

Pleads for Power Plants

Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 23.—United States Senator George W. Norris opened his campaign for re-election here this evening by a presentation of his ideas of political conduct and an outline of what he has stood for and plans to stand for if re-elected.

He severely criticized the last democratic administration, denounced W. J. Bryan for accusing and then praising John W. Davis, criticized what he called the "machines" in both political parties and urged strongly the adoption to the amendment to the Nebraska constitution which would abolish the party designation on the election ballot for all state offices.

"The speech was one of the longest ever delivered in Nebraska. It was approximately 15,000 words. In it the senator reviewed all of his own official acts and gave his reasons for his position on all issues before the United States senate. He was particularly opposed to what he termed 'partisanship,' and gave it as his opinion that future good government and efficiency in government rested upon the abolition of parties and the substitution of individual responsibility. The 'machine' in both parties was denounced, but his chief attack was upon the democrats.

Flays W. J. Bryan. He was particularly caustic in his criticism of W. J. Bryan. Referring to the commoner, he said: "It would be amusing, if it were not so serious, to listen to the eloquent voice of Nebraska's honored son, when he denounces in the most vehement terms the man who was afterwards nominated by his party as a candidate for president, and while the ink is not yet dry on the charges he has made, he cries aloud again before the people and before the country, that this same man possesses all the qualities of heart, mind and soul, to make a better president than any we have ever had."

Did he find out that he was wrong in his charges? Did he discover that he had made a mistake? The only thing he discovered is that the man he had condemned had been nominated as the standard-bearer of his party and, incidentally, perhaps, that his brother was likewise put on the ticket. "Wall street influence, with all its evils and all its selfishness, becomes (Turn to Page Three, Column One.)"

## OTTO BAUMAN IS BETROTHED

The marriage of Otto Bauman, city and county treasurer, and Mrs. May Davison will take place "in the very near future," it was admitted Tuesday.

Mrs. Davison has been a widow for several years and has two daughters, Margaret and Betty. She is a daughter of Mrs. M. E. Waterman. She has two sisters, Mrs. Blanch Patterson of Omaha and Mrs. William Latta of Tekamah, formerly Phyllis Waterman.

Mrs. Davison lives at the Morris apartments and is employed by the telephone company.

## AIRCRAFT PROBE TO BE IN NAVY ONLY

Washington, Sept. 23.—The inquiry which President Coolidge has ordered made to determine the relative value of naval aircraft against warships will not be extended into military and civilian aircraft, it was stated at the White House today.

## MEANS OWES U. S. FOR 3-YEARS TAX

Washington, Sept. 23.—Gaston B. Means, the elusive and contradictory star witness in the Daugherty investigation, again ran afoul of the courts here today.

Galen L. Tall, collector of internal revenue for the district of Columbia, filed a lien in district court against Means' residence here, in the sum of \$267,614.40—this representing that Means owes the government for income taxes during the past three years.

## Farmer to Visit Wales

Stella, Sept. 23.—Joseph Williams, a young farmer living south of Stella, received his passport Monday and will make a surprise visit to his mother and sister in Wales. Sunday about 40 friends and neighbors gave him farewell party.

## Iowa Woman Celebrates Her Ninetieth Birthday

Atlantic, Ia., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Rhoda Cranston, residing 11 miles south of Atlantic, celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary Sunday.

## Thieves Get \$100,000 in Gems



Death-crowned jewel thefts of Dot King and Louise Lawson were recalled when armed quartet robbed Edith Robb, modiste and cabaret frequenter, of \$100,000 in gems and beat her escort, Robert L. Hague, Standard Oil official, at Robe home in New York. Hague was married last year.

## Evan Fontaine Dismisses Suit

Counsel for Whitney, However, Fights Action; Hearing Monday.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—A motion for dismissal "without prejudice," was entered in the United States district court here today by counsel for Evan Fontaine, New York dancer, in her \$1,000,000 breach of promise action against Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, young New York and San Francisco financier.

The motion was resisted by counsel for Whitney, however, and argument was set for next Monday. Nellie Miss Fontaine nor Whitney appeared in court.

Counsel for Miss Fontaine said that the dismissal motion was entered on instructions from Miss Fontaine's New York counsel, Charles Firestone, and that the instructions were unaccompanied by any legislation.

Was Dismissed. Counsel for Whitney argued that there should be an adjudication of their client's claim that Miss Fontaine was at one time the wife of Sterling L. Adair and that Whitney bears no relation to Cornelius "Sonny" Whitney, the 6-year-old son of the plaintiff.

The action formerly was entered in the New York courts and was dismissed there December 22, 1923, after a showing that Miss Fontaine and Adair had been married in 1918.

Subsequently Whitney married Miss Marie Norton, a New York society girl and took up his residence in Burlingame, a suburb of San Francisco.

## "I'M GOING TO FACE MUSIC"—BUTLER

Philadelphia, Sept. 23.—After a verbal contest with his physician, Gen. Smedley D. Butler, whose separation from the Philadelphia police force is said to be impending, agreed to remain at home and nurse his severe cold.

Having heard that Mayor W. Free-Land Kendrick had written him a communication, which was reported to be a demand for his resignation, and that it would not be delivered until the general returned to his office, the director of public safety ordered his automobile to call for him. In the meantime, Dr. Hubley E. Owen, chief police surgeon attending him, arrived, and, backed up by Mrs. Butler, advised him to remain at home.

"I don't want a lot of people to think I am running away from a fight," he said. "I'm going to face the music."

## Crowd Attends Funeral of Victim of Accident

Denison, Ia., Sept. 23.—A large crowd attended the funeral of Morris McHenry, who was accidentally shot Saturday, at the Methodist church here Monday afternoon. He was the son of one of the oldest settlers of the county. Rev. Mr. Carlson, his pastor, made a special trip from the M. E. conference at Clarinda to preach the sermon.

## Iowa Baptists to Meet

Shenandoah, Ia., Sept. 23.—Southwestern Iowa Baptist association meeting is expected to attract 200 ministers and laymen here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Among the cities to be represented are Council Bluffs, Glenwood, Bedford, Silver City, New Market, Hamburg, Red Oak, Shenandoah and Emerson. Rev. C. Wesley Fletcher of Bedford is head of the association.

## Brothers Separated 42 Years Meet at Beatrice

Beatrice, Sept. 23.—A. W. Knapp of Seattle is in the city visiting his brother, G. D. Knapp, old resident of Beatrice. It is the first time they have met in 42 years.

## Tributes Paid Dead Pastor

Denison, Ia., Sept. 23.—Baptist church members held a memorial service for Rev. J. P. Thomas, their late pastor, who died recently. Addresses were made by Mrs. Charles Meyers, Rev. Mr. Fulcomer, presiding pastor, and Miss Helen Cassaday and an original poem was read by Mrs. Harry Carpenter, superintendent of the Sunday school. There was special music by a male quartet.

## Gen. Sawyer, President's Doctor Dies

Heart Disease Causes Death of Personal Physician to Harding and Coolidge at Marion, O.

Quit Few Months Ago

Marion, O., Sept. 23.—Brig. Gen. Charles E. Sawyer, personal physician to the late President Harding, dropped dead of heart disease at White Oaks farm here today.

Died While Asleep. Dr. Sawyer, who was chairman of the Harding Memorial association, returned to his home early this afternoon and complained of not feeling well. His son, Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, gave him some medicine and had his father lie down in his office. General Sawyer immediately went to sleep and died while sleeping.

While Oak farm had been the home of Mrs. Harding since her husband died, a little more than a year ago, Mrs. Harding was present when Dr. Sawyer was found dead. Dr. Sawyer, a close personal friend of President Harding, was appointed the president's personal physician soon after Mr. Harding was inaugurated.

After he was appointed a brigadier general in the army. He accompanied President Harding on the trip to Alaska and personally attended Mr. Harding when he became ill at San Francisco.

It was General Sawyer who notified Mrs. Harding and other members of the party when the president took a turn for the worse and died at a San Francisco hotel on August 2, 1923.

After Mr. Harding's death, General Sawyer continued for a time as the personal physician of President Coolidge, but resigned several months ago to take active charge of work of the Harding Memorial association, which plans to erect a memorial to the late president at Marion.

## WHEELER, DUDLEY FINED BY COURT

Lyman Wheeler, circulator of the petition for the recall of Police Commissioner Henry Dunn, paid two fines in police court Tuesday morning. The first was for \$1 and costs for illegal parking, and the second was for the same amount for failing to obey a "golden rule" summons.

Joe Dudley, Wheeler's former assistant in the recall movement, was assessed a \$5 fine for being an inmate of a gambling house, but appealed the sentence.

Wheeler, former police captain, was arrested Monday by Officer Kwasniewski on a capias after he failed to appear in police court Friday in answer to a summons issued by Officer Hudson.

Dudley was arrested Monday night when police raided the Mattox cigar store, 14 North Fourteenth street, and arrested A. N. Mattox, proprietor, and R. C. Cronland, manager, on charges of keeping a gambling house, and held Dudley and three others on charges of being inmates of a gambling house.

## TWO PRISONERS RACE FROM TOWN

Omaha has no chains for Bill Wick of Avoca, Ia., and S. M. Madden of North Platte, Neb.

"How long will it take you two to get out of town?" Judge Sophus Nebel asked them in police court Tuesday.

"Five minutes," said Wick. "I will give you five minutes head start and beat him half an hour," promised Madden.

"Fly to it," invited the judge. Madden was arrested Monday night when the manager of a filling station at Twenty-fifth and Q streets reported that four men were loitering about the corner.

While police were taking Madden to the station, they picked up Wick in an alleyway. Madden immediately declared that Wick was the man who had robbed him of \$200 in a box car at Fremont, Neb., a few days ago.

In police court Tuesday he declared that the man who had robbed him was a negro, and Judge Nebel released both men.

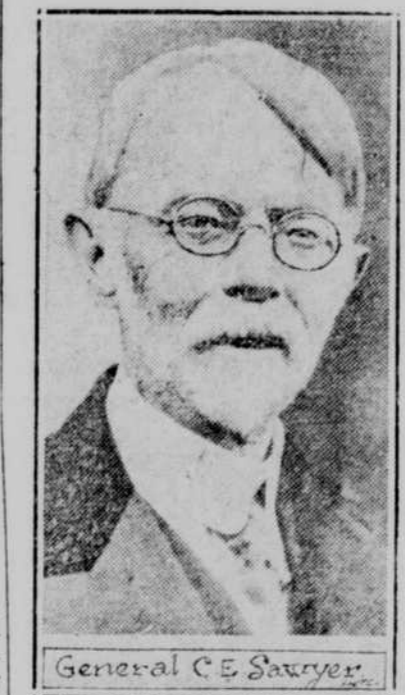
## Civil War Veteran, 84, Dies

Humboldt, Sept. 23.—John Smith, 84, died at the home of his son, Thomas Smith, in this city Sunday night after a month's illness. He was taken suddenly ill on his return from Idaho where he had been visiting one of his daughters. He was a veteran of the civil war. He filled the office of justice of peace in this city many years. He leaves four sons and five daughters.

## Boar Brings \$200

Stella, Sept. 23.—Ed. Shurtliff of Humboldt has the honor of selling the highest priced hog in southeast Nebraska for some time, having received \$200 for his young Duroc boar which took first and junior champion prizes at the Nebraska county fair and first, junior and grand champion at the Richardson County live stock show at Humboldt. John Gerdes of Johnson was the purchaser.

## Harding's Physician Found Dead by Son



General C. E. Sawyer

## Sickness Drives Woman to Inhale Gas; Found Dead

Californian Commits Suicide in Invalid Home Here; "Can't Stand It," Says Note.

With the end of a gas hose clamped between her teeth, the body of Mrs. Elizabeth Burley, 52, of San Diego, Cal., was discovered at 7:30 Tuesday morning in her bed at the home of Mrs. R. Estes, 414 North Thirty-ninth street.

On a table beside the body was found a note signed by the dead woman, in which she declared that she was "sorry to end it all," but that she "couldn't stand this misery any longer."

Mrs. Estes, who operates a home for invalids, did not notify police nor the coroner of the supposed suicide, and authorities knew nothing of the case until newspaper men informed them of the circumstances. Coroner Paul Steinwender indicated Tuesday morning that he might hold an inquest into her death.

Retired at 10:30. According to Mrs. Estes, Mrs. Burley retired at 10:30 p. m. Monday. Mrs. Estes did not enter the room until 7:30 Tuesday.

She found her buried under quilts and coverlets, with the hose from a small gas stove clamped in her teeth. The jet had been turned on and the room was filled with gas.

Mentally Depressed. Mrs. Frank Butts, 3551 Dodge street, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Burley, said Tuesday that Mrs. Burley had been a victim of mental depression for some time, and that she had come to Omaha to be near her brothers, Mr. Butts.

Mrs. Burley is survived by her husband, V. S. Burley of San Diego, and six brothers and sisters, besides Mr. Butts.

## JAPS PLAN 'ROUND' WORLD FLIGHT

Tokio, Sept. 23.—The Imperial Aviation society has announced plans for flights by Japanese aviators across the Pacific ocean, and from Japan to London, and possibly around the world, for next year. Yakutsuma, now residing at Oakland, Cal., will attempt the flight from the Pacific coast of North America via Hawaii and Midway island to Japan in May, 1925, according to the society.

The flight from Tokio to London which will be made via India and May be extended to a round-the-world trip, will start in the spring. The cost of the flights, estimated a half a million yen, will be raised by public subscription. The party will include the best army and civilian fliers who will be supplied with specially constructed machines.

## Grand Master Makes Speech at Odd Fellows' Homecoming

Atlantic, Ia., Sept. 23.—Grand Master A. C. Sherry of the Iowa I. O. O. F. was chief speaker here at the scores of members were in attendance.

## Mrs. James Amos Dies

Fairbury, Neb., Sept. 23.—Mrs. James Amos, 70, died Sunday at her home on a farm between Fairbury and Jansen. She had been in failing health for 10 years. The Amos family has been in this county a long time.

## The Weather

For 24 hours ending 1 p. m. September 23: Precipitation, include and thunderstorms. Total, none. Social snow, January 2, 23.44; deficiency.

Hourly Temperatures.	
10 a. m.	52
11 a. m.	52
12 m.	52
1 p. m.	52
2 p. m.	52
3 p. m.	52
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12 noon	52

## Young Wife of Sweetin Gave Poison

Grilled All Night, She Admits She Took Pastor's Suggestion to Get Rid of Her Husband.

Gave Him Three Doses

Mount Vernon, Ill., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, comely 32-year-old widow, today confessed that she administered arsenic to her husband, Wilford, July 26, in accordance with a poison plot hatched by her and Rev. Lawrence M. Hight to remove the two human obstacles to their marriage.

The break which brought the confession came after Mrs. Sweetin had spent nearly a year in a jail cell where Hight is confined while authorities, unobserved, spied on the couple.

An all-night grilling, during which she was confronted with the clergyman's latest confession—that he had poisoned her wife and Mrs. Sweetin had poisoned her husband—preceded her confession.

"The killings were arranged and executed because of the great love they bore for each other, Mrs. Sweetin declared.

She said she administered the poison obtained for her by the Jockey preacher three times before it proved effective.

Expert Violence. No sooner had word of the latest confession—the fourth which has featured this case—spread through the town than the mob which thronged the night gathered in little knots about the jail here began to assement.

A short time after Mrs. Sweetin had made her confession the crowds around the jail became so threatening that she was secretly taken to the county jail at Belleville to prevent any possibility of mob violence. Hight was removed to the jail at Salem.

Additional deputies were sworn in as fast as Sheriff Grant Holcomb could round them up and all possible precautions to prevent mob violence was taken.

Around the jail an air of tenseness which pervaded even to the cells of the prisoners prevailed, and Hight, fearful always since his first confession, cowered in his cell, his eyes anxiously turning as a new footstep sounded in the corridors. At all sounds he called to his sister to learn their meaning. The terror of a violent death was in his eyes.

The text of the latest confession was given out by State's Attorney Frank G. Thompson shortly before 6 o'clock today.

All night long the state's attorney, Sheriff Holcomb and Deputy Joseph Holcomb, his son, had taken turns in questioning the woman. And all through the night he repeated answer to all questions, to all accusations.

High Solicitous. "I did not give him any poison. Hight must have done it."

"Then, without any warning, the minister was led from his cell into the state's attorney's office where the woman sat. The sheriff and prosecutor left them, seemingly alone for a 'conference,' but at a rear door, left slightly ajar, they listened.

"How have you been?" the minister first asked solicitously. "Very well, Lawrence," the woman answered.

There was a pause while those at the door strained their ears to catch the conversation, which was continued in half whispers.

"You know that you are guilty," was Hight's next comment to the woman for whom he had forsaken the wife of 20 years and their three children. "I don't think I should take all the blame."

The next few minutes only a low murmur came to the listeners at the door. The two were talking in tones so low that even in the stillness of the early dawn, they did not carry.

Once the listeners heard him plead: "I'll take care of your children."

But they had heard enough and after an hour, they invaded the dull, murky chambers and led the minister away. He broke down as he reached the door, turned back once to gaze at the woman for whom he had done murder and said:

"I love that woman. I think she reciprocates the love."

"Then, a bit sadly, he said: "I don't fancy how a man will live a good, clean life for 14 years and then will meet a woman who proves to be the apple of his eye—and so!"

"I'm satisfied now to go to the gallows. I sinned. That's all."

Then he was taken away and the questioning of Mrs. Sweetin was renewed.

Woman Questioned. Thompson, Holcomb and his son again took turns in questioning her, accusing her, confronting her with bits of the conversation they had overheard, with damaging bits of circumstantial evidence—the fact that the minister was known to have purchased poison at the Jockey preacher's death, his confession implicating her; the death of her husband under circumstances which indicated she alone had had an opportunity.

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