

MRS. VERMILYA POISONS SELF

Caught Sinking Arsenic in
Food From Pepper Box.

DOCTORS WORK TO SAVE LIFE

Physician Asserts Murder of Police-
man Blissette Was Due to Long-
Continued Administration of Arsenic.
Alleged Connected with Nine Deaths

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Mrs. Louise Vermilya, who was arrested on charges of having murdered Policeman Blissette by poisoning him, made an attempt to commit suicide by taking arsenic concealed in white pepper.

"It is my belief that Blissette was given arsenic day by day even while I was treating him, and finally he was given enough to overcome all attempts by myself and consulting physicians to stimulate him and killed without our knowing what the trouble was."

The foregoing statement, issued by Dr. F. A. Van Arsdale, the physician who attended Mrs. Vermilya during her recent illness and who prescribed for the policeman before the latter's death, for the first time furnished a direct connection between the widow and the list of the nine deaths that have occurred beneath her roof during the last eighteen years.

Dr. Van Arsdale made the assertion after he had made a preliminary examination of the contents of a can supposed to contain pepper, which used to season some food ordered by the woman, brought on a sharp illness that threatened death, and which left her in a grave condition for hours afterwards.

WAR ON PRICES IN FRANCE

Cabinet Introduces Measure to Combat
the High Cost of Living.

London, Nov. 6.—The critical conditions created throughout Europe by the increased cost of living are pressing the governments to action. In England the example set by the United States is to be followed and the government will appoint a board of trade commission to inquire into the whole subject. In Austria the work of the parliamentary commission already engaged in this matter is being speeded up, and in Germany the recent debate in the reichstag is expected to have a sequel which will force the imperial administration in some measure to modify its indifferent attitude.

It has been left to France to initiate measures designed to exercise a direct effect upon the problem that confronts the governments of nearly all the great powers. The French cabinet has introduced a bill which will place municipal authorities in a position to exercise effective control upon the price of the necessities of life. The plan is to start municipal or co-operative butchers' and bakers' shops.

FAMILY STARVES TO DEATH

Parents and Son Go Without Food for
Weeks as a Sacrifice.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Death by starvation was the sacrificial faith testimony of Henry Letsch, forty six years old; Anna Letsch, forty years old, and Herman Letsch, twelve years old—father, mother and child—found dead at their residence in Irving Park after three weeks of seclusion.

A letter full of sentimental citations was found near the bodies, explaining the sacrifice. Another note, pinned to a black garment, informed that the mother had made it as a funeral gown for the boy.

The bodies had lain in the house for more than a week, according to the belief of Dr. Hunter, coroner's physician. His autopsy proved that death was by starvation and not poisoning, as had been at first supposed.

ROAD N'ROPS AT BAD TUR'S

Novel Experiment to Be Tried in Effort
to Prevent Motor Collisions.

London, Nov. 6.—The Colchester authorities have decided to make an interesting experiment in order to minimize the risks of accidents at dangerous street corners.

At two street junctions where numerous accidents have taken place large mirrors will be placed at such an angle that motorists and others will be able to see what is coming round the corner.

If the plan proves a success similar mirrors will be placed at other points.

Protest Against Raise in Rates.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—A. Sykes of Des Moines, president of the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association, appeared before Special Examiner Mackley of the interstate commerce commission in protest against railroad plans for an equal rate on feeder and fat stock. Herebefore the shippers have paid per cent of fat stock rates for feeders.

Open Shop at Centralia.

Centralia, Ill., Nov. 6.—Notice of "open shop" were posted by the Illinois Central in the local shops. When three striking employees returned to work they were refused employment and told to fill out new applications and start as new employees. A high fence is being constructed about the shop yard.

J. F. WOLTERS.
Texan Who Seeks Seat
In U. S. Senate Bailey
Has Decided to Vacate.



THREE BODIES TAKEN FROM RU'NS OF BRIDGE

Men Caught Under Sinking Arch
Entombed in Water.

Auburn, Cal., Nov. 6.—Three bodies have been recovered from the wreckage of the bridge across the American river, the east span of which collapsed. Five workmen were injured and as there were thirty men on the bridge at the time of the disaster it is believed still more casualties will be discovered.

The victims of the accident were working under the superstructure, building caissons. The concrete pillars gave way on account of work having been rushed on the bridge to prepare it for the winter rains, the concrete not being firmly set.

The men caught under the sinking arch were entombed. The men who escaped were at work above.

BOY OF 15 NOT TO BE HANGED

Governor of Arkansas Influenced by
Wife Rather Than by Petitions.

Little Rock, Nov. 6.—Earl Gilchrist, the young negro who was sentenced to death for murder, will not go to the gallows.

After the supreme court had refused to grant a rehearing in the case Governor Donaghey took up the case and announced that he had commuted the sentence to imprisonment for a period of fifteen years.

If the truth were known it is probable that the influence of Mrs. Donaghey had as much to do with the action of the governor as the hundreds of thousands of people of the north who have been sending petitions.

Object to Taxation in Two States.

Rawlins, Wyo., Nov. 6.—George Brimmer, attorney for the Carbon County Wool Growers' association, has instituted suit against the board of county commissioners of Routt county, Colorado, for the recovery of taxes paid under protest to the treasurer of Routt county this year, amounting to several thousand dollars. The suits are regarded as "friendly" contests to determine the validity of the Colorado revenue law, under which Routt county has the right to collect taxes on sheep or other live stock driven in from another state, even though the said live stock has been assessed for taxes in the state from which driven.

Former O'Neill Man Accused of Arson.

Hot Springs, S. D., Nov. 6.—G. B. Flannagan, son of a millionaire banker of O'Neill, Neb., has been bound over to the circuit court in \$1,000 bonds at a preliminary hearing, charged with arson. Flannagan is owner of the Smithwick Lumber company, whose yard burned June 4. After inquiry by Deputy Fire Marshal Crans information was filed connecting Flannagan with the fire, the property being heavily insured.

Hope to Save a Murderess.

Washington, Nov. 6.—Counsel for Mattie E. Lomax, colored, whose sentence of death on the gallows on Nov. 30 for the murder of her husband last December was affirmed last week by the District court of appeals, are preparing an appeal to President Taft for clemency.

Harry A. Gallbraith Kills Himself.

Hebron, Neb., Nov. 6.—Harry A. Gallbraith was found lying beside the ice house near the Burlington depot with his throat cut from ear to ear. His razor was lying by his side. Dependence, due to brooding over family trouble, is supposed to be the cause.

CANDY LOTTERY IS UNDER BAN

Managers of Des Moines Pure
Food Show May Be Indicted.

FRANK ROBINSON HELD GUILTY

Greene County Court Declares He Is
Guilty of Killing James Busby.
Flavoring Extracts Made by State.
Ban on Mail Insurance.

Des Moines, Nov. 6.—Indictment of the managers of the pure food show, recently held in Des Moines, is threatened because of allowing a "candy wheel" lottery scheme during the show. These were gambling devices that offered a prize of a pound of candy on the turn of a wheel with numbers. They operated during two weeks and then stopped on orders of the police, but detectives have gone before the grand jury to secure indictments.

State Rate Hearings.

Beginning tomorrow the state railway commission will have a series of rate hearings which will be of importance to the state. The most important hearing comes on the afternoon of Nov. 16, when the Des Moines switching rate on coal will be heard. This case will be one of the first under the new law to test the new system of fixing switching rates. It was brought by the Des Moines Coal company against the Chicago Great western road. All the other railroads and interurbans entering the city have intervened. Another important case is the rehearing on the minimum live stock rate case fixed by the board some time ago. This comes Nov. 16, in the morning.

Date Fixed to Pay for Atlantic Road.

Judge Thomas Arthur of Atlantic finally approved the bid of \$400,000 made by Colonel Adams of Council Bluffs for the Atlantic road and set Nov. 21 as the date the money is to be turned over to the receiver. It is reported that Colonel Adams has really secured through Leslie M. Shaw the loan of \$4,000,000 to finance the proposed road between Des Moines and Omaha, which is to be an extension of the Omaha and Iowa road from Treynor, through Oakland, Atlantic, Guthrie Center and Adel to Des Moines. Colonel Adams said the construction of this road will be pushed at once.

Tuition Law Works Well.

It is found that the new law in Iowa providing for tuition in high schools to be paid by a rural school district for pupils from that district is working to increase materially the number of students in the high schools of the state. In almost every high school of the state there are tuition pupils and many are attending these high schools who would otherwise not be attending school at all. An inquiry is being made to ascertain the exact number of tuition pupils in the schools.

Ask Legislature for Aid.

It has been decided that the next legislature shall be asked for a small appropriation to pay the mileage of veterans of the civil war residing in Iowa who attend the anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg two years hence. As there were no Iowa soldiers at the battle only those who have moved to Iowa from the east are Gettysburg veterans. They are organizing to secure this favor from the state as a great many would not otherwise be able to attend.

Ban on "Mail" Insurance.

State Auditor Blesky addressed a letter to all insurance companies and agents in Iowa asking their cooperation in putting a stop to unauthorized "mail order" insurance business, and especially asking them to report if any Iowa companies are engaged in unauthorized insurance in other states. He intends strictly to enforce the Iowa law on the subject and desires first that all Iowa companies comply with the new law.

State to Make Extracts.

The state board of control has decided upon a policy of having its own flavoring extracts made at the hospital at Cherokee for all the state institutions. The manufacturers failed to make any offer for supplies of this character for next year and the board decided it would start a plant of its own and make all sorts of extracts for state use.

Will Go to Study Pellagra.

Dr. E. E. Richardson of Webster city, member of the Iowa state board of health, has been appointed a delegate to the national pellagra conference held annually in Columbia, S. C. Dr. Richardson was named by the state board to represent Iowa at the conference and is in Columbia now.

To Resume Prison Probe.

Attorney General Cossin and his associates on a committee to investigate the charges against the management of the state prison at Fort Madison will return there this week and resume the inquiry, which has been interrupted by other work. The accusations are mainly in regard to the sanitary condition.

Guilty of Manslaughter.

Frank Robinson was found guilty in court in Greene county of manslaughter in connection with his killing of James Busby in a duel in a school house. Busby was trying to arrest two robbers. Robinson claimed he was not one of the gang of robbers and shot in self defense.

DUCHESS D'AOSTA.
Diana of Royal Family,
Who Goes to Tripoli to
Aid in Red Cross Work.



CHOLERA RAGING AMONG ITALIANS

Invasion of Tripoli Disastrous
to Army of Rome.

London, Nov. 6.—Ananias in his palmist days never wrote half as many falsehoods and misrepresentations as have appeared in the Italian press and in the official statement issued by the Italian government," telegraphs the correspondent of the Reuters company at Tripoli, who arrived at Malta.

From Malta he was able to send an uncensored message, which contains a pessimistic description of the condition of the Italian army around what he terms the besieged city of Tripoli. He says:

"To sum up the results of the campaign—the Italians hold, with nearly twice as many men, half the ground that they held three weeks ago. They have lost in killed and wounded, not counting the sick, more than 1,000 men. Many Arabs have been killed and vast numbers were shot in cold blood. Now 25,000 soldiers find themselves with their backs to the sea, cramped and confined, with an active enemy within a few yards of them and with cholera raging among them; for, despite official efforts to conceal the truth, there have been many cases among the troops and the civil population is suffering so much that whole streets in Tripoli have been closed by armed sentries."

ELKS IN NEVER TREAT CLUB

Nearly All Members of the Order in
Kansas City Join.

Kansas City, Nov. 6.—Starting as a joke with five members of the Elks two months ago, a "Never Treat" club was organized, and it has grown in membership until it includes practically every member of the order in Kansas City. Preparations now are being made to make the club a national organization among the Elks. These plans were outlined at a dinner at the club rooms and as soon as the rules can be printed they will be distributed among other lodges. The members of the "Never Treat club" pledge themselves never to treat or to accept a treat from a brother Elk.

Woman Hurt in Wreck Gets \$2,700.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 6.—A jury in the circuit court of Hamlin county, in the case of Mrs. Sarah J. Bennett of Castlewood against the South Dakota Central railroad, returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$2,700. Mrs. Bennett sought to recover damages in the sum of \$10,000 for injuries sustained when a passenger train on which she was a passenger collided Dec. 3 last with a freight train near Thomas. She received injuries which it is believed will permanently disable her.

Girls Shine Shoes for Piano.

Princeton, Mo., Nov. 6.—Miss Myrtle Fair, a student of the Princeton high school, made \$17 shining shoes on the streets. Misses Gay Wilson and Cora Matsler made nearly as much. It was work trying to make enough money to buy a piano for the school. Other girls washed windows and boys blacked stoves. The eighty pupils earned \$200.

Three Removed From Office.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 6.—Governor O'Neal removed from office P. G. Bowman, tax commissioner of Jefferson county, and Dr. S. J. Vann and Dr. E. T. Field, state convict physicians of Jefferson county. The governor's action grows out of the recent investigations into the conduct of public offices in the Birmingham district.

More Injunctions Filed at Wichita.

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 6.—Twenty-five more injunctions were filed in the district court of Sedgewick county by the attorney general to suppress liquor selling and houses of ill fame. These bring the total injunctions asked by the attorney general up to 200.

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LOUISVILLE.
 Courier.

Charles Campbell has just erected a large barn on his place adjoining South Bend.

Mrs. Graves is here from Virginia visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Taylor.

Mrs. Will Hoover and children visited at the Robert Sherwood home in Plattsmouth last week.

T. W. Fountain of South Bend is suffering from a cancer on his face and is in a very critical condition.

Mrs. Edward McGinnis of South Bend is in the St. Joseph hospital, where she has undergone an operation for cancer.

Carl Tangeman motored over from Greta Tuesday to bring his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Diers over for a visit with their son, W. F. Diers and family.

Henry Kahne went to Omaha Tuesday to visit Will Kennedy in the hospital, but found that Mr. Kennedy had recovered from his recent ailment sufficiently to be able to return home.

Mrs. Lillian MacMullin returned Monday from an extended visit with her sister, Florence, in Idaho.

Philip Suiter and wife left Thursday for Dewitt, called there on account of the illness of Mr. Suiter's father.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mayfield went to Omaha Monday to attend the funeral of an aunt of Mrs. Mayfield, Mrs. Robert Wilburn. Although a resident of Omaha for a number of years, the aged lady was formerly a pioneer resident of Cass county and was well known by the early settlers of Salt Creek precinct as Aunt Sina Wilburn. Services were held at the home, after which the remains were taken to Ashland for interment.

Try the new cigar, "P. & B.," manufactured by Ptak & Bajack.

Saved Many From Death.
 W. L. Mock, of Mock, Ark., believes he has saved many lives in his 25 years of experience in the drug business. "What I always like to do," he writes, "is to recommend Dr. King's New Discovery for weak, sore lungs, hard colds, hoarseness, obstinate coughs, la grippe, croup, asthma or other bronchial affection, for I feel sure that a number of my neighbors are alive and well today because they took my advice to use it. I honestly believe it is the best throat and lung medicine that's made." Easy to prove he's right. Get a trial bottle free, or regular 50c or \$1.00 bottle. Guaranteed by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Ivan White of Murray drove up this afternoon to shake hands with his friends and to hear the speech of Mr. Bryan tonight.

John Wiles, while in the city Saturday, called at this office and renewed his subscription to this paper for another year.

P. A. Hill and wife of Eight Mile Grove precinct drove in from their home today and looked after business matters for a time.

Miss Lidie Steiger of Benson, who has been the guest of Robert Gibson and wife and Dan Smith and wife and other relatives for a short time, departed for her home yesterday afternoon.

I. J. Beard, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Omaha, and his wife, and William Beard and wife, of Mount Union, Iowa, arrived this morning to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. McKay for a time.

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