

NURSE ADMITS OPERATION

Asserts Dr. Grant Was Indirect Cause of Eva Swan's Death.

BODY WAS PLACED IN A TRUNK

Police Show Girl Picture of Dead Mother to Induce Her to Re-late Story of the Crime.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 26.—After ten days and nights of silence Marie Messerschmidt, the nurse held since Friday night, in connection with the death of Eva Swan, following the finding of the girl's body beneath the cement flooring of the basement of a vacant house, confessed to the police today that she had knowledge of the operation performed by Dr. James Grant upon Miss Swan and that she attended the girl after the operation.

The confession states that "Robert Thompson," known as Dr. Grant, packed the girl's body into a trunk, first cutting off the legs at the ankles; that Grant discussed the burial of the body with the nurse and spent two nights at the house where the body was found.

Dr. Grant was taken into custody with the nurse and later today Paul Parker, a former Island Stanford athlete, who lived in the house where Miss Swan roomed, was taken to the police station and placed in detention.

The nurse was induced to tell the story by her brother-in-law, August Borman of Oakland, who visited her at the city prison this afternoon. He showed her a picture of her dead mother, pleading with her to tell the police everything, impressing upon her that this would be her mother's wish.

The young woman, fainting and upon her recovery became hysterical. When she was quieted she agreed to tell the entire story to detectives.

Grant breaks from jailers. Following the confession Dr. Grant was led from his cell and brought into the desk sergeant's office where Miss Messerschmidt was seated. At sight of his nurse, Dr. Grant broke away from the jailers and ran along the prison corridors.

In her story Miss Messerschmidt said that Paul P. Parker, a young man who had known Miss Swan for eight years, had visited the hospital on three occasions to see the dying girl after the operation. The police immediately took Parker into custody.

He admitted the visits to the hospital to Miss Swan, but strongly denied that he was in any way implicated. Later he gave the police a detailed account of his acquaintance with Miss Swan.

Miss Messerschmidt said she was not present at the operation, which was performed, she said, on April 16 at the office of Dr. Grant. Following the operation Miss Swan returned to work at the office where she was employed. She was forced to leave her work on April 29 because of illness and went to Dr. Grant. She was placed in bed in the small hospital ward maintained by the doctor. There she remained for ten days, her condition gradually becoming worse until death brought relief.

According to Miss Messerschmidt, the girl died during the night while alone. She was found dead in bed in the morning.

Following is the confession of the nurse in part:

"My name is Marie Messerschmidt and I live at 1231 Golden Gate Avenue, on Saturday evening, April 16, 1910, Miss Eva Swan of 300 Scott street, was operated on by Dr. Robert Thompson, known as Dr. Grant, and came back the next day, Sunday, the 17th, for further treatment.

"She then left and came back on April 20 and complained of pains and was put to bed by me and I waited on her as nurse.

"Miss Swan died about ten days later and was put into Dr. Grant's trunk, he (Dr. Grant) first sawing the legs off at the ankles so that he might crush the body into the trunk.

"About 8 p. m. that evening the trunk was moved to 347 Eureka street by an expressman, named Willie Daek, the doctor going out to 347 Eureka street and staying all night and returning about 11 a. m. Next morning, saying to me: 'I could not bury the body because people were watching me.'

"He (Dr. Grant) went to the Eureka street house that night and stayed all night, returning about 11 o'clock next morning stating to me that he could not bury the body in the yard as it was a very bright moonlight night and he had to bury the body in the basement under the concrete floor."

MINE EXPLOSION MAKES HOLE IN HEART OF CITY

Firing of Blast at Lead Starts Cavern Which Penetrates to Surface.

DEADWOOD S. D., Sept. 26.—The firing of a blast at the 200-foot level of the Homestake mine at Lead, S. D., early today started a cavern which came to the surface, making a hole in the heart of the city fifteen feet wide and forty feet long. When the dust had cleared away, the Bertolofo boarding house was seen hanging over the edge of the crevasse and the Campbell hotel atop led into it.

Fright among the residents of Lead, most of which live above similar caverns, was allayed somewhat by assurances from mining officials that there was no danger of further cave-ins.

The Homestake has hundreds of miles of tunnels under the city and the slopes form burrows-caverns reaching in the upper levels, well toward the surface.

TRAMP COMMITS SUICIDE

South Dakota Man Decides to End Useless Existence—Morphine Taken While Alone.

A man whose name is supposed to be George Fisher of Rose Hill, S. D., committed suicide by taking morphine Sunday night at 112 1/2 Jackson street. Bartley Jones, 112 1/2 at this place. Yesterday evening he met Jones, who appeared to be the despondent, and he invited him to come to his room. Fisher went there. After awhile he suggested to Jensen that he should go out and get some liquor. Jensen went out to get it and upon returning found the door of the room, which opens off the hall, closed. When it was broken open Fisher was found lying on the bed apparently dead. Dr. Bishop was summoned from the police station and he had the man removed to St. Joseph's hospital, but notwithstanding all he could do he died at 11:30 a couple of hours after he was taken to the institution. An examination of the papers in the pockets of the deceased showed that he was about 27 years of age and that he had been a landowner. The letter that gave the clue as to his name was from his mother, who earnestly implored a hearing from him. There were other items of identification found on the body, which was taken in charge of the coroner's jury.

The Key to the Situation—See Want Ads.

Hats and Gowns Are on Parade at Brandeis

Real, Live Models Wear Gowns and Attract Very Large Crowds.

A real parade of real live models wearing real Parisian, Viennese and American gowns expressive of the "fatest in mode" was an attraction which led the crowds at the Brandeis store Monday to overlook for a minute the other spectacles which the store, whose fall opening is now in session, presents both to the woman in search of clothes and the person who merely enjoys the spectacle of colors beautifully blended.

This parade is staged on the second floor of the store on a platform placed before the cases which contain hats, models wearing other stunning costumes. Pianos and easy chairs are the stage settings. The spectators crowd the ropes which enclose the parade ground and gasp in admiration and indulge in comment of the gowns.

Description is insufficient to appreciate, one must see the styles of this season. But to attempt the impossible—there was shown a black velvet theater gown made by the house of Dreoull. The narrow black velvet skirt is held by an eight-inch band of satin at the bottom. The bodice is embroidered in shades of rose. With this is worn a silk double coat. A gown of white satin which is veiled by a net overdress embroidered in steel beads represents Frances. A white silk with net overdress and trimming of silver comes from Callot-Serux. Black net over red, banded skirt and embroidery of gold leaves. With these costumes were worn hats deserving of the terms "picture," "hats with plumes, white, shaded and representative of the season's most expensive fancy.

All the gown and hat treat, however, is not included in the parade—each of the cases in the gown department is a cynosure for the discerning eye of woman. And the windows of the store each hold models—wax-wearing dinner, evening or theater gowns which fully repay study. The windows on Douglas street are alluring to the color sense because here the artist has used brocades, silks, satins, veils, furs, velvets and laces to exemplify the color possibilities of these materials. A white hat with net overdress and trimming of silver comes from Callot-Serux. Black net over red, banded skirt and embroidery of gold leaves. With these costumes were worn hats deserving of the terms "picture," "hats with plumes, white, shaded and representative of the season's most expensive fancy.

Autumn leaves, ferns and palms are used effectively in the interior store decorations and—well it is all a pleasant vision, this store which is having its fall opening and also preparing people for the great fall festival.

Hinshaw Present at Conference

Central States Congressional Committee Holds Meeting at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Members of the national republican congressional committee from the central states met in temporary headquarters at the Auditorium hotel yesterday in a campaign conference. Those present were:

Congressman Woods of Iowa, Hinshaw of Nebraska, Burke of South Dakota, Hanna of North Dakota, Tawney of Minnesota, Cameron of Arizona, Miller of Kansas, Bartholdt of Missouri, Hamilton of Michigan, Thomas of Ohio, Crumpacker of Indiana and McKinley of Illinois.

Following the conference Chairman McKinley issued a statement in which he declared that candidates classed as insurgents would in no way be discriminated against by the committee and said that such reports were an unjust reflection against the political integrity of the committee. He further stated that only such speakers will be sent into any district as are requested by the congressional candidate. In addition to canvassing the general situation, today's conference received a number of reports from the members present.

New Cashier for City National

J. A. Miller of Ohio Comes to Help Build Up the New Institution.

John A. Miller, president of the Citizens National bank of Mount Sterling, O., has been elected cashier of the City National bank of Omaha by the board of directors here.

W. S. Hillis becomes secretary and treasurer of the City National. Mr. Hillis, who also holds the position of secretary of the City Trust and Safe Deposit company, has been acting as cashier since their organization of the City Savings bank into the City National. The rapidly increasing business of the bank has made it imperative that another first class man be secured to assist in the work.

Mr. Miller is a man of banking ability. Besides seventeen years' experience in banking, he has been connected with large manufacturing interests in an executive capacity. He is a member of the executive council of the Ohio State Bankers' association.

Aged Pioneer Dies Penniless

Henry Jones, 92 Years Old, Who Came to Omaha '49, Passes Away at Hospital.

Once wealthy, and one of the earliest settlers of Omaha, having arrived on the site of the city in 1849, Henry Jones died Sunday in the county hospital. Mr. Jones was 92 years old and penniless.

The aged man decided several houses to the Latter Day Saints church some years ago, and later decided a house and lot at Nineteenth and Clark streets to a family in order to have a home in his old age.

J. A. Woodman, who was appointed guardian of the aged man, is seeking to have the deed of the last house set aside, as the family failed to provide for Mr. Jones. The pioneer was given a home with Mrs. Morton of 185 North Twenty-second street, until he became so feeble it was necessary to take him to the hospital. The funeral was held from the Morton residence at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Exceptions by Harvester Combine

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 25.—Attorneys for the International Harvester Company of America filed exceptions in the supreme court today to the finding of Special Commissioner Beasly, in the case of the company. They take exception to practically every finding of Beasly, who is a collector. The case will be argued October 25.

RAILROAD UNIONS IN POLITICS

Eastern Delegates Vote to Make Coordinated Effort on All Issues.

SETTLE QUESTIONS AT POLLS

Grand Chief Stone Says to Vote for Men, Not Parties—Queries to Be Sent to the Candidates.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—For the first time in the history of railway union, members and delegates representing 300,000 men of the four great divisions of railway employes in the east voted unanimously at a meeting yesterday to take concerted action in national and state politics.

"The proper place to settle questions affecting labor is at the ballot box," said Warren S. Stone of Cleveland, O., grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. "Whatever your political affiliations, do not let party lines blind you to your true interest or prevent you from doing what you think is best and right. See that the men you vote for stand for the right principles, regardless of party, and support those men who meet the requirements, and you will not only be doing the best thing for yourselves, but for the public.

"This is not a political move at all, as is generally understood, but a move to get away from the old lines of partisan politics."

Series of Eight Questions. In pursuance of this plan the meeting voted to send out a series of eight questions to state and national candidates, particularly to candidates for the legislature and house of representatives, asking for a definition of attitude on the undersigned adoption of safety appliance and an employer's liability law—where such does not already exist—company pensions for superannuated employes, hours of labor and other matters of kindred interest.

The catechism will be drafted by W. G. Lee of Cleveland, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and A. B. Carleton of Cedar Rapids, Ia., president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and by them distributed to all of the executive officers of subordinate unions and locals.

There were 3,000 members and delegates at the meeting today, representing the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and the Order of Railway Conductors. They met by announcement to define their attitude toward the application of the Interstate Commerce Commission Commerce commission, for permission to increase rates and, as had been expected, they passed resolutions favoring an increase.

It was decided that "this representative meeting of the railway brotherhoods request our chief executives to appear before the Interstate Commerce commission during the pending rate hearing. . . . state our case and support the proposals to reasonably increase the existing rates."

Operating Expenses Increased. The legislative board of the Brotherhood of Engineers of Pennsylvania, representing 10,000 engineers, which recently concluded sessions in Harrisburg, Pa., attended the meeting today in a body and reported resolutions which it was claimed typified the attitude on the rate question of railway employes in general, as expressed in many other scattered resolutions. They find that "the various railway companies by whom our members are employed have recently enormously increased their operating expenses and fixed charges, by reason of a general increase in wages and the increased cost of material and the incessant demand of the public for improved facilities and services."

In a letter to M. Flannery, chairman of the executive committee of the engineers at Buffalo, Chief Stone expresses himself in thorough sympathy with the movement. "One thing is sure," he writes, "if the railroads are to continue to exist, some way must be found to meet the constantly increasing demand on their gross earnings."

BREAKFAST BACON SPECIAL

Lecturers on Hog Raising to Make Trip Through Iowa on a Special Train.

Headed on a tour through Iowa for stops in 127 towns, "The Breakfast Bacon Special," on the Rock Island road has started on a noteworthy journey. The train is carrying a staff of lecturers and instructors from the Iowa Agricultural college, who are to give demonstrations to the public in the train. Seven lecturers are in the party, and their talks will be upon domestic science and other kindred subjects. They will scatter booklets on hog raising along the way.

Iowa Man Shoots Girl; Falls Under Car in Flight

OSKALOOSA, Ia., Sept. 26.—Swift and unusual retribution overtook William Boston today after he had shot and probably fatally wounded Susan Losson, 29 years old, at Cricket, Ia. Pursued by friends of the woman, who had killed Boston, the man fled through the woods and attempted to board a moving train. Out of breath and made uneasy by fear apparently, Boston fell under the wheels of the car and was ground to death.

Cricket, a mining camp southwest of Oskaloosa, was startled today, when Boston with considerable deliberation fired a load of shot into Miss Losson's body with an old shot gun. He instantly dropped the weapon and fled to the woods, closely followed by several men, who had been attracted by the shot.

The pursuers ranged through the trees and finally came to a railroad track where they halted, believing they had lost their quarry. While they were debating what to do they saw Boston run from a clump of bushes and attempt to board the train. The pursuers gathered upon the pieces of Boston's body and took them back to Cricket.

It is believed Miss Losson will die.

Woman's Work

Activities of the Organized Bodies Along the Lines of Undertaking of Concern to Women.

The Omaha unions of the Women's Christian Temperance union will be well represented at the state convention, which opens its session in Fairbury Tuesday.

Mrs. D. C. Johns, president of the Douglas county Women's Christian Temperance union, will head the delegation from the unions of the county and with the delegation from the Omaha union left Monday afternoon. Mrs. I. Lockvitt, president, and Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. E. R. Hume, Mrs. W. A. Chellis, Mrs. James McClair and Mrs. I. S. Jeter went from the Omaha union. The Frances Willard delegation will include Mrs. Albert Eaton, Mrs. Rebecca Maxwell, Mrs. A. E. Newell, Mrs. J. Laverty, The president, Mrs. L. K. Beach, will represent the Benson union; Mrs. E. Brady, the Westside union; Mrs. Arthur Howe, and Mrs. Daniel Banner, the South Omaha union.

As the first meeting of the Omaha Women's club is scheduled for next Monday, it behooves those members who have new names which they wish to become membership to send these to the chairman of the membership committee as early as possible, that they may be acted upon at the first session. Mrs. F. J. Biss, 3305 Lincoln boulevard, is secretary of the committee.

The Clearing House Association in Birmingham, Ala., has a woman secretary, Miss Iha Shepard, who handles the clearings of eight banks, amounting to between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000 a month. She has held the position five years. Besides, she is a good horsewoman and sings in church choirs and concerts.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hirsch is serving as vice president of the city council of Legentz, Germany. Mrs. Hirsch, on the death of her husband undertook the management of his large manufacturing interests, and has succeeded admirably. Her success in business led to her being chosen to municipal office.

Mrs. Pauline Adams, secretary of the Norfolk, Va., Woman Suffrage association, is questioning the three candidates for congress from that district on how they stand on coeducation in the University of Virginia and on suffrage for women.

Mrs. Rufus P. Williams is the chairman of the department of the General Federation of Women's clubs which has charge of the work of fighting tuberculosis. Four years ago when the work was begun there were only about thirty women's clubs engaged in the fight. To day more than 2,000 women's clubs are taking special interest in the fight and 1,000,000 women are actively working for the extinction of the disease. More than \$500,000 has been raised annually by them to be used in the fight.

Catholics Unite For Charity Work

National Conference Organized at Meeting of High Church Officials at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The National Conference of Catholic Charities, the purpose of which is to promote the aims of the Catholic church in the field of charity, was inaugurated here today, in the presence of Cardinal Gibbons, Mgr. Falconio, apostolic delegate, archbishops and bishops, and nearly 500 laymen and clergymen.

Cardinal Gibbons, honorary president of the conference, was the central figure to-night at a public meeting which brought to a close the day's series of impressive ceremonies. The cardinal said much good would come from the work of the conference, for he believed that organized charity ranked above all others in effectiveness. "We shall always have poverty to relieve," said he. "Poverty follows wealth just as the shadow follows the sun."

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Shahan outlined the practical mission of the conference as follows: First, to bring about an exchange of views among experienced Catholics active in charity work. Second, to collect and publish information concerning Catholic charity. Third, to bring to expression a general policy towards distinctive modern questions. Fourth, to encourage further development of a literature in which religious and social ideals of charity shall find dignified expression.

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