

Police Work on Two Theories in Death of Child

Officers Say Woman May Have Slain Tot in Fit of Insanity—Fear Given As Other Cause.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Two theories were advanced last night by the police in an effort to solve the mystery which shrouds the death of Margaret Coughlin, 3, whose body, dismembered and mangled with a saw and half cremated in a basement stove, was found yesterday in the home of Ralph Penses, a neighbor of the Coughlin family. The body of Mrs. Penses was found in an upstairs room, her throat slashed with a bread knife.

Absence of any motive was explained by the theory that Mrs. Penses had killed the girl in a fit of insanity and had committed suicide when detectives attempted to enter her home.

This theory was supported by an announcement of Dr. W. S. Hickson that the Penses family—Mr. and Mrs. Penses and their two daughters—had all been adjudged dementia praecox cases October 31, 1918, following a family quarrel.

The other theory was that Mrs. Penses had given the baby poison she had mistaken for medicine and then had become frightened and attempted to conceal the child. This theory was supported by statements that Mrs. Penses had told him the girl had become ill when at the Penses' home Wednesday evening.

Penses and his two daughters are being held. The Coughlin baby, daughter of Edward Coughlin, a policeman, went to the Penses' home to play Wednesday. When she failed to return the Coughlins became alarmed and upon questioning, Mrs. Penses declared the child had become ill and gone home.

Search for the girl ended yesterday when Coughlin was attracted by smoke issuing from the Penses' home. The doors were battered down and the girl's body was found dismembered in the basement, part of it in a wash boiler under which a fire had been lighted. Upstairs, with her throat slashed, the body of Mrs. Penses was found shortly afterward. Penses and his two daughters were arrested. The daughters asserted their mother was very fond of the Coughlin baby.

Income of Board of Home Missions Drops

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—Eighteen bishops from all sections of the United States and one from India were in attendance Saturday at the opening session of the board of home missions and church extension of the Methodist Episcopal church, which chiefly was devoted to a review of the year's work. Approximately \$5,000,000, it was stated, would be appropriated for home missionary work.

In discussing the work of the board, Dr. D. D. Forsyth, corresponding secretary, said that the income of the board for the fiscal year was \$811,000 below that of last year and that under the rules of the board, it would be necessary to reduce appropriations for 1922, \$811,000 below those of 1921.

The total amount distributed for church extension work in 1921, he said, was \$2,761,863.

Marshal Foch Spends Busy Day in Portland

Portland, Ore., Dec. 2.—Marshal Foch spent a busy day in and around Portland, beginning with a reception at the Union station and parade through downtown streets and closing with a banquet and public reception at the armory. His special train departed at a late hour last night for San Francisco.

Action Against Kimball Will Dismissed by Judge

Chicago, Dec. 2.—An appeal from the order of the probate court admitting the will of Mrs. Evelyn Kimball, widow of W. W. Kimball, Chicago piano manufacturer, was dismissed yesterday in the circuit court. The fight over disposition of the \$4,000,000 estate was brought by five heirs who received minor bequests. The court ruled that a bill in chancery to set aside the will must be filed to obtain relief sought and attorneys for the heirs indicated this would be done.

Ponzi Creditors to Get 10 Per Cent Christmas Gift

Boston, Dec. 1.—Trustees of Charles Ponzi, having brought together the available assets of his defunct quick-rich scheme, announced today their intention to pay a dividend of 10 per cent to his many creditors for the Christmas holidays. J. A. Lowell, one of the trustees, indicated that the creditors, whose claims ran into millions, might reasonably hope to get back 25 per cent of what they paid in by the time final settlement has been made.

Seventy-Two Buildings In Mexican Town Burned

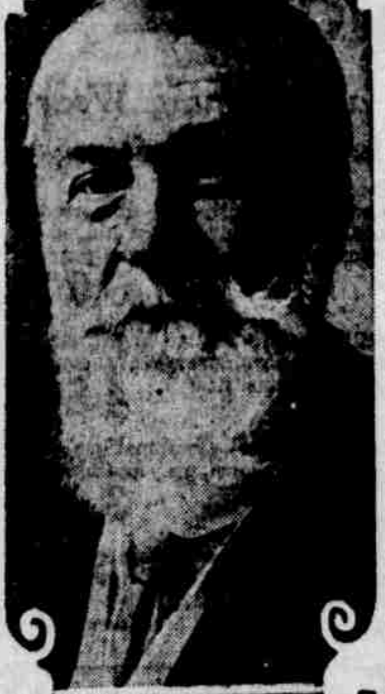
Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 2.—Seventy-two houses in the Rosiquillo district of Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, were destroyed by fire Wednesday night, according to word received here yesterday. Several days ago almost an entire block of houses was destroyed by fire there. The origins of both fires are unknown.

Noted Austrian Surgeon Aids Crippled Children

Bloodless Surgery Revolutionizes Science of Physicist Famous Since Operation on Lolita Armour.

By MARGERY REX.
New York, Dec. 2.—Rates of exchange may wipe out the wealth of one country and inflate the currency of another in comparison.

But human service is a coin which never falls below the par value of shining gold. To the crippled children of America Prof. Adolf Lorenz, master of bloodless surgery and specialist in joint diseases, is offering aid. It is such aid as was brought to the crippled daughter of a millionaire packer 18 years ago, when Dr. Lorenz



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was brought from Vienna to Chicago by J. Ogden Armour to enable his little daughter, Lolita, to gain use of her limbs.

And it is even more than that, since Dr. Lorenz declares his methods in bloodless, harmless surgery have been revolutionized since those days.

The noted surgeon is 68 years old now. He looks as Santa Claus might if he were able to add distinction to benevolence—white beard, rosy, clear skin, light blue, keen eyes.

Great Changes in Everything.
"Those 18 years have brought great changes in everything," Dr. Lorenz began. "But what a change in New York City!"

"This is truly the 'City of Light,' Paris used to be called that, but in that respect it cannot compare with modern New York. Life here is all in a tumult; it is terrible and bewildering to me. The rush, the hustle and the noise. It is undoubtedly bad for the nerves of New Yorkers, but they seem to survive."

Dr. Lorenz will continue for some time the clinic begun by him at the Hospital for Joint Diseases. "Scores of crippled children come to the great surgeon there, and it is estimated that nearly 700 letters a day have been received at the hotel where he is staying.

"Technique has been revolutionized since my first visit here," the specialist continued, "but harmlessness is characteristic of it all. Other people may say, 'Do you want to take a chance and have an operation?' Well, there is no risk attendant here."

"But your poor New York children—many of them—thrown all in a heap by infantile paralysis. I am using some new methods and experiments to assist them. Limbs can be straightened by manual traction and mechanical means. Eventually transplantation can take place. Healthy muscles can be as easily removed from a healthy limb and placed in a sickly one as rosebuds can be grafted and replanted. Hip joints that are deformed can be set straight—that has always been my specialty."

"But there is also suffering in my home—Vienna. The dearth of supplies continues. The decreased value of the kronen prevents buying even such supplies as are offered in the shops. 'War profiteers, of course, live in a shameless splendor. The brain workers are badly off. The former prosperous class, to which I was supposed to belong (with a laugh) has lost everything. At this point Dr. S. Weyman, whom Dr. Lorenz has appointed as his assistant, told me that the great surgeon was not worth even \$1,000 today."

"My fortune is reduced to 1,000th of what it was formerly," he said. "It cost me 2,500,000 kronen to come over to America. Austria has about enough supplies to last a month. It is not a fertile land, but mountainous—what fertile provinces we had we have lost. We must import three-fourths of all our needs, and these three-fourths must be bought in the world markets with our worthless kronen, 6,000 of which would barely buy \$1. We owe much to your fine American relief administration, to

Home Brew Explosions Rock Bisbee City Jail

Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 2.—A series of explosions in the city jail yesterday caused a police riot call. They found scores of bottles of home brew, seized in raids several days ago, either blown to bits or on the verge of exploding. Dikes were built to keep the main floor of the jail from being flooded.

Convicted of Arson.
McMinnville, Ore., Dec. 2.—J. J. Walker, cashier of the Lafayette Oregon State bank, which failed several months ago, was yesterday convicted by a jury of arson. He was charged with having hired a Japanese to burn a cannery, which Walker owned, in order to collect the insurance. Several other cases charging banking irregularities are pending against Walker.

Reward of \$1,000 Renews Hunt for Missing Teacher

Sister of Omaha Woman Lost Nearly Three Years Refuses to Give Up Hope.

Mrs. Anna E. Meyer of Council Bluffs has not given up all hope of finding her sister, Miss Lucy W. Evans, 47, a teacher in the Central school, Omaha, for 25 years ago, who disappeared nearly three years ago.

Yesterday she began sending out circulars, bearing a full description and photograph of Miss Evans, to all police departments, hospitals and sanitariums throughout the country, bearing an offer of \$1,000 reward for information leading to finding her sister.

Fled From Hospital.
Miss Evans suffered a nervous breakdown about six months before her disappearance from Ford hospital, February 16, 1919. Hospital authorities could not explain how she escaped but believed she climbed down a fire escape.

Not a word has been heard from her since that time, though nearly three years have passed. But hope still lingers in the heart of Mrs. Meyer.

Can't Give Up.
"I feel, somehow, that my sister is living," she said. "For one thing, she has not been found dead. It would be an easy thing for her to have wandered away to some other city, to a town or even to a farm where she might have started life all over again without telling anyone her real name. Isn't that possible and even likely? She might have had a lapse of memory."

"I have never ceased my efforts in these three years to obtain trace of my dear sister and I can't give up hope. I am poor but expense is no object as long as I have a chance to find her. I will pay the \$1,000 reward with great cheerfulness though it may be all I have in the world."

Russell B. Childenden to Marry.
New Haven, Conn., Dec. 2.—Russell B. Childenden, for nearly 25 years director of the Yale Scientific School, Yale university, will marry next week. It was announced last night. Professor Childenden is 45 years old.

U. S. Charges Combine To Fix L. A. Oil Prices

Washington, Dec. 2.—Members of the Independent Petroleum Marketers association were charged by the federal trade commission today with having agreed among themselves to maintain the prices and selling practices, established in the state of California by the Standard Oil company of California.

The charges of the commission were contained in the second section of its report to the senate on price and competitive conditions in the California Oil industry.

The commission declared that Los Angeles officials of the standard Oil company were notified "promptly" by a member of the marketers association of understandings and agreements relative to price maintenance within that association "thereby placing the Standard in a better position to know when a new price advance would be followed."

The commission also asserted that records since 1915 disclose that the Standard's prices in California have been followed generally by all members of the marketers association. It declared that the association had

Railroads Willing To Abrogate Contracts With Shipping Firms

Washington, Dec. 1.—Willingness to abrogate preferential contracts with foreign shipping interests was expressed today before the shipping board officials by six of the eight American railroads having such agreements. Two roads which were invited to appear before the shipping board interstate commerce commission to preferential contracts, announced those contracts which they had held had expired and would not be renewed.

The roads whose representatives agreed to recommend the cancellation were: The Baltimore and Ohio, Northern Central, Southern, Mobile and Ohio and Boston and Albany. The Pennsylvania railroad, according to its general traffic manager, R. C. Wright, had only a business understanding with the International Merchant marine, which could be easily canceled if the board desired.

The hearings were adjourned pending the filing by the individual roads of statements as to their intent.

U. S. Sells \$12,842,300 Of Rail Certificates

Washington, Dec. 2.—Sales of \$12,842,300 of railroad equipment trust certificates held by the government was announced today by Director General of Railroads Davis, bringing the total of these securities disposed of by the government to \$135,910,600.

For the first time since the government began the sales of these certificates western financial interests have taken blocks of these securities according to a statement by Eugene Meyer, jr., managing director of the War Finance corporation through which the sales were arranged.

The sales today included certificates of the Chicago and Northwestern, Michigan Central, Chicago St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroads, totaling \$8,335,200 to a syndicate of Chicago banks.

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For Saturday—Your Choice of 300

Trimmed Hats

Taken from Higher Priced Groups and Offered at

\$1.00



Women appreciate the style distinction and the values which prevail in the Eldredge-Reynolds Millinery Shop at regular prices. When a sale like this occurs, it means values extraordinary—values that will result in quick disposal of these Hats—therefore early selection is advised.



WOMEN'S COATS

\$39.75

ON SALE SATURDAY

A brand new lot of handsome Winter Coats have been placed in one group and priced at \$39.75 for Saturday. They are fashioned from such materials as

Normandie Velour Mixtures Bolivia

In navy, brown, black, malay and sorrento. The styles are exceptionally smart and every coat is finely tailored with full silk lining and interlined.

Distinctiveness and individuality is given the coats by the addition of fur trimming, such as

Beaverette Nutria Mole Squirrel

Third Floor

A Clearance Sale of WOMEN'S DRESSES

A limited number of Dresses will be placed on sale Saturday at \$13.50, a price exceptionally low. They are made of tricotine, Pointe twill and Canton crepe, in navy, black and brown. Sizes 16 to 40. Make your selection while they last.

\$13.50

Third Floor

Three Great Groups of Coats for Misses and Girls

\$9.95 \$13.95 \$18.95

Previously to \$15.00 Previously to \$18.50 Previously to \$22.50

In these three groups will be found Coats for either dress or general wear. Good warm Coats—youthful in appearance—belted or plain models. Choice of

Navy Sorrento Brown Heather

Made of the newest and most fashionable materials, all neatly tailored. Sizes 7 to 16.

Also a complete line of Coats in sizes and styles for misses and small women at

\$25.00—\$27.50 to \$75.00

Second Floor

For Saturday—Two-Tone Phoenix Silk and Wool Hose

\$2.50

An exceptionally good assortment of women's silk and wool hose in two-tone colors in shades of brown, either plain or drop stitch patterns. Also other makes in silk and wool heather mixtures at \$2.50 a pair.

Main Floor

Women's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs—75c

The popularity of the colored handkerchief makes this sale important to all the feminine sex. They have hand embroidered corners, colored thread borders and may be had in colors such as green, yellow, open, sky and rose. All in one lot at 75c.

Main Floor

Sweaters for All Occasions

Slip-Over—Skating and Tuxedo Styles

\$2.95—\$3.25—\$4.95 to \$12.50



No matter what the occasion there is usually a sweater to answer the question of dress. Many new styles have just arrived and women will find it an opportune time to select one or more, not only for their own use, but for Christmas gifts. There are all shades as well as black and white.

Slip-on Sweaters —\$2.95—

For Saturday we offer an unusually attractive slip-on sweater in a novelty weave, with oval neck, plated belt with tassels, in buff, brown, navy and black. Sizes 34 to 44.

Second Floor

Women's Brushed Wool Scarfs—Capes—Shawls

To wear in the motor, for skating, as a house throw, one of these soft, wooly Scarfs or Wraps will fill a need created by the cold weather. Priced at—

\$1.00—\$3.00—\$5.95—\$7.50 and \$8.75

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