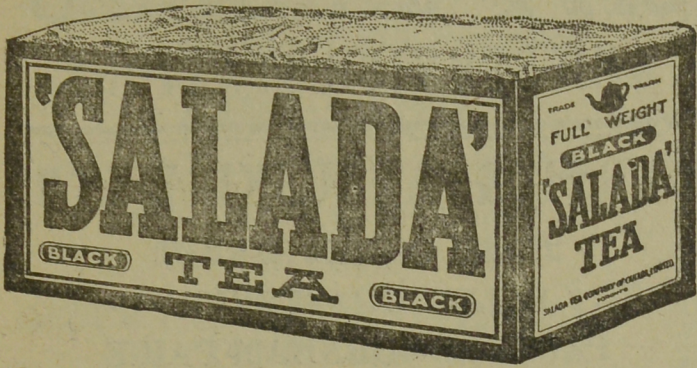


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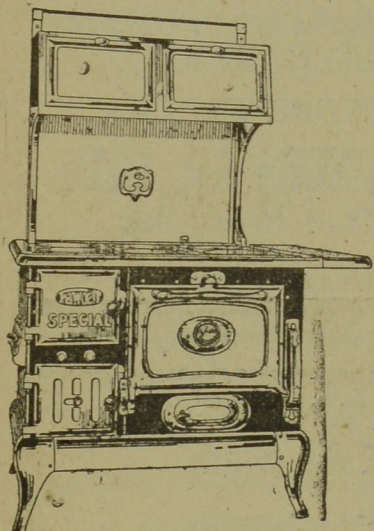
Cornelius Vanderbilt says he was present during the hit-and-run incident, and Mussolini says he has no recollection of having met Mr. Van derbilt. It must have been two other fellows.

We haven't any really constructive suggestions for the cure of our national tendencies to leave the narrow path, but sometimes we think that an amplifier for the voice of conscience wouldn't do any harm.

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## STORY OF MURDER AND SUICIDE TOLD AT PORT ELGIN INQUEST; A DEMENTED WOMAN'S ACT

Port Elgin, Westmorland County, N.B., Feb. 24—In a crowded little court room here today a story of murder and suicide by a mother, apparently demented in the belief that she was soon to die, was vividly told by witnesses before Coroner R. D. McNeil in separate inquests into the deaths of Dwina Sprague, 14 and Mrs. Alice Sprague, 56, her mother, found dead in a room in the Sprague home on the Shemogue road about two miles from this village Monday.

The inquests were held separate but the same jury acted in both. The death of Edwina was first investigated and after about one-half hour's deliberation the jury returned a verdict that she was killed with an axe wielded by her mother in a temporary fit of insanity caused by ill-health.

Tonight after hearing the same witnesses the jury returned a verdict that Mrs. Sprague had taken her own life by cutting her throat while temporarily demented.

Members of the jury were: J. D. Hickman, foreman; Dr. W. L. Gillespie, William Johnson, Norman Spencer, Joseph Harper, Christopher Hayward and Harold Oulton.

The proceedings today were interspersed with pathetic moments. The double-bitted axe used by Mrs. Sprague in killing her 14 year old daughter was submitted in evidence as well as the knife used by Mrs. Sprague in taking her own life.

The husband and father wept on the witness stand as he told of being away from home for several months and learning of the shocking tragedy late last night, and of his hurried trip to a saddened home.

### Story Brings Tears

The vivid story related by Clarence, son and brother of the victims, of how he had gone to his mother's room to discover the bodies brought tears to the eyes of those present at the hearing.

The evidence indicated that Mrs. Sprague was suffering from nervous indigestion, suggested by Dr. H. C. D. Allen, the family physician and she constantly feared she would die and leave her daughter without a home.

Mrs. Percy Murray, nearest neighbor, told of Mrs. Sprague asking her on several occasions of she would take her daughter should she die.

The note found by undertaker Walter Chapman in the stocking of Mrs. Sprague stated that she was going to "meet the Almighty" and the apparent after-thought, that she would take her daughter with her.

All the surviving members of the family were present at the hearing today. The entire village has been shaken by the affair as members of the family were held in high esteem by all who knew them.

### The Son Heard

The first witness was Clarence Sprague, 26, son and brother of the victims. Mr. Sprague told of the actions of himself, his mother and sister on Sunday. During the evening his mother had been in the best of health. For some time she had done considerable worrying over Dwina. In the evening Alex. Copp, of Port Elgin, and Lionel Sprague, who was working in Port Elgin, came to the Sprague home and stayed until about 8 o'clock. Mrs. Sprague was lying on the couch in the kitchen and the witness said he believed she fell asleep.

Soon after Mr. Copp and his brother left, he heard her move and noticed that both her hands and feet were twitching. She yelled several times and spoke in her sleep: "I see a shadow on the wall. Someone has killed Dwina!"

Witness said that he woke his mother and asked her what was wrong. She replied that she had seen a shadow on the wall and had thought that someone had killed Dwina.

The witness had then gone about his usual evening chores and Mrs. Sprague left the kitchen, where he fell asleep on a couch and did not wake again until about 6 o'clock. One of his arms had gone to sleep and he pulled his overcoat up over him and went to sleep again, waking again about 8 o'clock.

He then went up to his room and changed his clothes and went about his chores in the yard as usual. Later he went into the kitchen and had his breakfast. About 11:05 a.m. he went

upstairs to call his mother and Dwina, thinking that they had overslept.

### Discovered Bodies

The door of the room was closed and opening it he noticed a form in one of the two beds covered with blood. This was Dwina. He found his mother in a pool of blood on the floor with her throat gashed.

Witness said that he then immediately ran across the field to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Murray, where he called Corporal Bobby, of the Provincial Police, and notified Dr. R. D. McNeil at Port Elgin.

He did not go back to the house until the arrival of the officer and the Coroner. The last words witness heard his mother utter were as she went through the hall to the upstairs portion of the house, when she called back to him and told him he had better go to bed. Instead of doing this he fell asleep on the couch in the kitchen.

In the morning when he went upstairs he did not notice anything wrong. The door of the room that his mother and sister Dwina slept in was closed and he did not hear any sound.

Witness said that when he fixed the fire in the morning that there had been wood cut the previous afternoon and he did not notice if the axe was in the woodshed when he went out in the morning.

### Other Witnesses

Other witnesses were Alexander Copp, who told of visiting the Sprague home the night previous; Dr. H. C. D. Allen, who had been attending Mrs. Sprague, and Walter Chapman, undertaker, who told of finding the note in the stocking of Mrs. Sprague.

The note read: "God is calling me away. God wants all to be to be good to my little dear girl. I am going home to live with the Almighty Father. Don't Blame anyone. Mother. I am taking Dwina with me."

When the inquest resumed this afternoon Robert Sprague, husband and father, testified. He said the handwriting on the note found by Mr. Chapman looked like that of his wife, although he had not received or had any letter from her for several years. He had been away in the lumber woods for some months and did not know that his wife was sick.

Mrs. Percy Murray, Percy Murray and Corporal Bobby were the other witnesses.

## MISS 1931 CAN'T COOK MUCH BUT KNOWS AIRPLANES

New York, Feb. 25—Young Miss 1931 of the Girl Scout age is enthusiastically air-minded, but her interest in cooking isn't what it used to be.

These facts stood out in answers to a questionnaire submitted to girls.

The answers revealed the girls' favorite sports are tennis, swimming, golfing and canoeing, in the order named. They are keenly interested in movie reviews, aviation, business success and, of course, in becoming beautiful. But they just can't seem to grow interested in the kitchen.

## STOCK MARKET CONTINUES IN BULLISH MOOD

Trading was brisk this morning on the stock market exchange in both New York and Montreal and many issues scored substantial advances. C. P. R. sold at 45½, Cons. Gas at 99½, Radio at 26½, U. S. Steel at 149¼, Vanadium at 70½, Yellow Truck at 14½, Brazilian at 26½, Nickel at 19 and Shawinigan at 56.

(Quotations by McDonald & Co. Members of the Montreal Stock Exchange, as furnished to The Mail daily by C. F. Tilley, investment broker, 478 Queen Street, Fredericton, N. B.)

### New York Stock Market

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| American Can          | 126½ |
| American Smelters     | 57½  |
| Amer. Tel. & Tel.     | 200  |
| Amer. Foreign Power   | 49½  |
| Bendix                | 24½  |
| Bethlehem Steel       | 67½  |
| Briggs                | 21½  |
| Canada Dry            | 38½  |
| C. P. R.              | 45½  |
| Chrysler              | 23½  |
| Columbia Gas          | 42½  |
| Consolidated Gas      | 99½  |
| Fox Film A.           | 36½  |
| General Motors        | 44½  |
| General Electric      | 53½  |
| Hudson Motors         | 22½  |
| Houston Oil           | 65½  |
| Kennecott Copper      | 30½  |
| Monty Ward            | 25½  |
| Nash Motors           | 38½  |
| New York Central      | 130½ |
| Packard               | 11½  |
| Pub. Service of N. J. | 81   |
| Radio                 | 26½  |
| Radio Keith Orpheum   | 22½  |
| Remington Rand        | 18½  |
| Sears Roebuck         | 58½  |
| Standard Oil of N. J. | 51½  |
| Studebaker            | 24½  |
| Union Pacific         | 204½ |
| U. S. Steel           | 149¼ |
| Union Carbide         | 70½  |
| United Corp.          | 25½  |
| United Aircraft       | 35½  |
| Warner Bros.          | 16½  |
| Westinghouse Elec.    | 100½ |
| Worthington Pump      | 103  |
| Yellow Truck          | 14½  |
| Vanadium              | 73   |

### Montreal Stock Market

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Brazilian          | 26½  |
| Bell Telephone     | 149¼ |
| Canada Cement      | 14½  |
| Canada Cement Pfd. | 94½  |
| C. P. R.           | 45   |
| Canada Car         | 18½  |
| Dom. Bridge        | 50   |
| Int'l Nickel       | 19   |
| Montreal Power     | 61½  |
| McColl Frontenac   | 21   |
| Nat'l Breweries    | 34½  |
| Nat'l Steel Car    | 41   |
| Shawinigan         | 56   |
| Steel of Canada    | 41½  |
| Imperial Oil       | 17½  |

## SOME HENS LAY "OLD EGGS"

Ames, Iowa, Feb. 25—Not more than seventy per cent of the 2,000,000 eggs laid in Iowa last year could qualify as "fresh" on the day of production.

Those which failed, says R. C. Clark, State dairy and food commissioner, didn't measure up to the Iowa standard in weight, cleanliness or in condition of the yolk because of incorrect feeding and careless handling of the eggs.

## SAYS DISTASTE FOR COLORS IS COWARDICE

New York, Feb. 25—Shunning of red neckties and green shirts described Tuesday night by a scientist as a form of cowardice arising through a misconception that subdued hues are a necessary indication of culture.

Dr. M. Luckiesh, director of the Lighting Institute of the General Electric Co., told a gathering of engineers that such cowardice has made this a drab, dark and dreary world.

"We like the pure colors but use the subdued ones," he declared.

All this is changing, however, he said, for the "new and extended uses of color are a part of general revolution in the arts."

## HAT-CHECK FOUNDER BROKE

New York, Feb. 24—The man whose ingenuity launched many a hat-check girl on the road to fortune is broke himself.

He is John Leffler, Broadway stage manager for thirty five years and member of the Lambs Club. He has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in Federal Court, declaring that liabilities amount to \$11,843, \$75 of which is owed to David Belasco.

It was a rainy day in '79 when the hat-checking idea was born at Tony Pastor's. Young John, then the program boy, found there were good tips in minding folks' wet umbrellas during the show. The next day he had a keymaker fashion the now familiar brass check. It was the first "rack-et."

But Tony Pastor took it over shortly after and it became a business that thrives wherever people wear hats and wraps.

## AN OUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX NEAR CALCUTTA

Calcutta, Feb. 25—Alarmed by a smallpox epidemic here, the authorities have instigated a vaccinating campaign in Calcutta and vicinity. The epidemic has taken a toll of 167 lives in the last six weeks. Upwards of 1,000,000 persons have been vaccinated.

### Diversified Program

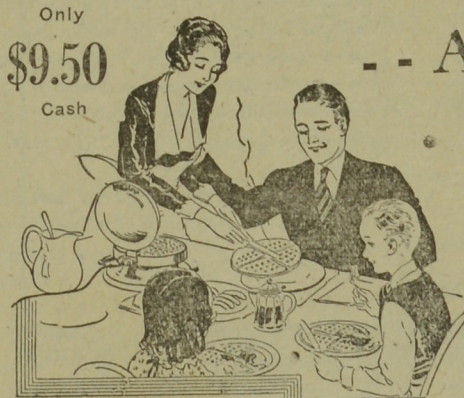
Joseph White, the Silver Masked Tenor, will offer songs of diversified subjects and styles when he goes on the air over an NBC network, Wednesday night, February 25 at 8.15 P. M.

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