

BANQUET MURDER MYSTIFIES POLICE

Man Stabbed to Death in Presence of Nearly 700 at N.Y. Affair --- Ten Grilled --- Attack Occurs During Brawl Over Noise Made by Victim's Party.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Ten persons still wearing evening dress were questioned by police in an effort to identify the man or woman who arose from a banquet table in the glass ball room of the old Manhattan Opera House and fatally stabbed a guest.

They were among the 677 guests at a testimonial banquet in honor of Barney Shapiro, executive secretary of the Affiliated Ladies' Apparel Carriers' Association. It was a gay affair until someone plunged a knife into Frank Cicero.

There had been entertainment and dancing. Only two major after dinner speeches were scheduled, one by former police commissioner Grover Whalen and the other by former general sessions judge Jonah J. Goldstein. The toastmaster introduced

Whalen. The popular 'official greeter' under former Mayor James J. Walker started his speech on 'a substitute for the National Recovery Act.'

Back in a corner of the big room Cicero and three friends, one a woman, were in gay mood. Cicero was talking loudly. The others were laughing. The noise interfered with Whalen's speech.

"Hush, Hush!" hissed guests at nearby tables. The noise continued. Two men shouted at Cicero. He resisted it. A plate skimmed across a corner of the room and crashed near Cicero's table. That started a barrage of dishes and other missiles. Whalen tried to go on. The orchestra leader waved his baton and a popular tune drowned out the noise. Many guests unaware of the fight, started dancing.

A crowd of men and women was drawing around Cicero's table. Fists were swinging. Food was spilled on evening gowns and white shirt bosoms. Women screamed. Suddenly, Cicero slumped to the floor and the fighting stopped. He was carried out to an elevator and taken to the first floor where an ambulance surgeon announced that he had died of three wounds, two just below the heart and one in his left side.

Police said Cicero had been stabbed either by a table knife or a pen-knife. They could not find the weapon.

In the banquet hall waiters restored order. Doors were locked. Police told all guests to sit at the tables they had occupied when the fight began. They attempted to reenact the slaying. As each guest disclaimed knowledge of the affair he was permitted to leave.

Fifty men and women were singled out. They sat at the tables until 5.45 a.m. when police released all but six men and four women for further questioning.

The theory was advanced that the slaying might have been the result of a feud in the trucking business between New York and Stamford, Conn. Cicero, 33, was connected with the Garment Motor Transportation Company of Stamford.

Police said two persons known to have been at a table near the Cicero table had not been located. Their names were said to be known.

Whalen spoke briefly after the slaying, and according to an employe, made some jesting reference to the argument apparently in the belief that it was a minor affair. Judge Goldstein was under the same impression.

DEFENSE MINISTER TO EXPLAIN MILITIA

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—Hon. Ian MacKenzie, Minister of National Defense, has decided to postpone his two radio broadcasts in which he proposes to discuss the history and development of the Canadian militia and defense forces. The Minister was to have gone on the air tomorrow night to deliver a factual statement about the development of the Canadian militia. He has now decided to defer making a statement over the Canadian Broadcasting network until his plans have been submitted to Parliament.

In these explanatory talks, Mr. MacKenzie hopes to bring home to the Canadian people some appreciation of the unselfish public service rendered to their fellow citizens by those who, at great personal sacrifice of time and money, spend much of their leisure training themselves for national service in an emergency which it is hoped may never come.

He hopes also to make clear to many who may take these activities for granted, why Canada maintains defense forces, why they are constituted and distributed as they are, and what are their functions.

Not Controversial

It is believed that these frank talks by the Minister of National Defense, may assist the public to understand better the nature of and the reasons for the present activities of the defense forces, which are expected to come under review at the approaching session of Parliament.

It is not intended that the addresses are to be of a controversial nature or to constitute in any sense a part of the expected parliamentary debate.

The first talk will give some of the romantic history of the militia from early times, with similar accounts of the origin and growth of the younger naval and air services.

Total additional expenditure for 1937 national defense in Canada is not expected to exceed \$10,000,000 over last year's appropriation, which was less than \$25,000,000. The increase will provide for the acquisition from the United Kingdom of the two destroyers, Cygnet and Crescent, which cost \$2,200,000 and will make a start on the mechanization of the militia forces.

Thus, the total expenditure on Canadian defense during the coming fiscal year will be about \$3 per capita, which is the smallest of any nation in the world, and it must be quite obvious that Canada has not hostile intentions toward any country.

Canada is obliged to defend her own shores, and it is no secret that her present military equipment is not only obsolete, but totally inadequate. The recently announced plan for the reorganization of the defense forces looks impressive on paper, but the real fact is that insufficient modern armament is available to equip one full division on a war basis.

It is proposed to acquire some modern aircraft, a few tanks and armored cars, a few modern field pieces, and enough of the new type of Bren machine guns to afford useful training to the reorganized machine-gun battalions.

That Canadian war machinery is quite inadequate is illustrated by the fact that, while the reorganization plan on paper provides for five anti-aircraft batteries, there are not more than three anti-aircraft guns, not batteries, in all Canada at the present time. A similar condition exists in respect to artillery and other warlike equipment.

IS RENEWED

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Dominions Secretary Malcolm MacDonald announced in the House of Commons that the Anglo-Irish coal-cattle trading agreement had been renewed for a year and that the British government was ready to negotiate "a satisfactory settlement" with the Irish Free State.

TIME MARCHES ON UNLIKE ROLLING STONE

Not long ago we held the astonishing success story of The Readers' Digest which has made its not yet middle-aged owner a millionaire in a few years, and has amassed huge earnings during the depression. Now we offer a companion piece, being the tale of Time, though we avoid the staccato burlesque of its style in which Wolcott Gibbs communicates the facts to the readers of The New Yorker. The big boss of Time, Fortune, etc., is Henry Robinson Luce, who was born in China in 1893, the son of Presbyterian missionaries. At 14 he was sent to school in England for while and then went to the United States where he met a young man named Briton Hadden. At Yale they produced some lively college papers. In 1920 the senior class voted Luce the most brilliant student and Hadden the most likely to succeed. Thereafter their paths divided. Luce returned to England, enrolling at Oxford. In the United States once more the pair met and revived the discussion of their school days about a new magazine, a new kind of magazine. What they had in mind was what has since become Time.

Rebuffed but Dauntless

The immediate problem was to raise money. They were rebuffed by Newton D. Baker, Nicholas Murray Butler and William Lyon Phelps among others, but got a word of cheer but no jack from Henry Seidel Canby. Finally from some Morgan partners, and Standard Oil magnates and relatives they rounded up \$86,000. The first issue appeared March 3, 1923, and was sent to 9,000 subscribers. For readers who are unacquainted with Time it's necessary to explain that it covers the news of the world in a peculiar pithy style, favoring words that do not usually appear in mere reporting, such as tycoon, heady-eyed and Body-lover Macfadden. Everything that can be condensed is condensed to the point of being telegraphic. In this way a tremendous lot of information probably as reliable as is to be found anywhere is packed into the pages of Time. This also leaves space for it to expand volupuously when it is particularly interested in some story, often a scandal. In fact Time not infrequently scoops the daily press. Incidentally we feel scooped by this cryptic remark in Mr. Gibbs' account of Time's methods: "Stressed was the bastardy of Ramsay MacDonald, the cozy hospitality of Mae West." Marion Davies was always referred to as William Randolph Hearst's "great and good friend." We get that one.

Bounding Circulation

Within a year the circulation had reached 40,000 and now it is 640,000 and still growing. In advertising it has eclipsed the Saturday Evening Post, having for the first six months of 1936 published 1,590 pages as against 1,480 of the Saturday Post. Luce was the go-getter, the manager of this phenomenal success; Hadden, the editor, was rather contemptuous of it all and irritated the solemn Luce with his ribaldries and his thinly concealed scorn of his swarming readers. To his death he opposed the launching of Fortune which has proved extremely profitable. Luce has shown tendencies of becoming respectable and people can easily believe the story that his parents were missionaries. He removes the too vivid phrasing from his writers' copy, and publicly apologized when one of them reported that Bernard Baruch had called Herbert Hoover "Old cheese-face."

Another development of the enterprise was The March of Time, a radio feature for which at first the publishers paid the Columbia system. It became so popular that later the radio system donated time and facilities and since then it has been sponsored by important advertisers. It has been calculated that The March of Time is second only to Amos 'n' Andy in radio popularity. Luce is no longer connected with the movie version of The March of Time which has failed to make money. Another unprofitable Time venture is The Architectural Forum. Luce made some experiments in the cinema and was for a time one of the directors of Paramount, but retired because his fellow-directors refused to talk about the cinema and insisted upon talking about banking. In the employ of this publishing magnifico at present are some 782 persons, among them Roy Larson, second largest shareholder, vice-president and probable successor to Luce who receives in salary \$35,000 a year and in profits \$120,000; Ralph McAllister Ingersoll, \$30,000 and \$40,000; John Stuart Martin, editor, \$25,000 and \$60,000; Eric Hodgins, Fortune editor, \$15,000 and \$8,000, and John Chamberlain, chief staff writer of Fortune, \$10,000 and two months' holidays a year.

Wants to be President

But Tycoon Luce, who is said to have a sneaking ambition to become President of the United States, continues to be the mainspring. He showers his subordinates with notes and suggestions. Here is a typical

PUBLIC WORKS IN MARITIMES

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—Appropriations for public works in the Maritime Provinces, chargeable to income follow:

Nova Scotia: Berwick—Public building, \$16,000; Halifax—Maintenance of immigration quarters, \$25,000; Oxford—Public building, \$4,500. New Brunswick: Moncton—Old Post Office building—Improvements and repairs, \$11,100; Saint John quarantine station, Partridge Island—Improvements, alterations and repairs, \$7,000.

Maritime Provinces generally: Dominion public buildings—Improvements and repairs, \$50,000.

Harbors and rivers: Nova Scotia: Under contract: Pictou—Dredging, \$5,000.

Essential undertakings: Halifax—Repairs and improvements to wharf and buildings at R. C. N. Barracks and H.M.C. Dockyard, \$40,000; North Sydney—Wharf, \$15,000; harbors and rivers generally—for maintenance of service, no new works to be undertaken, \$250,000.

Prince Edward Island: Essential undertakings: Charlottetown—Repairs to railway wharf, \$16,000; Summerside—Improvements to wharf, \$25,000; harbors and rivers generally—for maintenance of services, no new works to be undertaken, \$75,000.

New Brunswick: Under contract: Campbellton—Dredging, \$10,000; Grande Anse—Dredging, \$12,000; Lower Caraquet—Wharf repairs, \$3,000; Saint John harbor—Repairs to harbor works, \$55,000; harbors and rivers generally—for maintenance of services, no new works to be undertaken, \$100,000.

one "Let Time's editors next week put thought on the Japanese beetle. H. R. L." He has been twice married and once divorced. Last year his income was a shade less than \$1,000,000. He admits that he would like to own a New York paper. He is more than a Republican in politics; he is a Tory, and has drive, enterprise and wealth that would be extremely useful to the former party of Governor Landon.—Globe-Mail.

FUNCTIONAL ILLS JUST AS PAINFUL AS ORGANIC ONES

(By Dr. James W. Barton)

As medical students we were taught the indifference between functional diseases and organic diseases. For instance if a heart were beating fast it would be functional—just a change in the speed or rate—whereas if there were a murmur present it would be organic because one of the valves of the heart was not closing completely—allowing a little "leak" of blood.

It was thought sufficient in those days, after examining the patient, to tell him that as his disease was only functional there was nothing to do about it, nothing to worry about, and to "go home and forget it."

Today all this is changed. If a patient is suffering with pain in the region of the gall bladder or appendix, or in stomach or intestines, he wants to be free of the pain even if it is not appendicitis, gallstones, ulcer of stomach or cancer of the intestine.

Thus, Drs. Bernard Fantus and S. H. Kraines, Chicago, in the Journal of the American Medical Association, in outlining the treatment for those who suffer from various symptoms due to emotional upsets, say:

"Functional disorders are just as real disorders as are 'organic disorders.' Patients with neurotic (nervous) manifestations are not simply 'imagining.' The pain that the querulous woman complains of is just as real as if it were caused by some real or organic trouble. The paralysis of the hysterical patient when they cannot move an arm or leg even if they try is just as real as a true paralysis due to a spinal cord condition. These symptoms are not only real to the patient; they hurt and incapacitate him even more than when there is a real or organic cause because of his mental attitude toward his trouble."

That disturbances in the action of various parts of the body can be caused by the emotions has been shown by Prof. W. B. Cannon, Har-

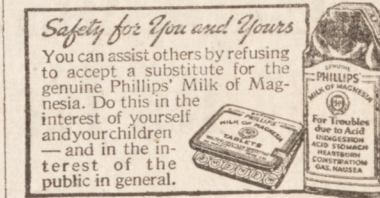
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vard. Thus the emotions can interfere with the nerves acting on the walls of the stomach and intestine and cause a delay in digestion followed by digestive disturbances, lack of appetite, and constipation.

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Drs. Fantus and Kraines tell us that these emotional disturbances cause these reactions in the body because of unresolved conflicts. If these conflicts, which so disturb the patient, can be settled by himself or by an examination or consultation with his doctor or a psychiatrist, there would be few if any of the symptoms which are called "functional."

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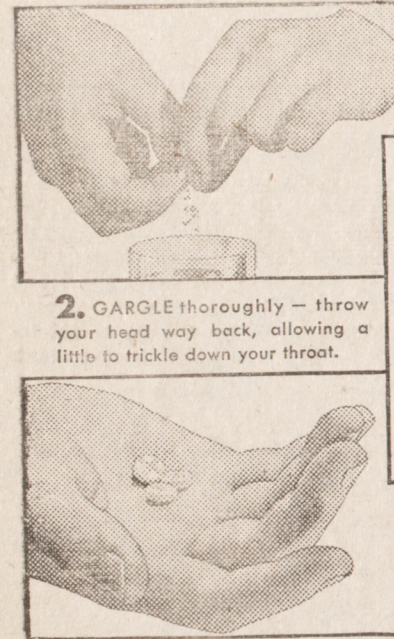
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