

THE VEILED MURDERESS

Death Releases Her After Half Century in Jail

WAS A CANADIAN

She Poisoned a Whole Family By Putting Arsenic in Beer and Was Adjudged Insane.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The Herald says:—"Mrs. Henrietta Robinson, known as 'the veiled murderess' who died in the asylum of the criminal insane at Matteawan on Saturday, and who had been in prison for more than half a century for three murders, was the daughter of a wealthy merchant in Quebec. Her maiden name was Charlotte Wood. Her father sent her to the Emma Willard seminary in Troy (N. Y.) with her three sisters. As a young girl she was very beautiful.

Of a romantic disposition she presented the plans of her father to marry her to a well-to-do Englishman, and said that if she were forced to wed against her wishes she would leave her husband in less than a year and cause a public scandal. She made good her threat after her marriage to Lord William Elliott. On her return to her father's house admission was refused her, and she returned to Troy, where she sought the aid and advice of the head of the seminary. At a hotel she met a politician with whom she says she secretly married. His name was not disclosed in any of the court proceedings.

She took up her residence in one of the quiet streets of the town and lived alone. Her beauty was the subject of much comment, and although she seemed to be a person of culture and refinement, she avoided the society of her equals.

The only family with whom she was on any terms of intimacy in Troy lived across the street from her house. It consisted of Thomas Lanigan, a grocer, his wife and Miss Lubes, a relative. She once attended a party given by the Lanigans where one of the guests made a remark which she considered insulting, and the Lanigans sided with the person whom she accused of offending her.

She called the following day on the grocer and, saying that she had been harassed and distressed, asked for a reconciliation with him. At her request the family sent out for a quart of beer and into this she slipped a quantity of arsenic, which resulted in the death of Mr. and Mrs. Lanigan and Miss Lubes.

Every effort was made to conceal the real name of the woman. In her isolated life in Troy she was known as Mrs. Henrietta Robinson.

FIRE AT CALAIS

Eaton Bros.' Hardware Store Badly Damaged This Morning.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., May 15.—(Special)—Eaton Brothers' hardware store at Calais, Me., was badly damaged by fire and water this morning, the water making a heavy loss on the stock. An overheated stove was the cause of the fire. It was fully covered by insurance.

BOXERS ARE QUIET

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—E. H. Conger, formerly American minister to China, arrived yesterday from the Orient on the steamer Siberia. Mr. Conger is accompanied by his wife. It is Mr. Conger's intention to proceed almost immediately to the City of Mexico, unless he receives orders to the contrary.

Mr. Conger was asked about the periodical rumors of Boxer uprisings and said there is absolutely no truth in such reports.

THEY FEAR A FLOOD

HOUSTON, Tex., May 15.—A heavy rain has fallen over South and East Texas and much damage has been done. Brazos river has risen at Bryan at the rate of a foot an hour, with the rains along the lower river last night and today, the expectation is that the river will go out of its banks tomorrow below Bryan and indications are now that the flood will exceed that of 1900, the highest known. At points below Bryan the river is rising fast.

WILLED ASHES TO OCEAN

W. H. Lovelace, Formerly Steward of the Steamer Boston Left Weird Will, Which Was Carried Out.

CAMBRIDGE, May 15.—"The jar with my ashes to be put aboard at some convenient time and place, the intent of which is that my wife will not feel sad thinking of a lonely grave, as she won't know where it is." This ends the oddball will of W. H. Lovelace, of Malden, one of the weirdest wills ever filed at Cambridge.

Lovelace, an Englishman, was formerly steward of the steamship Boston, and a very prominent Red Man. His romantic nature comes to light in every phrase in the will. After leaving his property to the widow the will continues:

"To Red Men, and particularly Wency, popken tribe of Malden and my own tribe of Cherokee, greetings: Brothers, as it has pleased the Great Spirit to call me to my fathers in the happy hunting grounds, I, W. H. Lovelace, a chief of Cherokee tribe, No. 2, of the City of New York, and having my wigwag at this time at 1 Cliff street, Maplowood, request a charge the brothers of this tribe to take charge of my funeral and affairs and to help and assist my wife."

He asks to have a body cremated "in the simplest, quietest manner possible, with only the simply brotherly rites of the Red Man."

A codicil, added Nov. 3, 1902, reads: "And I also desire that as I shall be wishing admittance to the grand lodge, A. M., I

CONVENTIONS IN BUFFALO

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Building Trades Alliance in Session.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 15.—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen convened here today with a large number of delegates present. Mayor Knight delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by P. H. Morrissey, grand master of the organization. It is expected that the committee on credentials will occupy the entire day.

The order now has 726 lodges, each represented by a delegate and an alternate. This evening there will be a public meeting, at which Governor Higgins is expected to be present and deliver an address.

Represent 800,000 Men

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 15.—Over four hundred delegates were in attendance when the convention of the Structural Building Trades Alliance of America was called to order today, representing 800,000 wage earners, engaged in the building industry. Frank C. Buchanan, of Chicago, is president of the alliance. The most important matter to be considered at the meeting will be the resignation of President Buchanan. At the last meeting of the board of governors, held in Washington, Mr. Buchanan tendered his resignation. It was not accepted. He is, however, determined to resign.

The question of placing the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition on the unfair list will be considered. It is alleged that the exposition authorities have discriminated against union labor in the erection of some of the buildings.

A PLUCKY WOMAN

Chicago Concert Hall Singer Shot and Killed Man Who Tried to Rob Her.

CHICAGO, May 15.—Eva Dakin, a concert hall singer, last night shot and killed one of two men who attacked her and tried to rob her. The man she killed was recognized later by detectives as Chas. Bennett. The woman was locked up at the police station pending an investigation. Bennett's companion has not been found.

Miss Dakin said she had been singing at South Side concert hall and was on her way home when Bennett and a companion attacked her, took her pocket-book and then started to run away. She fired several shots at the retreating assailants, one bullet striking Bennett in the head.

DIED AT LIVERPOOL

W. W. Neef, European Manager of Associated Press, Stricken on Steamer Baltic.

LONDON, May 15.—Wm. Walter Neef, European manager of the Associated Press, died this morning in Liverpool. He was born in Chicago 48 years ago. Mr. Neef was stricken aboard the steamer Baltic, recently, while returning to his post after a brief visit to America. He was taken from the steamer to the house of a friend in Liverpool, where he died. He took charge of the Associated Press foreign service in 1900, having formerly been assistant general manager with headquarters in Chicago.

CANCELLED

THE LEASES

TORONTO, May 15 (Special).—Eight mining leases, all in the Rainy River district, have been cancelled by Hon. J. J. Foy, commissioner of crown lands. In every case the reason assigned is that the holders of concessions neglected to pay a portion of the rental which is payable in advance every year for a period of ten years. Ninety days grace is allowed.

The Quebec Mining Company forfeits two locations, one north of Bad Vermillion Lake. Both lapsed in April, 1902.

THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 15.—The annual convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has adjourned to meet next year in Minneapolis. The new officers of third and fourth vice-presidents were created, D. Campbell of Toronto, Ont., being elected to the former position.

President H. B. Perham of St. Louis, Mo., and Secretary Treasurer L. W. Quick of St. Louis were re-elected.

FIFTY HORSES BURNED

CHICAGO, May 15.—Fifty horses were killed in a fire early today in the stable of the Atlas Brewing Co. The loss on the building was slight.

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Surveying for Domesday Book. A.D. 1080-1086

"The Domesday Book compiled by William the Conqueror, was a register of English land, and occupied six years in completion. It still remains in two vellum manuscripts, recording the size of each estate, the quality and use of the land, the name of the owner, and other details. With the aid of this book of reference William organized the taxation in the most scientific manner." —The New History of England.

JAPANESE READY TO ADVANCE

Eighty Thousand Reinforcements Sent to the Front---Active Operations Expected---Tokio Places an Embargo on Coal---British Steamers Confiscated---A Transport Sunk.

GUNSHU PASS, Manchuria, May 15.—S skirmishing continues in the Olouri mountain region on the Russian left, but the fighting is not serious. Calm continues on the Russian right. The Chinese, however, report that Field-Marshal Oyama is directing large masses of troops from Pakoman toward Tounziakou, where a concentration is proceeding, and the river is being bridged by pontoons. The Liao river is full of junks, which bring up stores and provisions.

About 80,000 Japanese reinforcements have arrived at the front. The Japanese cavalry in particular has been considerably strengthened. Prisoners say that the Japanese armies are ready to advance when the word is given. During the recent terrible dust storm, which raged three days, the soldiers, tents and horses suffered severely. The Russian troops are fitted out with summer uniforms.

SHANGHAI, May 15.—The customs officials are now carefully scrutinizing all applications for permits to export coal. SINGAPORE, Straits Settlements, May 15.—Thirteen Russian warships were sighted May 12, off Cape Varella, about 50 miles north of Kamraah Bay by the steamer Jason, which arrived here today.

An Embargo on Coal

TOKIO, May 15, noon.—The government has prohibited the exportation of coal to Saigon. The embargo is to continue so long as the Russian fleet is in Indo-Chinese waters.

In order to protect the mat export trade, the government has adopted a system of inspection and stamping. Penalties are assigned for violations.

Sunk a Transport

NEW CHANG, May 15.—A steamer which arrived here yesterday reported the sinking of a Japanese transport in the Gulf of Chili by a mine. This was almost coincident with the sinking of the Japanese transport Shyetsu, which struck a mine May 4 near the Miao Islands (at the entrance of the Gulf of Chili) and was last reported in a sinking condition, but refusing the assistance of a Chinese merchant ship. The details of the sinking of the British steamer Sobralenz off Port Arthur, May 12, beyond the facts that she struck a mine, sunk in two minutes, and that sixty-seven of her passengers and crew were landed at Port Arthur have not been obtained.

Steamer Confiscated

NAGASAKI, May 15—4 p. m.—The naval prize court at Sasebo has confiscated the British steamer Sylvania. The Sylvania was captured on February last bound for Vladivostok with Cardiff coal on board. The place of her capture was not reported at the time.

Is in Honkohe Bay

TOKIO, May 15, 2 p. m.—It is definitely known that Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky, after temporarily leaving Honkohe Bay on May 8, re-entered the bay and continues at anchor there.

THE BURIAL OF MRS. SCOTT

Imposing Funeral at Ottawa Early This Morning.

OTTAWA, ONT., May 15.—(Special)—The funeral of the late Mrs. R. W. Scott, wife of the secretary of state, took place this morning from her late residence on Daly avenue to St. Joseph's church, and from there to Notre Dame cemetery. Father Murphy said funeral mass.

The government was represented by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Frederick Borden, Sir Wm. Mulock, and Messrs. Fielding, Brodeur, and Fitzpatrick.

The governor-general was represented by Col. Hubert Williams and Viscount Bury. All the senators in town were present. There were also many members of parliament in attendance, and notwithstanding the early hour, there was a large representation of Ottawa citizens.

Little Clarence.—"Pa, what is an optimist?" Mr. Callipers.—"An optimist, my son, is a person who doesn't care what happens if it doesn't happen to him."—Puck.

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE

Will Make Their Bow in Court in a Murder Case.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., May 15.—That George S. Wood had a dual personality and that his better nature knows nothing of anything that may be done under the influence of the evil spell will be the defense made by Wood's attorney when he is put on trial here today for the murder of George Williams last winter. It is believed that this will be the first time this novel defense has been offered in a murder case in the history of criminology.

Williams, a storekeeper in the village of Watchung, N. J. was found shot to death in his sleigh a short distance from his home early last February. He had started from the village to drive a strange man to a farm house some distance away and suspicion at once rested on the stranger. Wood was arrested and identified as the man who had accompanied Williams and was charged with the murder. At the time of his arrest he maintained that for three days his mind had been a blank and that he remembered nothing of that period.

AUTOBOATS IN HARD LUCK

No Loss of Life but Only Two Are Afloat.

PARIS, May 15.—The ministry of marine has received a despatch announcing that the torpedo boat destroyer Arbaete has arrived at Cagliari, Sardinia, towing the autoboat Quind Meme, having on board her owner, the Duke de Cases and all the crew of the racer.

The Quind Meme led the racers from Port Mahon Island of Minorca, until about fifty miles outside of Toulon, when the storm blew her back over the same course she had taken. Her rescue closes the contest without loss of life, but with only two of the seven starters afloat.

THE STRIKE IN CHICAGO

Belief That the End Is Not Far Distant.

CHICAGO, May 15.—Influences in the teamsters' joint council at work to help a general strike movement, including all drivers in Chicago, are expected to bear fruit at a meeting of the council tonight and avert a new and greater industrial upheaval here.

Rumors that the executive board of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters would meet in Chicago tomorrow and the action of the ice wagon drivers in accepting the wage schedule of last year, coupled with reports that dozens of strikers have applied for their old positions at the department stores, sustain a belief among the employes that the end of the strike is not far distant.

HAS GONE TO WINNIPEG

SYDNEY, N. S., May 15.—(Special)—Rev. Clarence MacKinnon preached his farewell sermon in St. Andrew's church last evening, and left this morning for Winnipeg, where he will be inducted pastor of Westminster church on Friday.

PURCHASED HORSES

Mayor White arrived on the Atlantic express this morning from Montreal, where he has been for the past few days. It is understood that Mayor White purchased a pair of valuable driving horses while in Montreal. Ald. Frink, who accompanied the mayor, returned home on Saturday. Mrs. John H. Thomson has also purchased a valuable driving horse in Montreal.

"I was out with my automobile eight hours yesterday." "You mean to say you were in the machine that long?" "No, I was in it an hour and under it seven hours fixing the breaks."—Chicago Daily News.

REFORM IN RUSSIA

The Physical Force Party Discredited by Yesterday's Failure---The Moderate Liberals Hope to Secure Popular Government.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 15.—Now that the Russian May Day happily passed without general disorders, the authorities are inclined to regard the danger of a really serious interior crisis this spring as remote as ever.

Turbulence doubtless will continue, with sporadic disorders, but the plans of the social democrats and social revolutionists to spread disaffection among the troops and form peasant and workmen's governments for the creation of a state of general anarchy have signally failed.

It is now evident that while the social democrats and social revolutionists made a lot of noise, they had neither organization nor real leadership behind them. Even the terrorists held aloof, while waiting for bigger game. These two parties, which already have forfeited the sympathy of the major portion of the liberals, now stand discredited by their failure with the working lower classes generally. Their attempt to retrieve their lost prestige in St. Petersburg by proclaiming a general strike for today broke down, the workmen refusing to follow their leadership.

"I'M GUILTY AND SORRY"

Confession of Mrs. Best In Police Court Today

SHE WEPT BITTERLY

Both Women Committed for Trial at County Court, Which Meets May 23---Evidence Submitted.

Mrs. Mary Best and Minnie Robinson were once more brought before Police Magistrate Ritchie this morning, and after the evidence of Mr. Best had been taken, were committed for trial at the next sitting of the county court, which takes place on the 23rd of the present month.

The unfortunate mother looked careworn and dejected as she walked into court and took her seat on the prisoners' bench. The Robinson woman looked pale, she did not betray the slightest sign of emotion throughout the entire proceedings.

Mrs. Best felt her position keenly, and it was clearly evident that the gravity of the charge against her, coupled with her confinement in the jail, have told on her to a considerable extent. She was deeply affected when called upon to listen to the reading of her husband's evidence, and when Police Clerk Henderson had finished, she resumed her seat on the long bench, buried her face in her handkerchief and wept bitterly.

William H. Best swore that the defendant was his wife, and that they had been married about two years. She was the mother and he the father of the baby boy, John P. Best, who was born November 5th, 1904. Witness saw Minnie Robinson for the first time at Leo Smith's, about a week before she and his wife left for St. Martins. Mrs. Best and the baby were present at the time. The Robinson woman went to his house the following week and remained there two or three days, or until the departure for St. Martins. She had said nothing to him about her marriage, and made no reference to her family or herself. He was employed the day of their departure and had not been drinking. He had no recollection of meeting either of the defendants on that day. When he left his home about 2:30 or three o'clock both women were there.

He told her that he was going out to collect some money, and when his wife asked him if she might go to the city to get Minnie Robinson's clothes from Leo Smith he told her that she might, but not to remain long and leave the child with a strange girl. Both women had gone when he returned, having taken the baby with them. Mrs. Best had not intimated to him her intention of going away, and to the best of his knowledge had not a friend nor acquaintance in St. Martins, and had never been there before. He had seen nothing of them from that day until he met them in court.

At this point Mrs. Best remarked that the day of the departure from the city she met her husband on the ferry, in a half drunken condition, and told him she was going for a walk.

In answer to a question from Judge Ritchie she said she had nothing to ask the witness. Minnie Robinson also said she had no questions to ask.

Both prisoners were then asked to stand, and the charge was read over to them. The unhappy mother again buried her face in her handkerchief and cried like a child. When asked if she had anything to say she replied between sobs:—"I'm guilty for what I've done, and I'm sorry."

Minnie Robinson replied, without a sign of emotion:—"No, sir, I've nothing to say."

The prisoners were then committed for trial, after which Judge Ritchie told them kindly that they might sit down; and informed them that the county court would sit on the twenty-third of this month, and they would not have long to await their trial. This, he said, was only the preliminary examination. They were then taken back to jail.

AH, THERE! PAPA PLAMONDON

QUEBEC, May 15 (Special).—The following announcement appears in local newspapers:—"Mr. and Mrs. J. H. E. Plamondon wish to inform their relatives and friends of the birth of their twenty-seventh child."

Mr. Plamondon is a ballist residing in this city.

The Times New Reporter

The waterworks officials are downcast. They thought the gypsies might buy or trade and take the loose-heeled horse off their hands. But the Romany chieftain shook his head and said to them:—"Nay, my masters, let the Kicking Horse Pass." Then he beckoned to his followers and they strode away.

Was it a general alarm? He began once more to count, and this time there did seem to be a pause, and he figured out that the alarm had struck twenty-four.

By this time he had become more nearly awake, and he listened more intently. There was a high wind, and the sounds came uncertainly. In succession he figured up 34, 125, 9, 48,—and then a straight succession of twenty-three strokes without a break.

There had to be an end of this sort of thing. The citizen had attended church as usual, and had gone to bed in a cheerful and kindly state of mind, forgiving all his enemies and meaning to arise refreshed and strong for a new week's labor. But there was this mysterious clangour setting

on his nerves and driving sleep from his eyes. He suddenly sat bolt upright and rubbed his eyes; and as the sound broke once more on his ear he arose, opened a window and thrust his head out.

Then deliverance came. On the next stroke he knew that the supposed fire-alarm was the bell buoy down the harbor, swaying with wind and wave. Knowledge is power, and curiosity satisfied is a soporific. Knowing what the sound was, and whence it came, he went back to bed and in five minutes was sound asleep.

The winter is not as open as it was, but navigation on the river is not yet closed. Indeed some predict another spell of mild weather, during the next week or two.

Chief Kerr is back from Boston in a straw hat. Citizens who met him today apologized for still wearing their furs.