

WEIRD MURDER PLOT HINTED IN 'SEER SLAYING'

Grocer Is Shot to Death 72 Hours After Prophecy; Relatives Quizzed.

By United Press
CHICAGO, July 18.—Last Thursday a soothsayer drew three cards from her deck. The first bore a grinning skeleton, scythe in hand. The second a woman mourning before a gravestone, and the third an advocate studying the law.

Today detectives studied the cards and their prophecy of death as they hunted the slayer of George Carl, 44, shot to death seventy-two hours after his wife heard his fate foretold.

Police investigated reports that Carl had taken out, at the behest of his brother-in-law, a \$5,000 life insurance policy with double liability in event of violent death.

Carl's 9-year-old son, Dorn, revealed to police the prophecy of his father's death.

Seers Is Quizzed

"Mother told me a fortune teller said Daddy would be killed by bandits," the child said.

Mrs. Carl confirmed the statement and named the seeress as Mrs. Susie Ballow.

Mrs. Ballow informed officers she had made the prophecy. The first card, she said, indicated death, the second showed the husband would be the victim, and the third indicated the widow might come under suspicion and require services of a lawyer.

Mrs. Carl told police that she and her family were convinced by the prophecy that her husband would die.

Police Suspect Plot

"But he just laughed when I told him about the fortune teller," Mrs. Carl said. "He said it was all foolishness. Then Saturday night, we came into the shop and found him dead."

Officers who examined Carl's grocery, where he was shot, were convinced the place had been disarranged deliberately to simulate a robbery. No weapon was found.

Lieutenant Herbert Burns said he believed the man was slain by a friend while the pair were engaged in conversation.

Iron Grille, 38, Carl's brother-in-law, was held by police for questioning. Detectives were checking his alibi, as well as those of other members of the family.

BOILER BLAST KILLS ONE

Four Others Are Scalded in Farm Explosion at Cortland.

By United Press
CORTLAND, Ind., July 18.—Five men were scalded, one fatally, when a threshing machine boiler exploded on a farm near here Sunday.

Arthur Harvey, died in a hospital of his burns. Garris Goble, Cortland, and John Anderson, Bedford, will recover, hospital physicians said. R. L. Brown and Jake Elkins sustained lesser burns.

CONTRACT BRIDGE EXPERTS PLAY IT

THEY TELL ME
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T HOUSANDS of taxpayers are disenfranchised during the legislative session.

Taxation without representation once was the rallying cry of a revolution, yet for the last six years, in direct violation of the state Constitution, that has been true in Indiana.

And the women of the state, of course, never have had representation in the general assembly.

Oh, we know that there have been several feminine state representatives, but that is not what occasioned the above comment.

The state Constitution provides that the general assembly shall, every six years, cause enumeration to be made of all male inhabitants over the age of 21 years and that, at the next session of the assembly following the enumeration, apportion the number of senators and representatives among the counties on the basis of the enumeration of the males.

In 1881 the state adopted a constitutional amendment providing that Negro males also shall be enumerated for this purpose, but there never has been an amendment admitting the women to this form of representation, despite the fact that they have suffrage.

Last enumeration of voters for legislative reapportionment was made in 1925 and although several bills to redistrict house and senate membership according to the new figures were introduced in the 1927 session, the rural members succeeded in blocking any action.

So in spite of the constitutional provision that there shall be a legislative reapportionment every six years nothing has been done since 1921.

This means that thousands of voters in the cities of the state are without representation.

Another revision is due in the 1933 session, although it could be made at this special assembly.

Enumeration of the male voters has been completed, according to the state auditor, and the figures show that there are 890,893 males over the age of 21 in Indiana. In 1925, male voters numbered 835,416.

This is if there had been a legislative reapportionment in 1927, the cities where the population is the heaviest and whence comes the most state revenue would have a larger number of representatives and senators and that from the rural counties would be less than at present.

Because the rural legislators are in the majority, the populous counties are being deprived of their just and due proportion of funds raised by the gasoline tax, which would go to aid the unemployment situation.

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Peculiarly enough, while the total has increased, the number of Negro males of voting age has decreased. In 1925 there were 28,474 in the state; this year's enumeration shows 25,998.

But the nub of the situation is this—if there had been a legislative reapportionment in 1927, the cities where the population is the heaviest and whence comes the most state revenue would have a larger number of representatives and senators and that from the rural counties would be less than at present.

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It is a highly sanitary place, made so by the best methods of cleaning and frequent fumigation. Those who have had experience in storing goods will know what this means to their household articles, and will regard this as the highest of recommendations. There are individual locker rooms, a safe-proof vault and a lock box vault for valuables.

A special room is provided for the storage of oriental rugs, valuable tapestries and draperies and articles of that nature, protected against burglars and marauders of all kinds, and in another room the temperature automatically is regulated for the storage of pianos and other articles that may be affected by changes of temperature.

Goods are stored and shipped out as required. These shipments are made to any part of the world, even by airplane when haste is demanded. An office and warehouse is maintained in Paris for the convenience of Americans abroad, and the Paris office also ships goods anywhere.

The building was constructed about eight years ago. It is specially designed for this purpose, and is one of the largest and most complete in the country. The Shank Auction Furniture Company, 1432 North Illinois street, is closely connected with the storage company.

Mrs. Shank prides herself on conducting the business on the same lines that made Lews Shank so well known, a policy of courtesy and fair dealing that has made this business popular for thirty-three years.

The vote was 841 for the plan, 303 against. Only one department returned a majority against adoption. Union employees opposed the proposal.

Employees will have representation on all departmental councils under the plan. In case of disagreement on any point between departmental council, the matter will be referred to a general council, made up of equal numbers of employee and management representatives. Arbitration is provided as a last resort.

The company claimed the actual cost of its project was \$10,646,056. William V. King, chief accountant of the power commission, recommended that approximately \$4,000,000 of this be disallowed as an improper charge. The commission has disallowed \$3,651,260 of the amount in dispute.

If the company had been sustained in its contention, the cost to the public in future recapture proceedings would have been greater by the amount disallowed. The larger sum also might have become a base for present electric rates.

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The Play

When the hand was played at East, East opened the ace of hearts.

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