

SEERESS FINDS PROSPERITY IN MURDER RIDDLE

Throngs Visit Parlor of Woman Who Foretold Grocer's Killing.

By United Press
CHICAGO, July 20.—The tragic prophecy of Mrs. Susan Ballow, foretelling the death of George Carl, a grocer, today had brought a sudden prosperity to her little home in the heart of Chicago's "Little Bohemia."

While police struggled vainly to penetrate the mystery of Carl's slaying, the tiny red brick home not far from where Mayor Anton J. Cermak spent part of his boyhood was filled with visitors.

Some were idle curiosity seekers, anxious for a glance at the motherly woman and the pack of cards from which she dealt a prophecy of death seventy-two hours before Carl was found shot to death in his grocery store.

Others were neighbors, long convinced of Mrs. Ballow's occult ability. There was even an occasional matron from the Gold Coast, protesting that it was all a fanciful superstition, but secretly eager to see what the cards held in store for her.

SEERESS IS FLUSTERED

Mrs. Ballow sat in her flower-decked parlor a bit flustered at her sudden fame. Beside her stood her daughter-in-law as interpreter, for despite long years in this country she still speaks only her native Bohemian.

In the seeress' hands was a new deck of gingham-backed picture cards. The old deck, which held the port of Carl's death, was discarded after five years.

"Now I can afford to have a new deck," said Mrs. Ballow, "as she watched the pile of \$1 bills grow higher with the constant influx of visitors.

HUSBAND IS DISGUSTED

But Tony Ballow, her husband, was not so pleased with all the bustle in his home.

"Cards, pshaw," he said. "What are all these silly people doing here? When I come home I want my cold beer and my supper. All I find is a lot of foolish strangers. Bah!"

Filling a large black pipe with strong tobacco, he indicated that if he had anything to say about it, such goings-on shortly would come to a halt.

CHARLES HESLER DEAD

Veteran Indiana Newspaper Man Passes at Chicago.

Charles D. Hesler, 54, veteran Indiana newspaper man, died in Chicago today. His mother, Mrs. Alice Hesler, lives at 6350 Bellfontaine street. Funeral services will be held in Chicago Friday.

At the time of his death Mr. Hesler was employed on the Chicago Daily News. Previously he had been on the staff of the Chicago Post. He began his newspaper career in Bluffton, Ind., with the late George Saunders, and later was employed on papers in other Indiana cities.

Besides his mother, he leaves the widow and son Charles J., Chicago, and three brothers, Frank W. and Ralph S. Hesler, Indianapolis, and J. Galen Hesler, Anderson, and three sisters, Mrs. H. E. Arnold and Miss Grace Hesler, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Jess Winnings, Brownsburg, Ind.

RELIEF ARMIES 'BOGUS'

Army Troubled by Imitation Groups, Chief Says.

Pseudo "relief armies," members of which wear uniforms almost identical to those worn by Salvation Army workers, are causing the Salvation Army trouble and embarrassment, Major James Murphy, head of the Indiana division, said today.

Nearly sixteen armies of various sorts, most of them without record of relief work accomplished, are flourishing within the state, Murphy said. Their work has become so confusing to contributors that the Salvation Army has given up the use of tambourines in most cities, and is obtaining funds through organized drives.

HONOR RAIL VETERAN

Dinner Given for Robert M. Dalton, Who Ends 50 Years' Service.

Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad in Indianapolis attended a dinner in honor of Robert M. Dalton, track foreman, at his home in Worthington, Tuesday. Dalton has completed fifty years' service on the road.

J. T. Ridgely, division superintendent, presented Dalton with a fifty-year service button. Dalton began work as section hand in 1882.

SHIP MAGNATE SUICIDE

E. S. Trotsdal Ends Life by Inhalation of Car Gas Fumes in Garage.

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 20.—E. S. Trotsdal, internationally known shipping executive committed suicide in the garage of his fashionable home here today by inhaling carbon monoxide gas from the exhaust of his automobile.

Trotsdal, president of the Trotsdal Plante and Lafonte Steamship Company, was known as the shipping magnate of South Atlantic and gulf ports.

BANK DIVIDEND IS PAID

5 Per Cent to Go to 15,000 Depositors of Closed Institution.

By United Press
HAMMOND, Ind., July 20.—A 5 per cent dividend was to be paid this week to 15,000 depositors of the defunct First Trust and Savings bank of Hammond, which was closed eighteen months ago. The dividend was expected to amount to \$20,000.

The payment was authorized by Judge Clyde Cleveland over remonstrance of creditors who filed preferred claims.

Mental Patient Escapes
George Schuttler, 22, a mental patient at the Methodist hospital, escaped Tuesday night, police were advised. "He was hale and barefoot."

Nip Veteran Cracksman's Return to Old Racket

Police Hold Three After Dynamite Discovery; Grill Parker.

Plans of De Witt Parker, Beech Grove, an ex-convict, to return to his former racket of safe-blowing, were halted by his arrest on suspicion of burglary, police revealed today after questioning of Parker and two companions, Mrs. Margaret Isley, 1502 South Emerson avenue, and Kenneth Smith, 34, of 5505 English avenue.

The trio has been held on vagrancy charges during the investigation, and Parker probably will be released today on charges of burglary, detectives said.

Dynamite, caps and fuse for Parker's use were purchased by the woman in a hardware store at Five Points after Parker had driven his car there and had her make the purchase, because he was afraid of detection, detectives said.

Led to Confession

Robbery June 30 of the Brad Snodgrass machine shop, 2514 Bethesda street, of an electric drill and a cutting toll, in which Parker was suspected, led to questioning of Mrs. Isley and her confession of the dynamite purchase, detectives said.

Smith was implicated when Mrs. Isley told of driving Parker to Smith's home, where the tools were left. Smith, when questioned, told detectives he accepted the drill and cutting tool in payment of repair work he had done on Parker's car.

Smith said he gave Parker \$5 and took the tools. He admitted filing serial numbers and names from the tools and gave detectives names of men to whom they were sold.

Admits Taking Tools

Part of the dynamite was found days ago in a fruit jar when detectives went to the Isley home and searched under the seat of an automobile there, at the direction of Mrs. Isley. Later, Parker was found and arrested for questioning.

Confronted with statements of Mrs. Isley and Smith, Parker confessed stealing the tools, detectives said.

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DATES BACK TO 1916

Parker, who has a criminal record dating back to April 19, 1916, when he was sentenced at Franklin, Ind., to two or fourteen years for grand larceny and burglary. Seven years later, he was fined \$100 and sentenced two to fourteen years in state prison for a similar offense.

Under the name Woodrow Anderson, he was arrested in Toledo, O., on suspicion in connection with the robbery of the New York store here. Jan. 18, 1930, he was sentenced to two years in the Leavenworth penitentiary for conspiracy to commit a felony.

Alfred Isley, husband of Mrs. Isley, received the same sentence as Parker in 1916 when the two were tried at Franklin.



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