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## NEW ELEMENTS OF MYSTERY ENTER ATROCIOS MURDER

Mrs. Hull Is Responsible for This by Her Declaration That Murdered Woman Was Her Sister of Tennessee.

PERFUNCTORY SEARCH IS NOW BEING MADE.

Is Hoped by Police to Locate Minnie Jeannette Gaston Alive—Stories Afloat That Victim Was Agnes O'Keefe.

New York, Jan. 1.—Only for a moment nipped by the refutation that the body of the New Jersey swamp victim was Agnes Young, little Mrs. Hull, who claimed to have identified the body, therupon swung round to a new point of vantage and announced that she had known all along that the body was not that of Agnes Young. In reality, she further declared the dead woman was her half-sister, a certain Minnie Jeannette Gaston, of Seville, Polk county, Tennessee, to whom she (Mrs. Hull) had given the name of Mrs. Young in order to hide the story of Minnie Gaston's shame.

The Harrison police gently, but firmly led Mrs. Hull to Jersey City and bade her begone out of the state.

Nevertheless, flimsy as is the story told by Mrs. Hull, and flat as her first story has proved to be, the new element of mystery which her appearance has thrust into the case has greatly enhanced the interest. A perfunctory search is being made for Minnie Jeannette Gaston, though the police have no faith in the story that she was the victim of the Christmas eve assassin.

There was a rev val today in Harrison of the stories that the victim of the tragedy is Agnes O'Keefe, later known as Annie Nevins. It is somewhat remarkable, it is held, that whereas the publication of Mrs. Hull's identification of the dead woman brought a denial from Mrs. Young within 12 hours, neither Agnes O'Keefe or Annie Nevins has been heard from, although these identifications were made as long ago as last Saturday. In the case of Agnes O'Keefe the identification by an Orange (N. J.) police official was most positive.

In an effort to assist in the identification as much as possible the clothing found near the spot where the body was discovered has been placed on the body, which has been made to look as natural as possible. Burial will be deferred for another week at least and the inquest, set for Friday morning, has been postponed now until next Tuesday.

Today the case stands just where it was on the day the body was found. Will the mystery ever be solved?

## ART EXHIBIT TO BE IMPORTANT

Will Be Given Under Auspices Of the Daughters of American Revolution.

## SIX THOUSAND TICKETS OUT

SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE RAPIDLY DISPOSING OF THEM—RECEIPTS GO TOWARD PURCHASE OF HISTORIC PRINTS.

Extensive preparations are being made by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, for the Turner Art exhibit to be held in the Garfield school building from January 8-11, inclusive. Six thousand tickets have been distributed among the school children of the city and the coming week will be a busy one for them in making a solicitation of the citizens. The money realized from this exhibit will be used for a fund to purchase historic pictures for the various school rooms. The value of pictures, it is said, cannot be overestimated, according to authorities as it teaches the value of beauty in art. The exhibit also promises to be a social event of prominence.

## THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Fair in south, rain or snow in north portions Wednesday; Thursday, fair, colder.

OHIO—Fair, Wednesday, probably snow Wednesday night along Lake Erie; Thursday, fair, colder.

## MEN OF AFFAIRS IN RICHMOND



D. D. BULLERDICK.  
Coal Dealer.

## NEW YEAR NOISILY USHERED IN BUT QUIETLY OBSERVED

At Midnight Many Factory Whistles Blew While the Reid Memorial Chimes Played Short Time.

## AMUSEMENTS FEATURE OF TODAY'S EVENTS.

Business Was Practically Suspended From Early Morning And But Few Business Houses Opened Doors.

New Year's day was noisily ushered into Richmond and it was as quietly observed. Last night many whistles blew and Reid Memorial chimes rang, business was suspended, but the majority of the business men spent the night taking invoices. Today was the best idea New Year's Day that has been experienced here in recent years, the weather being perfect.

Throughout the city people opened their homes and welcomed with their friends. The Elks and Eagles' club rooms were scenes of gay all this afternoon.

The sheriff says that last evening while meandering along Main street he saw a one-armed tramp who was taking up most of the sidewalk. When the sheriff asked the man who he was, he was told to go to place once referred to by General Sherman. This made the sheriff peevish and he took the Belgian bum to the city jail.

The Belgian, however, bears no malice toward the sheriff. This morning in the city court he was asked if he preferred to leave town or go to the abode of his captor—the county jail—for a period of eleven days.

"Make it ten days and I'll go there," replied the stranger, who in appearance resembled a cross between a gorilla and a barrel of elder.

"You will find that the quickest way to get out of this county is to walk east on Main street," said Prosecutor Jessup. The Belgian then asked for his two bottles of booze, but was turned down. Sadly he left the city building.

Having related all the incidents connected with the sheriff's first "pinch" the incidents connected with the second arrest perpetrated by Mr. Meredith, will be set forth in brief. While asleep, clad in either a cotton night robe or a pair of pink silk pajamas, this point is not certain, the sheriff heard a rattling noise at the front door of the jail. Steadily creeping down stairs, he seized the knob, pushed the latch, then shoved the door open. There stood a man hugging a veranda post. "What plash ish this? Is it my home?" he inquired. "This is the Meredith boarding house," answered the sheriff, whereupon he escorted his guest to a vacant cell.

## HARRY WIGLEY HERE.

Harry Wigley, business manager of "Our New Minister," which is to appear at the Gennett theatre on Jan. 9, was in Richmond today making final arrangements for the appearance of his star. He reports that "Our New Minister" has been doing a good business at several places has arranged retra dates in response to a popular demand. He predicts that such will be case in Richmond.

## MEREDITH BREAKS TWO RECORDS

For the First Time in Official Career He Makes an Arrest.

## FIRST "PINCH" OF YEAR.

IT WAS MADE EARLY THIS MORNING WHEN STRANGER KNOCKED AT JAIL AND INQUIRED JUST WHERE HE WAS.

YOUNG MEN NOT HUNTING FOR BRIDES AT PRESENT.

Clerk Penny, Representative of Cupid & Co., Says Young Men Think More of Hunting Game as Licenses Show It.

The year 1907 in Wayne county was a poor one for D. Cupid & Co. Mr. Cupid's local representative, Harry E. Penny, clerk of the Wayne circuit court, reports in a disengaged manner, that during the past year only 376 marriage license were issued. This record is considerably below the record of 1906, when over four hundred licenses were issued. "The young men of Wayne county seemed to have devoted more time hunting the elusive rabbit than searching for 'better halves.' During the past year I issued a total of 737 hunters' licenses," remarked Mr. Penny. While there has been a slumping in the marriage market the divorce market in Wayne county boomed all year. The total number of divorces granted and applied for last year have not yet been compiled. The following is the monthly report of marriage licenses issued:

January	24
February	29
March	17
April	31
May	47
June	47
July	26
August	29
September	42
October	51
November	37
December	26
Total	376

## CITIZENS BANK WAS ROBBED

\$2,700 in Cash Was Stolen From Vault.

Braham, Minn., Jan. 1.—The Farmers and Citizens' Bank of this place was robbed last night of \$2,700 in cash. The vault was blown open with nitroglycerine. The robbers escaped.

## TAFT'S BOSTON SPEECH CHALLENGE TO CANDIDATES

Foraker and Bryan Were Two Of the Men Whom the Secretary Certainly Must Have Had in Mind While Speaking.

## TWO SYSTEMS HIT WERE THEORIES OF THESE MEN

None of the Candidates for the Republican Nomination for Presidency Would Discuss War Secretary's Address.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Secretary Taft's speech before the Merchants' Association at Boston last night may properly be interpreted as a challenge to his rivals for the Republican Presidential nomination who do not wholly subscribe to the Roosevelt policies, to come out and define their exact attitude. When he declared in his peroration that "any one who seeks a retrograde step from the policy of the Administration (in regard to railroad and trust regulation particularly) on the theory that it would be a real step toward conservatism, is blind to every political sign of the times" he virtually invited the so-called reactionary candidates to state the points of disagreement with the Administration's course, which he himself freely endorses. Some people had a notion that the Secretary would back-step on the progressiveness which characterizes the President's reformatory plans in the hope of winning over to his support certain business elements who are friendly to other candidates but they evidently forgot that consistency is one of his virtues.

The Secretary no doubt was answering recent critical observations of Senator Foraker, his Ohio opponent, upon the effect of the rate law upon business conditions when he said in his speech, that "that measure had not the slightest effect upon the legitimate business earnings of the railways, and the utter hollowness in the cry that it caused the panic is seen in the fact that those who now venture to advance this proposition have been for more than a year contending that the rate bill was a humbug and a fraud because it had no effect whatever; because it had given promise of a reduction of rates and no reduction of rates followed."

No doubt Mr. Taft had Colonel W. J. Bryan in mind when he reiterated his opposition to Government ownership of railroads and contended that it would lead to state socialism. The Democrats once suggested Government ownership and the Secretary assails such a policy at this time on the theory that Colonel Bryan may be nominated for President again and evidently seeks to put him on the defensive early in the fight. None of the Republican aspirants for the nomination who are in the city would discuss the Secretary's address for publication.

Chalk suffers from acute indigestion and he is almost exhausted by his long journey, nearly all of which has been made afoot. He said that for two days he had been unable to eat anything, and while at Hamilton last Friday he was so overcome by fatigue that he was sent to a hospital where he slept for seventeen hours. "I carry a few tools with me and do carpenter work whenever I can obtain it. I hate to beg," he said.

"You are physically unable to continue your journey to Ft. Leavenworth? Why don't you stay here, obtain work and when you have accumulated enough money, go back to Brookville?" Clark was asked.

"I must see my boy Jesse placed in his last resting place," Clark replied. His eyes became misty as he spoke, but his face assumed an earnest, dogged expression.

## TEMPLE OF NEPTUNE RAZED BY EXPLOSION

It Was Erected by Hadrian And Served as Rome's Stock Exchange.

## SCORE OF MEN INJURED.

Rome, Jan. 1.—The Temple of Neptune, built by Hadrian and standing in the center of the Forum of Aelia, now occupied by the Stock Exchange, was the scene of a tremendous explosion, causing a sensation almost as great as the explosion of a bomb in St. Peter's on November 18, 1906. The concussion was so great that many persons were terrified, and great crowds rushed to the scene. Within the building there were many people, but, fortunately, the great majority of the brokers had left. No one was killed, but 20 persons, chiefly clerks, were injured.

## REVERIE

If you're living as a Bachelor and do not care to see The woman that may find in you her heart's affinity, You'd better sneak to foreign climes—yes, go to-day, don't wait—Or you'll be "took" before you're far in Nineteen-hundred-eight! The girls are whetting up their smiles to Cupidize a man, so '23' for you, Old Batch, to Europe while you can! The good old year is dead and has gone up the spout And the Leap Year Girl will get you.

## COW HAS TRIPLETS.

Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 1.—A two-year-old Jersey cow, owned by David Swoverland, gave birth to triplets. The cow herself was a twin, and her mother was a twin.

Local stockmen hope to be able to produce a strain of cattle that will bear twins or triplets instead of one calf, as is the rule among cattle. This has already been done with sheep and goats.

## RICHMOND BUSINESS SATISFACTORY FOR THE YEAR OF 1907

Although No Records Were Kept, It Is Said by Local Financiers That Flurry Had No Effect on Richmond.

## LOCAL OUTLOOK FOR 1908 DECLARED A BRIGHT ONE

Factories Will Resume With Almost Full Forces, While Future of General Trade Is Considered Bright.

With Richmond the business year that has just closed has been a very satisfactory one, and the merchants are well pleased. While no records have been kept that will furnish an insight into the volume of manufacturing and trade for the year, as compared with the previous year, it is stated by prominent financiers that the financial depression that has been of a general nature that has not made itself felt here to any great extent. Clothing and shoe dealers have fared as well as in other years, while in other lines business has been as good and in some branches better than in 1906.

It was thought wise by some of the manufacturing concerns to remain closed longer than usual after invocating, late in the fall, but they are preparing to reopen and the local outlook is pronounced a bright one. Conditions that have influenced the factories in reducing their forces were not local ones, but were those arising from the general situation, the manufacturing concerns depending on a countrywide market for their business.

Bank clearings show an increase over the year 1906. All the local financial institutions have gone on in the usual way, not feeling the effect of the Wall street flurry, as no limit was placed on the amount of money to be withdrawn at any time. There have been very few failures, and none of the two or three reported during the year is attributed directly to the recent financial depression, the causes dating further back. Business men take a hopeful view of the situation and do not anticipate a lengthy period of hard times.

## MOTHER WEPT WHEN ATTORNEY PLEADED

Mother of Powers With Son on the Eve of the Close Of Big Trial.

## TWO SPEECHES TODAY.

## THE JURY WILL GET THE CASE ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK AND THE FATE OF POWERS WILL BE DETERMINED.

Georgetown, Ky., Jan. 1.—Arguments in the long drawn out fourth trial of Clegg Powers will be concluded this afternoon and the case will go to the jury at about 5 o'clock. Judge J. C. Sims, for the defense, and Attorney Victor Bradley, for the commonwealth addressed the jury yesterday. Two speeches were made. Attorney W. C. Owens, for the defense, began at 8:40 o'clock this morning and continued until noon. Commonwealth's Attorney Robert B. Franklin closed the case for the state this afternoon.

The courtroom today was again crowded to its fullest capacity, and there were even more women present than on the previous days. The venerable mother of the prisoner sat at his side and once, when Owens made an appeal for mercy, she wept bitterly, but no tear came to the eye of her son, whatever might have been his emotions.

## ANNUAL BANQUET OF CLUB TONIGHT

Entre Nous Will Entertain Elaborately.

Entre Nous annual banquet, will be held this evening at 6 o'clock at the club rooms. This will be one of the most important social events of the season in this club. The rooms were open throughout the day.

## LODGE MEETING.

The Knights and Ladies of Honor will meet in a special meeting tonight. All members are requested to be present.