

## ATROCIOUS MURDER OF JOSEPH LUCY, THE AGED MILTON RECLUSE, MAY AFTER TWO YEARS BE AVENGED

THE MYSTERY SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF THE WELL KNOWN MAN MAY BE SOLVED BY THE STORY OF A WOMAN, WHO UNDER PRESSURE, GAVE DETAILS LEADING TO ARREST OF FIRST SUSPECT.

### THREE MEN ARE NOW BEING HELD BY AUTHORITIES

Earl DuBoise and William Philpott of Milton, and Peter Sturgess of Hamilton, O., Suspected.

### INDICATIONS SEEM TO POINT TO THESE MEN.

Prosecutor Jessup Who Has Been Working on Case for Past Two Years, Feels No Mistake Has Been Made.

### STORY OF THE TRAGEDY.

JOSEPH LUCY WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE HAD LARGE SUMS OF MONEY HIDDEN IN HIS HOUSE AND THIS LED TO CRIME.

### BODY FOUND BY A FRIEND.

The Aged Man Was Attacked in the Barn and Later Dragged to the House Where the Remains Were Discovered by a Neighbor.

Earl DuBoise and William Philpott, both of Milton, Ind., and Peter Sturgess of Hamilton, O., are under arrest on suspicion of being the murderers of Joseph Lucy, the aged recluse, who was brutally beaten to death at his home three miles south of Milton on the evening of Friday December 15, 1905.

This murder was one of the most mysterious and baffling that the authorities of this county have ever been called upon to unravel, but after two years of untiring efforts to apprehend the murderers, Prosecutor Jessup is now confident that he has the guilty parties in custody.

**Three Men Captured.**  
DuBoise, a lad of twenty years, was the first one to be arrested. He was taken into custody at his home in Milton at an early hour yesterday morning. Marshal Drischel of Cambridge City was his captor. Philpott was arrested at Milton yesterday afternoon and last evening the Hamilton police at the request of the local authorities, took Sturgess into custody. He will be brought to Richmond as soon as requisition papers have been secured. All three men emphatically deny any knowledge of the crime, but the evidence against them appears to be strong.

### Jessup Always Active.

As has been stated, Prosecutor Jessup has for the past two years been collecting every scrap of evidence obtainable in the Lucy murder mystery. For a year past, Sheriff Meredith has been assisting him. Several weeks ago it was reported that there had been friction in the DuBoise family and that some of them who had had trouble with young Earl DuBoise, hinted that he was implicated in the Lucy murder and that he had confessed this much to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ralph DuBoise, of Connersville, of whom the young fellow was quite fond. Members of the family who were at odds with Earl, stated that Mrs. Ralph DuBoise had told them that Earl had confessed to her.

### Clue Is Found.

When this report reached the ears of Prosecutor Jessup and Sheriff Meredith, they took prompt action to investigate it, this being the first definite clue obtained since the day Lafayette Beeson, Lucy's closest friend and neighbor, had found the lifeless body of the old man in the lonely house.

### Woman Tells Story.

Wednesday of this week, Prosecutor Jessup and Sheriff Meredith went to Connersville. They located Mrs. DuBoise there and in the presence of her husband, closely questioned her concerning what Earl had told her of the crime. She refused to tell anything at first, but the officers finally persuaded her to make a statement, the exact nature of which has not been given out.

Prosecutor Jessup stated today that Mrs. DuBoise said to him and Sheriff Meredith, that in July, 1905, Earl DuBoise, very nervous and ill at ease, had come to her and in an agitated manner confessed that he and Philpott and Sturgess, knowing that Miss Lucy had a considerable amount of money stored away at his home, decided to rob him. The old man refused to give up his treasure and was struck a blow in the head with a club, this blow fractured his skull and death resulted instantly. Which one of the suspects is alleged to have delivered the fatal blow the authorities do not state.

### Earl Was Nervous.

"When Earl told me about this affair he was very nervous and wanted to get it off his mind," stated Mrs. DuBoise.

"Why didn't you tell the authorities at that time what you knew?" Mrs. DuBoise was asked. She answered that Earl was her husband's brother and that she decided that she would never tell on him unless the authorities came to her on their own accord and compelled her to disclose Earl's confession.

"Mrs. DuBoise appears to be a nice woman and she impressed me as being a truthful one," states Prosecutor Jessup. "Her husband bears an excellent reputation at Connersville. He has had but little to do with his family since running away from home at the age of eleven years."

### Warning Given DuBoise.

After the interview with Mrs. DuBoise, the prosecutor and sheriff left her home about 5:15 p. m. At six p. m. they took a train for Milton and arriving there at once summoned Marshall Drischel. He arrived from Cambridge City about 7:15 in the evening, just two hours after Jessup and Meredith had left the DuBoise home at Connersville. Meredith with Drischel, went to the home of Earl DuBoise as soon as the Cambridge City marshal arrived in Milton, but found that Mr. and Mrs. Ralph DuBoise had preceded them, having driven from Connersville at break-neck speed, and had warned Earl that the officers were after him. The young man had promptly secreted himself.

This was a great disappointment to the officers, but it was decided that Earl was only absent temporarily from his home. Thursday morning at an early hour Drischel again visited the DuBoise home and found Earl in bed. It was learned that when the officers first visited the house, Earl had been in hiding on top of a boiler in a deserted factory building.

### Another Woman in the Case.

Prosecutor Jessup states that another woman will figure prominently in the case. This woman resides at Milton and she has made a statement to the effect that she overheard an incriminating conversation between Earl DuBoise and Will Philpott. The grand jury, the prosecutor states, will be called to investigate the case. All three of the suspects absolutely refuse to discuss the case except to say they are innocent of the crime. Earl DuBoise states that his sister-in-law will never make another statement. This is thought to mean that influence will be brought to bear on her to this effect.

### THE REVOLTING CRIME.

Was Most Atrocious in History of County.

The murder of Joseph Lucy is the most mysterious and revolting in the criminal history of Wayne county. The place where the murder was committed would please the fancy of the most sensational writer of melodrama. This place was the Lucy farm, about three miles south of Milton. It is a secluded spot—in fact so much so that the day the body of the aged recluse was found Prosecutor Jessup remarked to Sheriff Smith "If the perpetrators of this crime only keep their mouths closed I doubt if the authorities will ever be able to capture them."

On Sunday, December 15, 1905, Lafayette Beeson, Lucy's nearest neighbor and closest friend, came to the Lucy home, where the strange man lived alone. Beeson did not see Lucy since the previous Friday and he was afraid that the aged man was ill.

### Lay in Pool of Blood.

Beeson found the front door of the house open, the key being on the outside of the door. Beeson walked in to Lucy's bedroom and the sight that greeted his eyes made the blood run cold and the hair raise. Lying on the floor at the side of the bed, fully clothed, was the hermit. His head rested in a pool of blood, which had flowed from a deep gash in the right jaw and an ugly gash in the head just above the left ear. The glassy eyes of the murdered man stared at Beeson with an expression of deadly fear and horror. The fists were tightly

### STORY OF THE STURGIS CAPTURE.

Hamilton, Ohio, Jan. 24.—Peter, alias Pierson, Sturgess, alleged to be the accomplice of the murderers of Joseph Lucy, an aged miser, of Milton, Ind., who was beaten to death three years ago in his lonely cabin on the outskirts of the Indiana hamlet, by three men, whose object was robbery, was apprehended yesterday. Sturgis was arrested at his home, on South B street, by Detectives Metcalf and Hetterick and Officer Walsh, on information furnished by the Richmond, Ind., authorities, who wired they had arrested one Earl DuBoise, alleged to have been one of the trio, and who in his confession implicated Sturgis. The latter says he can prove an alibi, and that he was in Connersville the night of the crime. He is willing to return to Indiana without requisition papers. Sturgis became ghastly pale when informed by the officers of the charge upon which he was arrested.

closed, showing that the old man, who was a native born Irishman, had, true to the instincts of his race, prepared to sell his life dearly when the end came.

### Always Carried Money.

Lucy always carried two purses on his person and in them he hardly ever had less than \$40. When Coroner Markley arrived, Lucy's clothes were searched and the purses were found to be gone. This gave positive proof that the man had been murdered by robbers who had been attracted to the place by stories, which for years had been heard on every hand, that the recluse had thousands of dollars concealed at his home.

### Blood Marks Told Tale.

Blood marks leading from the barn to the house established the fact that Lucy had been waylaid while leaving the barn and there had probably received the blow which fractured his jaw. It was easy for the authorities to imagine that the recluse had been robbed of all the money he had on him at the barn and that he had been forced to accompany the thieves to the house so that the hiding place of his hoarded wealth would be revealed. It was also easy for the imaginations of the officials to picture the thieves showing Lucy into his bed room and demanding that he bring forth the concealed money under penalty of death. It was then that the hermit, like an animal at bay, had turned upon the robbers and had, for his pugnacity, received the blow on the top of the head which fractured the skull. This blow was dealt with a heavy club. At the barn a club, covered with blood and streaked with hair from the victim's head, was found.

### Robbers Were Alarmed.

Alarmed at the result of their fiendish work the robbers did not take time to search for the concealed treasure but hurriedly took their departure. Every effort was made by the authorities to run the murderers to earth—but these efforts proved fruitless. Four suspects, including George DuBoise, a brother of the young man now held at the county jail, were taken into custody but were released, having proved to the satisfaction of Prosecutor Jessup that they knew absolutely nothing about the crime. The day the body was found Coroner Markley and Mr. Beeson found hidden in an old bee hive in the attic, a can which contained \$4,128 in currency.

### INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES

Railroads Killed Thousands Last Quarter.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Startling figures appear in the accident bulletin just issued by the interstate commerce commission, covering the months of July, August and September, 1907. The report shows that the number of casualties on railroads during that quarter period were 23,063, including 11,339 killed and 21,724 injured. This is an increase of 157 in the number killed and 3,066 in the number injured, as compared with the corresponding period of 1906. Collisions and derailments in the quarter numbered 4,279, including 2,245 collisions and 2,034 derailments, of which 320 collisions and 222 derailments affected passenger trains. The damage to cars, engines and roadways by these accidents amounted to \$3,065,696. This shows an increase in the number of collisions and derailments of 907 over the corresponding period of 1906.

### THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Saturday fair and not so cold.  
OHIO—Saturday fair, not so cold.

### Woman's Criticisms of the Duchess Nicols Grazzoli Created Sensation



This is Henry White, former Ambassador to Rome, and now U. S. Ambassador to Paris, and his beautiful wife, Mrs. White. Her criticisms of the Duchess Nicols Grazzoli, created a sensation in Rome Capitol and bid fair to stir a social war in Paris.

### INDIANA NOW LEADS ALL OTHER STATES IN CHARITY WORK

Timothy Nicholson, of This City, Just Resigned, Makes Public Several Very Interesting Observations.

### ALL OTHER STATES LOOK TO INDIANA FOR GUIDANCE

Secretaries of State Boards of Charities Are to Be Given Credit for Placing Work on Such a High Level.

"The work accomplished by the state board of charities since its organization in 1880 has, I can positively state, placed Indiana in the highest place in this class of work," stated Timothy Nicholson, who has just tendered his resignation to the state board. Continuing, he said: "Formerly, the charitable workers of this state had to look to New York and Massachusetts for ideas in governing the various public institutions. Now these two states and all the others in the union look to Indiana for ideas in governing and providing for public institutions. In bringing Indiana up to its present high position in this class of work, the state board of charities must give most of the credit to the untiring efforts of Mr. Nicholson and Oscar McCulloch of Indianapolis, that the legislature in 1880, created the board. After it had been established, Governor Hovey appointed Mr. Nicholson and Mr. McCulloch. Since that time the local man has been reappointed in turn by Governors Chase, Matthews, Mount, Durbin and Hanly.

When appointed to the board by Governor Hanly, Mr. Nicholson intimated that he was about ready to retire. He feels that he has performed all the services his state can expect of him, so this week when Governor Hanly received his resignation, it did not come in the nature of a surprise.

### WELL KNOWN WOMAN DIES OF APOPLEXY

Mrs. Harriett Frances Cook Stricken on Thursday.

Mrs. Harriett Frances Cook, wife of William E. Cook, 305 North Seventh street, died very suddenly Thursday night from a stroke of apoplexy. Mrs. Cook had been ill for several months and of late had been showing marked improvement. She was formerly connected with the local post office. The funeral will take place from the home of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Gaaz, 28 North

### MEN WHO SERVED IN GERMAN ARMY ORGANIZE HERE

There Are About Thirty Men Who Were Once in Ranks Of the German Fighting Force Living in City.

### EFFORTS OF WILLIAM DUNNING SUCCESSFUL.

For Many Years He Has Tried To Bring All Veterans of the Fatherland Together—Was In Kaiser's Regiment.

German residents of Richmond who have seen service in the army of the Fatherland, have organized an association of ex-German soldiers, known as the Deutscher Militar Verein von Richmond und Umgebung. The first meeting of this organization will be held Saturday evening at the old hotel house, South E and Sixth streets. This date is the birthday of Emperor William and it will be celebrated in good old German custom.

The local Militar Verein was organized through the efforts of William Dunning, who served in the Kaiser's army and who a few years ago attended the reunion of his old regiment in Berlin, which event was held on the occasion of Emperor William's silver wedding anniversary.

All men formerly connected with the German army who are not yet members of the local association are invited to attend the meeting Saturday night and affiliate with the organization. At the present time the Militar Verein is composed of the following members: Hans N. Koll, president; August Walters, vice-president; Wm. Dunning, secretary; Frederick Hackmann, treasurer; Eberhard Bettenbrock, Fritz Bickwedel, Martin Bulach, Heinrich Crome, Friedrich Fedemann, Herman Haegeoster, Carl Jeddung, Ludwig Kamp, Clement Lehrman, Herman Locher Kamp, Christian Menze, Bernhard Moss, Heinrich Pilgrim, Heinrich Nolte, Wilhelm Rommert, Joseph Shepman, Christian Schmidt, Heinrich Tilmann, August Witte, Heinrich Witte, Fred Krone, Nicholas Weist, Christian Burkhard, August Staefert, Christian Leutz, Wilhelm Niebuhr, Fred Buttenbrock.

Eleventh street, on Sunday, and the services and burial will be private. Friends may view the remains at Mrs. Gaaz's residence on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 and in the evening from 7 to 9. It is requested that flowers kindly be omitted.

### "About a Thousand Inquiries"

That was the answer to our inquiry as to what returns Dye and Price, real estate dealers, had received from some Classified Advertisements, advertising farm property for sale. Of course that's a little exaggerated on their part but it shows they had no kick coming over the results Palladium Classified Advertisements bring. Turn to page seven and read today's Classified Advertisements.

## RALLIES TO DEFENSE OF ROOSEVELT

William Dudley Foulke Says to Indianapolis Star's Charges, That Government Officers Are Not Co-erced.

### FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION NOT HARNESSSED TO TAFT.

If President Is Criticised, It Should Be Because He Does Not Remove Other Candidates' Supporters.

### KEALING CASE IS CITED.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF INDIANA HOLDS A FEDERAL POSITION, YET HE IS OUT WORKING FOR FAIRBANKS.

### THE STAR TAKES WATER.

In Reply to Foulke, the Paper Could Not Cite an Instance Where There Was a Federal Officer Working For Taft.

William Dudley Foulke, of this city, has made reply to a recent editorial in the Indianapolis Star, referring to his connection with the civil service, and alleging that the entire federal administration is harnessed up to the Taft boom. In his reply Mr. Foulke says if there is any criticism of the president it is because he has not removed men who have systematically used the time which belonged to the public in promoting the candidacy for other candidates. Mr. Foulke declares that Mr. Kealing, the prime minister of the Fairbanks movement, has been away from his office for weeks, promoting the interests of the Star's own candidate. Mr. Foulke's letter to the Star, in full, is as follows: Richmond, Ind., Jan. 21, 1908. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir:—In your Sunday's editorial, you speak of the "partial eclipse of the reputable Hoosier reformer, Mr. William Dudley Foulke, who has never heard of the entire federal administration's being harnessed up to the Taft boom," and of the "hypothesis that has overtaken our valiant civil service reformers."

"What do they think," you add, "about the lash from the white house that is being laid about the backs of federal employees, to make them use the government's time and money to impose the president's personal choice upon the national convention six months hence? They are dumb. They have never heard of it."

It is quite difficult thus to have revealed to one's consciousness a state of mind of which the external proof is so entirely lacking. As an exponent of the higher criticism, of its wonderful power of insight into the hidden works of the heart, I must congratulate your editorial writer as supreme in his profession.

The fact is, that instantly upon hearing of the charge, that the patronage was used to control the next nomination, I went to Washington and laid the matter before the president, Mr. Taft and others of the cabinet, and inquired as to the facts. On my return home, on reading your further article of January 17th, I made a written remonstrance to the chief executive himself, in case there should be any truth in the charges that you made. This may be the "hypothesis" you refer to.

Now I wish to pursue my inquiries in the other direction, that is, from yourself. You have made these charges of coercion. Will you give me the name of any official, anywhere in America, who has been controlled by any threat of dismissal, expressed or implied, or from whom the president has demanded any support for Taft? Will you name any man who has been removed or whom the President has threatened to remove because he was not for Taft. I challenge you to make good your statements, or at least to produce the authority on which they were made.

If any criticism can be made of the president, it is that he has not removed men who have systematically used the time which belonged to the public in promoting the candidacy of other candidates. Do you not know that the district attorney of Indiana, Mr. Kealing, the prime minister of the Fairbanks movement, has been weeks away from his office promoting the aspirations of the Star's own candidate? Have you protested against this? Can you give any instance of any official who has been supporting Taft in similar fashion? Is it not true that the bulk of Indiana's officials appointed through the influence of the Indiana machine, have been supporting Fairbanks? In Ohio today, four-fifths of

### CAUGHT TUBERCULOSIS IN PULLMAN CARS

Unusual Circumstances in the Death of Albert Lindemuth.

Albert Lindemuth of Los Angeles, Cal., formerly of Greenville, Ohio, died early Thursday morning after a long illness from tuberculosis. Mr. Lindemuth was with the Pullman Car Co., in Los Angeles and is supposed to have contracted the disease by being about Pullman cars in which persons afflicted with tuberculosis were traveling. He was a brother of A. C. Lindemuth, of this city.

### TERRIFIED PEOPLE RUSHED FROM HOUSES

Earthquake Reported From Reggio de Calabria.

Reggio de Calabria, Jan. 24.—A strong earthquake shook this province. There was loss of life. The shocks were particularly severe at the villages of Bianco, Brancalione, Bruzzano and Forzuzzano. Terrified, the people rushed from their houses to the open fields or took refuge in the nearby subterranean grottoes.

### MRS. MARY NIXON DIES IN DAYTON

Was Former Well Known Richmond Woman.

Mrs. Mary Nixon, widow of Nicholas Nixon, died at her home in Dayton, Ohio, Thursday night. Mrs. Nixon formerly lived in Richmond on North fifth street, at which time her husband owned the Nixon Paper Mill of this city. She was the aunt of Mrs. A. C. Lindemuth. Mrs. Louise Nixon White, Mrs. J. S. Ostrander and Frank M. Nixon, all of this city.