

NEW CAUSE OF DISEASE FOUND

Molecules of Protein Change Into Something Living, Scientists Told

(By Associated Press) A new cause of disease, found in molecules of protein, which change from inert, lifeless crystals into something apparently living, was reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Atlantic City Tuesday.

The proteins were found by Dr. W. A. Stanley of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, and by fellow scientists, in tobacco, spinach, tomatoes and plums. In the plants they all cause "mosaic," a costly spotted leaf disease.

Heretofore the "mosaic" diseases have been attributed to "viruses," which were generally believed to be sub-microscopic bacteria. Dr. Stanley said his evidence goes far to show that proteins are able to alter themselves and become disease producers, and that such wild proteins are probably the "viruses."

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Huge Sikh Who Survives Hanging When Rope Parts, To Find Himself Venerated As Holy Man By People

(By Associated Press)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.—Atma Singh, huge British Indian who survived a hanging today when the rope parted, may recover from his injuries to find himself venerated as a holy man by his thousands of compatriots here.

Who is of more substantial build, he may find his life spared by British justice, which had condemned him to die for the murder of a fellow policeman.

Atma Singh was one of the several hundred Sikhs from British India, husky, picturesque-bearded and tanned fellows who serve in the British-dominated police force of the Shanghai International settlement. When another Sikh constable insulted his wife, Atma Singh went after him with a meat cleaver and literally hacked him to pieces.

A British court condemned Atma Singh to be hanged. A special hangman was brought from Hongkong for the execution.

As the bulky Sikh plunged through the gallows' trap-door, the rope parted. Physicians said he suffered brain concussion, but his chances for recovery reported fair.

(By Associated Press)

Failure of the attempted execution confronted the British consular and judicial officials with a problem without precedent here.

Unofficial reports tonight said embassy authorities were inclined to favor commuting Atma Singh's sentence to life imprisonment if he recovers from his head injuries.

Shanghai's Indian community totaling several thousands regarded Atma Singh's survival as an act of Heaven.

In support of this belief some of the Sikhs explained that before the killing Atma Singh was a "Granthi," or minister to the large number of Sikhs attached to the police station in which he served.

The specially imported hangman and the British head of the international settlement police are undeterred to be slated for censure or other disciplinary action.

One explanation offered was that somebody tampered with it just before the trap was sprung, hoping to save Atma Singh and at the same time throw discredit on the British and police machinery of the British Empire.

KIDNAPER BEGINS NEGOTIATIONS FOR BOY

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grandson, George Weyhauser, was kidnaped in May, 1935, and ransomed for \$200,000.

The kidnaper's description coincided in many ways with that of the Mattson kidnaper entered Haddaway Hall twice in early November, police disclosed, terrorizing members of the Franklin family.

During the second invasion, the intruder fired a pistol at the night watchman, officials reported. Finally, a chain grocery operator, bought the mansion recently from the Weyhauser estate.

Although Police Chief Harold Bird characterized the Haddaway Hall incidents as "attempted burglaries" rather than attempted kidnappings, officials checked details of the ladder in the belief the intruder perhaps was the same swarthy, black-bearded man who seized young Mattson from the living room of his home Sunday night.

While the ladder was being climbed, new parallels with old kidnaping cases appeared.

A friend of the Mattson family said he repeatedly examined the dirty, frayed ransom note left by the kidnaper.

As in other cases, he said, the note appeared to have been written by someone with at least ordinary intelligence who greatly desired to hide his identity.

In this case, crude lettering was apparently done on a child's printing press to avoid tracing.

A Tacoma official said the note appeared to have been carried to the kidnaper in the man's pocket. Unaddressed and unsigned, it made no specific reference to the Mattsons, he said. This was taken to indicate the kidnaper had no particular victim in mind when he composed the ransom demand. It was said the note mentioned newspaper advertisements as a forerunner to ransom negotiations.

A bitter wind and sub-freezing temperature brought new fears for Charles' health should he be a prisoner in some exposed place.

Police Character Missing.

The Tacoma police office said it was seeking a known police character who has been missing from his usual haunts the last two days. The sheriff refused to name the man sought.

At the Mattson home several friends of the missing boy knocked on the kitchen door during the day. They reported Muffel and William Mattson, other children of the family, were "feeling all right but nervous" over the brother's abduction.

Eddie Kuhn, 13, who sold Charles a magazine route, also two Charles' friends, were not disturbed by the police.

Carrying a physician's kit, a man identified as Dr. Joseph P. Grigas of Sumner entered the Mattson home during the morning. He remained only a few minutes. Whether he called to treat any member of the family was not disclosed. The Mattsons and the Grigas families have been close friends.

DUTCH SHELL HEAD TO BUY DUTCH FARM PRODUCTS FOR GERMANY

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BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The rise of a new agrarian party in the Netherlands, dominated by Sir Henri Deteling, may result from the oil magnate's large-scale purchases of Dutch farm products for Germany, officials here said today.

Another result may be preferential treatment for Sir Henri's oil interests in a grateful Germany, these authorities indicated.

Sir Henri, chairman of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, a Hollander recently married to a German woman, yesterday announced he was making available 10,000,000 guilders (about \$5,400,000) to buy products of Dutch farms, which have had a hard time finding markets—for shipment to Germany, where shortage of foodstuffs is a serious problem.

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MILD SEDATIVES SOUGHT FOR POPE

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Manila congress, but tonight there appeared little chance that he would be able to do so.

Cardinal Dougherty is to receive from the holy father letters of credence, entitling him to special honors as personal representative of the head of the church.

Accompanying him are to be Bishop Thomas L. Eyley of Namur, Belgium, president of the International Eucharistic Congress committee; Archbishop John B. Rosa of Perugia, Italy, representing the Italian Eucharistic committee; and Monsignor Figueroa of Buenos Aires, secretary of the congress there in 1934.

ROAD TO SPEND \$6,307,500

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CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Federal Judge John P. Barnes today authorized Charles F. Megan, trustee for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, to spend \$6,307,500 for the purchase of new equipment including eight streamliner passenger locomotives, 23 passenger cars and 500 automobile freight cars.

SUGAR WAGES RAISED.

(By Associated Press) SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 29.—Wage increases totaling \$2,000,000 for the season beginning Jan. 1 were announced today by Porto Rican sugar employers in an agreement with 100,000 laborers guaranteeing collective bargaining and an eight-hour day.

PASADENA MAN HELD AFTER TRAFFIC DEATH

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(By Associated Press) PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 29.—Charles Stuart, local business man and Tournament of Roses committee member, was arrested on charges of suspicion of negligent homicide today after a coroner's inquest into the traffic death of Percy Cowling, 45, formerly of Hingham, Mass.

The coroner's jury ruled that Stuart was driving carelessly when his automobile, according to the testimony, struck and killed Cowling and injured Cowling's companion, Mrs. Ruth W. Hollis, former Brockton, Mass., resident.

Mrs. Hollis will recover. Detectives said she told them she and Cowling were together five years ago, leaving Cowling's family of three children. They were known here as Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hucksins.

LADY BOUNTIFUL DEAD IN LONDON

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in the Schneider trophy contest, international seaplane speed race.

Lady Houston was a frequent and bitter critic of the British government through her magazine, the weekly "Saturday Review."

She offered nearly \$1,000,000 to Chamberlain of Esher, Norfolk, Chamberlain May 3, 1935, for the air defense of London.

Chamberlain rejected the offer, however, because, he explained, the government could not accept such a gift for a specific purpose.

POLISH GUARANTY GIVEN FOR LOAN

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tolerate political propaganda in the army.

Referring to charges of Communist propaganda in the army, he said: "I had to take sanctions which have been painful to me. I took them against both sides."

Earlier two international pledges were announced before the national assembly.

1. Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos disclosed to the chamber of deputies that Poland had given France a guarantee to aid Czechoslovakia if the latter is attacked by Germany.

2. Finance Minister Vincent Auriol promised the senate there would be no new devaluation of the franc despite heavy expenditures on armaments.

The chamber ratified a government decree applying 1,750,000,000 francs (about \$1,725,000) in extraordinary credits for armaments and then unanimously approved Polish loan bond issues of 1,350,000,000 francs (\$63,045,000).

Guarantee by Poland to support Czechoslovakia, Delbos declared, was a condition to a French loan to the Warsaw government.

Auriol, in the senate budget debate, pledged that the French franc would remain at its present parity in relation to the American dollar and the British pound sterling.

He said the three-power monetary accord among France, the United States and Great Britain, announced last September prior to devaluation of the franc, was a sufficient guarantee in itself to refute rumors of new devaluation of the franc.

The finance minister said 66 per cent of the ordinary budget was absorbed to meet expenses of "the war of yesterday and defense against the dangers of tomorrow."

"For administrative, intellectual, social and economic needs of the country and for the development of teaching and social welfare," he declared, "34 per cent is available to France."

"In other countries 50 per cent is consecrated to these works, assuring them: incontestable superiority."

AVENGING MOTHER LANDS FOUR IN JAIL

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STRIKE LEADER FREED IN DEATH OF CHILD

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LONG BEACH, CALIF., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast maritime leader, was exonerated today by a coroner's jury which investigated the death of a child struck by Bridges' automobile Saturday night.

The jury returned a verdict that the death of Joe Miranda, eight, was "accidental and unavoidable at the rate of speed Bridges was traveling."

5,000 FASCISTS REPORTED SLAIN

Madrid Announces Rebels Driven Back in Southern Offensive

(By Associated Press) MADRID, Dec. 29.—Socialist troops killed 5,000 Fascist troops and drove back enemy forces, aided by four battalions of German soldiers, in a southern offensive, the Madrid defense junta announced today.

Shifting of the current battlefront from fortified Madrid to the strong Fascist territory of Cordoba resulted in decisive gains for the Socialists, said dispatches from Andalus, in a southern offensive, the Madrid defense junta announced today.

Fascists entrenched around Lopera and Villa Del Rio were bolstered by the German troops and several squadrons of cavalry, the dispatches said.

Capture of a cemetery at Teruel and Mount Mansueto, the war ministry asserted, gave Madrid forces complete domination of the Zaragoza valley north of the capital and leading toward the city of Zaragoza—Fascist stronghold since the civil war broke out.

Within the capital, officials avowed their pleasure that the Defense Department's State had ruled favorably to permit shipment of nearly \$3,000,000 in airplanes and other armaments to Socialist defenders at Bilbao.

"The planes were purchased in America from a private firm.

Artillery fire against the Madrid defense line continued throughout the day, but there was no connected and damaging advance.



KING PRESENTING NOBEL PRIZE TO AMERICAN—

Dr. Carl Anderson, 51-year-old scientist associated with the California Institute of Technology, receiving the Nobel Prize for Physics and a hearty handshake from King Gustav of Sweden at the presentation ceremonies held in Stockholm.

HEIRESS LEAPS 18 STORIES TO DEATH

Note Identifies Her As Girl Who Disappears From Connecticut

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Elizabeth Butterfield, Minneapolis department store heiress who had been missing since last Tuesday, plunged to her death from an 18th floor window today after passing first to take spiritual consolation from the Bible.

Ironically, it developed that she had been living at the Hotel Marlborough-Plaza under an assumed name since the day after her disappearance while on Dec. 21 in a hotel, the Gotham, only four blocks away, her distraught aunt had directed a widespread search for her.

The 25-year-old orphan, who suffered a nervous breakdown three months ago, left a note in her room saying:

"Please notify police in case of accident. I am Elizabeth Butterfield."

The identification was verified by her nurse, Mrs. Charlotte Parsons, whom she had eluded during a shopping spree in Cos Cob, Conn., a week ago today, after appearing in Greenwich, Conn. Reconstructing her actions, police said the young woman apparently had stood reading the Bible for a few moments before opening her window and diving to death.

Her body, wearing the same clothing she wore when she disappeared, was removed to the West 47th Street police station, where Mrs. Parsons identified it.

A handbag found in her room contained 56 cents and a few toilet articles.

Chicago Body Identified.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The body of an attractive woman who leaped to her death from a ninth floor ledge of Marshall Field and Company's Loop store on Dec. 21 was identified today as Florence Joan Ellis, 23, of Tulsa, Okla. Police Sergeant William Murphy reported.

Sergeant Murphy said H. Mallette of Tulsa, an oil man who formerly employed Miss Utley, identified the body.

Mrs. Hubert C. Ellis of suburban Evanston, Mallette's sister-in-law, said she was one of hundreds who looked at the body in the county morgue. Believing she recognized the woman as Mallette's former secretary, she telegraphed Mallette to come here and make the identification.

At the Ellis home, it was reported Mallette was associated with the Wilcox Oil Company of Tulsa.

FILM MARRIAGE LASTS NINE DAYS

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Dave Gould, film director, filed suit in Superior Court here today seeking an annulment of his marriage to the former Frances Paxton, dancer and singer, with whom he eloped by airplane to Yuma, Ariz., Dec. 5.

Gould, in his complaint, asserted he and his bride never lived together, and he declared they formally separated Dec. 14, nine days after the ceremony.

Through her lawyer, Mrs. Gould declared, "We just agreed to disagree," and said she probably would not contest the action or make any demands on Gould. There is no community property, Gould's complaint asserted.

JOB INSURANCE PASSED

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FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 29.—The Kentucky Legislature passed a State unemployment compensation bill today and dispatched it to Washington for Federal inspection.

SLAYER OF FIVE GIVEN HEARING

Policeman Bound Out to Grand Jury

(By Associated Press) PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29.—A coroner's jury recommended today that Policeman Martin J. Sullivan, of suburban Duquesne, be held for the grand jury on five charges of murder.

The officer, who has confessed shooting five of his neighbors, sat without emotion during the brief hearing in a courtroom guarded by 25 police and detectives.

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MUNICIPAL POWER BACKERS DISAGREE

Unable To Get Together On Moves To Promote Objects

(By Associated Press) DECATUR, Ala., Dec. 29.—Sharp disagreement over moves to promote municipal ownership of utilities arose today after organization of the Southeastern Power Consumers' Association by representatives of 18 cities and co-operatives in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Georgia.

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BILL PLANNED TO GET AROUND LAWS OF COMMUNITY PROPERTY

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Representative Treadway (Rep.), Massachusetts, proposed today to put Federal income taxpayers in all States on the same basis and bring in an estimated \$50,000,000 additional revenue.

He drafted a bill to get around laws in eight "community property" States. These laws provide that all income earned by either spouse, half shall be regarded as the property of the husband and half that of the wife.

By filing separate income tax returns, Treadway said, persons in these States can save up to 43 per cent in comparison with what they would be taxed in other States.

The eight States are Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Washington.

WAR CORRESPONDENT DEAD

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LONDON, Dec. 29.—A. G. Hales, 63, noted war correspondent and author of the "McGhisky" adventure stories, died today at his home at Herne Bay, Kent.

300,000 TRAILERS SERVE AS PART-TIME HOMES

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(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Automobile trailers are helping to solve the nation's housing problem.

Speaking today before the American Economic Association, George Terborgh of the Federal Reserve Bank board, said between 40,000 and 50,000 trailers were used as permanent homes.

He estimated the total number of trailers used as full or part-time residences at 300,000.

ACTRESS SUED FOR \$126,625.

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Ann Dvorak, screen actress, was named defendant today in a \$126,625 damage suit filed on behalf of John J. Kelley, a salesman. The suit is based on injuries which Kelley alleged he received in a collision of automobiles he and Miss Dvorak drove last Dec. 5. The actress was accused of driving negligently.

LOST PURSE RETURNED

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(By Associated Press) MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 29.—Six numbers ago Al G. Welz, a Mobile lynotype operator, lost a billfold with \$22 in Sportsman's Park, St. Louis.

Last week he received a letter from a St. Louis church pastor merely asking proof of his identity. Puzzled, Welz sent it.

Today he had his wallet back, with a note explaining a member of the congregation had turned it in to the minister. Welz said he would send the church a reward.

TEXAS GETS \$12,273,957

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—An appropriation of \$12,273,957 to Texas was the largest made today by Secretary Wallace in dividing a \$200,000,000 highway and grade crossing among the States and Territories.

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MILLER HEADS I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Carol Miller was elected Interstate Commerce Commission chairman today for the calendar year 1937. The chairmanship is rotated annually.

NEW YEAR'S FIREWORKS

Everything that's New and Novel in Fireworks and Noise Makers: 1,000 kinds. Sky Bombs, Red Marble Flash Salutes, 22 Blank Pistols and 22 Blank Cartridges, Red Ball Torpedoes, Repeating Flash Salutes, Glitter-Circles, Horns, Bonets, Paper Hats, Fireworks, Noisemakers, and Sneezing Powder, Loaded Cigarettes, Nose Blowers, Slink Bombs.

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