

BELLA GUNNESS, A FIEND INCARNATE

La Porte, Ind., Authorities Say
She Was Responsible for at
Least Five Murders.

HAD A PRIVATE GRAVEYARD.

Five Bodies, All of Murdered Victims,
Found in It—Gunness Woman and
Children Buried to Death.

La Porte, Ind., May 5.—That Mrs. Bella Gunness was responsible for at least five murders before she and her three children were incinerated in the fire which destroyed her home one week ago today, is the theory now held by the local authorities who are attempting to solve the puzzle of the barnyard burying ground found on her pretty farm one mile north of this city today.

Their first impressions to this effect were strengthened when Ray Lamphere was told this evening of the day's gruesome discoveries.

"My God! Five bodies! What wouldn't that woman do!" exclaimed Lamphere, who is awaiting grand jury action on a charge of first degree murder.

The dim lighting of the cell in which he has been confined since his arrest following the fatal fire, revealed the spasm of horror, shaded with relief, which crossed his features.

THOUGHT SOMETHING WRONG.

"I always thought something was wrong out there," he cried, when Sheriff A. F. Smuter questioned him. "Several people came to that farm who never were seen to go away. One was a man, big, with black hair and mustache. Mrs. Gunness told me he was Jennie Olsen's sweetheart. He was around there about two years ago. Then one day a man and woman drove up with a baby. They went away without it. No; that's all I know about it, but I guess there must have been others. I ain't sure just when that big man was there."

Despite the incoherence of Lamphere's statements, the sheriff thinks that a long step has been made toward clearing up the case.

LAMPHERE KNEW.

The fact that Lamphere knew of the comings and goings of persons about the Gunness farm at least a year before he went to work for the dead woman, is being held in reserve by Sheriff Smuter and Ralph N. Smith, the prosecuting attorney for the Second judicial district. They hint that they have other facts with which to confront the prisoner, but may not reveal them until at least a year has passed.

With this insurance money Mrs. Sorenson bought a confectionery store in Chicago, which was located at the corner of Grand avenue and Elizabeth street. A short time later the store was gutted by fire, the origin of which was suspicious, but after making an investigation the insurance company paid the claim.

KILLED WITH MEAT CHOPPER.

After the fire at Chicago, Mrs. Sorenson moved to La Porte, Ind., and it was here that she was united in marriage to Peter Gunness. While in the kitchen one day Gunness was struck on the head by a meat chopper and the wife explained to the coroner that it had fallen from a shelf and had killed him. Although her story was questioned the investigation was never carried any further.

That Mrs. Gunness was contemplating a third marriage is believed by the officers as the result of the receipt of a letter Wednesday by Executor Fogie addressed to Mrs. Gunness. The letter is written in Norwegian and is from a man who writes that he is sorry he cannot meet her requirements as to his financial condition, but he is respectable and worthy in every way. He says that he will be able to find the right kind of a man, one who will make her a good and true husband and one who will be a father to her children.

SHE KNEW TOO MUCH.

The theory is advanced that Jennie Olsen knew too much in connection with the death of Mrs. Gunness. Her husband, who succumbed to wounds in the head four years ago, was the man who was destroyed by fire during the night one week ago, and the bodies of the woman and her three children were found in the ruins. The children were Myrtle, aged 11; Lucy, aged 9, and Philip, 5 years old. Joseph Maxson, an employee, barely escaping from the burning house. The head of Mrs. Gunness was missing from the charred trunk and it has not been found.

Soon after the fire it was suspected that Ray Lamphere, a farm laborer, knew something of it and a search was made for him resulting in his arrest the same evening, his capture being effected in a small woods near here, where he had concealed himself in the trunk of a hollow tree. Lamphere acknowledged that he knew of the fire, but said he had only seen it as he passed the house on his way to work.

Suspicion was directed toward Lamphere because he was alleged to have annoyed Mrs. Gunness with his attentions. His stories were so conflicting that he was held without bail to the grand jury.

NEVER HEARD OF AGAIN.

Andrew Helgelein spent almost a month visiting Mrs. Gunness and others in this city and was supposed to have started on a trip to Norway and Sweden. He has never been heard of since. Helgelein was a well-dressed, young man from Aberdeen, S. D., appeared in town one day last winter with Mrs. Gunness and called at the residence of Mrs. Sorenson. He had with him a draft for \$3,000 which he wished cashed. The bank did not know the man and it would not accept Mrs. Gunness' endorsement for so large an amount, and so the draft was left there for collection. It was drawn on a bank in Aberdeen, S. D. In a few days the money for the draft came and it was turned over to the man.

SHE GOT THE MONEY.

Apparently this money was turned over to Mrs. Gunness, for immediately thereafter she paid a note of \$500 at the bank and paid other bills, after which she made a deposit of about \$750 in the State bank. About the time this money arrived Ray Lamphere, who had been working for Mrs. Gunness, came to the sheriff and told him that there

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For Ratification of a
Triangular Treaty.

COLOMBIA'S CLAIM INVOLVED

Senate Adopts Resolution Calling for
Correspondence With That Country
Since Jan. 18, 1904.

Washington, May 5.—The senate adopted today a resolution which may complicate in some manner the object of Secy. Taft's visit to Panama. The resolution is one introduced by Senator Bacon, calling for correspondence since Jan. 18, 1904, between the United States and Colombia in relation to the secession of Panama. Prior to that time Colombia felt aggrieved at what was interpreted to be interference by the United States in her troubles with the state of Panama, and demanded \$10,000,000 of the United States. Colombia also asked for arbitration of this claim, which was refused by the United States on the ground that this country had been charged with fomenting revolution in Panama and abetting the secession of the isthmian portion of Colombian territory. The resolution calling for late correspondence is based upon the fact that on the part of certain Democratic senators that Colombia has again asked for arbitration of the claim and at the same time has made new charges against the United States involving the conduct of this government in connection with the secession of Panama. It is said that Colombia asks that order issued by the United States government to commanders of vessels on the west shore of Central America and to the commanders of marine corps detachments on the isthmus just prior to the secession of Panama, be presented as evidence that the Colombian government had been injured by the United States. Whether a report has been by the state department to the renewed request from Colombia for arbitration is not known by the senators. They expect that to be brought out by the reply of the president to the request for the correspondence.

Information so far obtained by the Democratic senators leads them to believe that a triangular treaty has been negotiated between the United States, Colombia and Panama by which the Colombian claim is to be scaled down and assumed by Panama for \$1,000,000. According to the advocates of the backers of the Bacon resolution, Colombia is holding out for \$1,000,000 and Panama is complaining that it is unjust to compel her to pay either sum from the \$10,000,000 which the United States paid to Panama for the canal zone.

The chief mission of Secy. Taft to Panama, these senators believe, is to secure an agreement by which this treaty might be ratified. It is said also that it is hoped that an agreement can be reached between Panama and Colombia whereby action by the United States senate on the treaty would not be necessary and which would not call for accession to Colombia's latest demand for arbitration.

Senator Bacon believes that if the facts are as stated the United States is in honor bound to grant the arbitration demanded for the reason that this country has taken an advanced position on the subject of general arbitration.

State of Utah, Office of the Secretary of State, I. Charles S. Tingey, Secretary of State of the State of Utah, do hereby certify that the above named insurance company has filed in my office a detailed statement of its condition, from which the foregoing statement has been prepared, and that the said company has in all other respects complied with the laws of the State relating to insurance.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State of Utah, this 20th day of April, A. D. 1908.

C. S. TINGEY,
Secretary of State.

By George B. Squires, Deputy.

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Abstract of the Annual Statement for the Year Ending December 31, 1907, of the Condition of the

U. S. BRANCH LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION

The Name and Location of the Company, London Assurance Corporation, London, England.

Name of U. S. Manager, Charles L. Case, 34 William St., New York.

The amount of its special deposit in New York, 205,000.00

The amount of its assets, 2,996,997.75

The amount of its liabilities (including capital), 2,080,941.65

The amount of its preceding calendar year, 2,477,042.84

The amount of its expenditures during the preceding calendar year, 2,462,181.48

The amount of losses paid during the preceding calendar year, 1,190,860.58

The amount of risks written during the year, 302,411,567.00

The amount of risks in force at the end of the year, 264,239,723.00

State of Utah, Office of the Secretary of State, I. Charles S. Tingey, Secretary of State of the State of Utah, do hereby certify that the above named insurance company has filed in my office a detailed statement of its condition, from which the foregoing statement has been prepared, and that the said company has in all other respects complied with the laws of the State relating to insurance.

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