

When they got near the hotel the stranger exposed himself, saying that he would have to catch a train for Chicago. At the request of Mr. Hall he gave his name and address as Mr. Knapp, of No. 2255 Calumet avenue, Chicago.

Mr. Hall took the children to the hotel and engaged rooms for them. That night a woman called at the hotel and waited on the sidewalk until she could talk to the children. Between 9 and 10 o'clock the children found their chance to steal from the hotel and the last trace that the police could find was that the children had gone with the woman. The same night another woman well dressed made inquiries at the Plankinton house as to where she could find the children.

Detective McManus, who had charge of the case at the time, now believes that the stranger who brought the children to Mr. Hall was Holmes, who at about that time told Mrs. Pietzel that the children were at a school in Indianapolis. Mr. Hall had been shown pictures of the children and says that the girl resembles Mollie Pietzel in every respect. Who the woman is that took them away and what object Holmes had in taking them from the Plankinton where Manager King agreed to keep them until they found their father, is a complete mystery.

CHICAGO, July 23.—Dr. George A. Heath, resident surgeon at the University hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich., writes from Monroe, Mich., as follows: "I, reference to the man H. H. Holmes, I knew him fairly well while he was studying medicine at Ann Arbor. He did not while there pass by the name of Holmes, but Herman W. Mudgett. I remember him as a mild, inoffensive student of ordinary ability, and seemingly the last person in his class to follow the murderous career that he seems to have followed. He graduated from the medical department of the University of Michigan in 1884. I have his photograph in a class picture and it much resembles the cuts of him published in several Chicago papers."

CHICAGO, July 23.—A local paper today prints the following: That Mrs. I. L. Conner is dead is certain. That Holmes either killed her or is directly responsible for her death is equally sure. Holmes yesterday admitted the woman was no more, but, as usual, he tried to shift the blame on someone else.

Almost equally certain is it that Mr. Conner's daughter, Gertrude, is not in the laud of the living. Holmes says he does not know what has become of her, and that in itself is practically an admission she has been made away with.

The fact that Holmes admits Mrs. Conner's death is not known to the authorities in Philadelphia. He made the admission yesterday afternoon to a man who, with District Attorney Graham, was closeted with him in the penitentiary. This is his statement:

"Mrs. Conner got into trouble, and a Chicago doctor performed an operation. The job was such a bungling one that the woman died."

This is the first light shed on the case since Mrs. Conner disappeared from public view in 1893.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The Nor-

wegian steamer Terrier, which arrived today from Demerara, reports that on July 12 the British schooner, Eagle, from Barbadoes, was sunk in a collision with the steamer. The crew and passengers numbered 29, of whom 24 were rescued. Among the drowned were two women and one child. The collision was the fault of the Eagle, the master and crew of which did nothing to help their unfortunate passengers.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., July 24.—At the annual meeting of the Kansas State Millers' association today a committee was appointed with authority to negotiate with the railroads for an emergency rate on wheat from Minnesota, the Dakotas, Oregon, Washington and Utah, sufficient to meet the demands of Kansas mills. It is estimated that to keep the leading merchant mills of the state going, from seven million bushels upward must be imported, as it was apparent that seed wheat must be imported to supply the needs of Kansas farmers in certain sections. A committee was authorized to proceed at once to arrange for the importation of Russian hard winter from the Crimea.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 23.—It is reported that the Western Union Telegraph company is making arrangements to take possession of the old telegraph line extending through British Columbia, started thirty years ago to run to Europe by Bering sea and Siberia. It is proposed to rebuild the old line and extend it north to Forty Mile creek on the Yukon, and run branch lines to Sitka and Juneau, thus putting Alaska in touch with the great world, from which it is now separated.

BOCHUM, Westphalia, July 26.—An explosion occurred yesterday in the Prince Von Curzon mine. The bodies of thirty-two victims have already been recovered. A number of persons are still missing. Search parties are experiencing much difficulty in exploring the mine. In addition to the killed, nine men were severely burned.

HAVANA, July 26.—Lieutenant Colonel Tejada, of the Guerilla forces, routed the insurgents near San Luis province of Santiago de Cuba. The insurgents left fourteen dead, and retired with the wounded. The troops lost three killed, nine wounded and captured some ammunition.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 26.—The Colorado, Wyoming and Utah Railway company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$5,000,000.

BOSTON, July 26.—The body of Alberta Stewart, a 14-year-old school girl who disappeared from her home, 29 Myrtle street, yesterday afternoon, was found in the Charles river today. Medical Examiner Harris found evidences that she was criminally assaulted, it is believed she was thrown into the water while unconscious.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—Henry W. Langenour, a member of the state assembly, disappeared from his home at Woodland a few days ago with \$10,000, and his friends believe he is in Salt Lake City, where he is said to have relatives.

Langenour cashed a check for \$10,000 at the Bank of California, and is said to have gone to the racetrack. After leaving the track no trace of him

could be found. Unfortunate business investments involved Langenour in debt, and his friends believe he went to Salt Lake to seek rest.

LONDON, July 26.—The Times this morning has a leader commenting upon the enormous increase of private deposits in the Bank of England, says: "This indicates that the money formerly put into foreign investments has been kept in hand. Good authorities estimate that up to 1892, English capitalists were accustomed to invest £30,000,000 yearly in America, chiefly in railroad stocks. But for the uneasiness induced by the American monetary system undoubtedly it would be reinvested in America, now that business is perceptibly improving there, but as the defects of the system still remain, these cautious persons will refrain until they are remedied. The positive rush, both in England and Europe, to lend money in China, proves the desire for good investments."

CITY OF MEXICO, July 26.—The canal drainage system in the valley of Mexico is nearly completed. This work, including the tunnel through the mountains, is an achievement on which President Diaz will rest a title to fame as a practical administrator. Sanitarious here estimate the completion of the drainage canal will diminish the mortality rate by one-half.

Great alarm exists in the town of Oaxaca, in the state of Yucatan, on account of the presence of hostile Indians. The town was the scene of several massacres in 1854, 1856 and 1869, and was valiantly defended in 1859. Yucatan Indians, from the swamps and forests, are entire barbarians, and are supplied with modern weapons and ammunition by British traders in the colony of Belice.

TACOMA, Wash., July 27.—Six Gatling guns, intended for the use of the Hawaiian royalists are said to be en route to Puget Sound from one of the eastern states. The Hawaiian government learned that they had been ordered and recently sent a secret service agent to intercept them.

This agent arrived last week and gives his name as H. H. Allan. He bears credentials signed by high officials of the republic. He told the Northern Pacific officials that he did not think they should carry contraband articles over their road. They smiled and said the road would haul all freight offered. Allan thinks the royalists are planning for action next September.

NEW YORK, July 27.—A Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres says: A correspondent in Rio de Janeiro telegraphs that a large mass meeting was held there last night to protest against the action of England in taking possession of the island of Trinidad. Twenty thousand people were together in and around the hall where the meeting was held and the speeches were received with the greatest enthusiasm. Several editors were among those who made addresses. The streets were patrolled by cavalry, ordered out by the government to prevent attacks on the business houses of English residents. It had also been reported to the authorities that the British consulate was in danger and at that point a strong guard was stationed.