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THE MISSING VERA.

She Is Asserted to Be Dies Debar, the Spook Priestess of New York.

MRS. BOLTON IS FIRM IN HER SUPPOSITION.

Girl Found in Cincinnati—She Tell Is Her Own Story.—She is not Dies Debar.

(By Telegraph to the News.)

MISS VERA AVA.

The Missing Lady Found.—Her Astonishing Story.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—No trace has been found of Miss Vera Ava, alleged to be a wealthy Englishwoman, who came here some weeks ago to work for the reformation of fallen women, and who so suddenly disappeared without saying anything. Commenting her identity an afternoon paper says: "Vera Ava is, it is now asserted, none other than Ann Adams Debar, the spook medium of New York. She was seen on the street and recognized by a New York newspaper woman, who called upon the chief of detectives this morning and told him of her discovery. Her description tallies exactly with that of Miss Ann Adams Debar of New York city, the notorious spiritualist carrier spook of wigs and other make-ups, and of late has been traveling across the country exploiting gullible church people."

The police have no doubt, from the information furnished by the New York city, that Miss Ava is Miss Debar. The opinion is strengthened by information gleaned from other sources. The police have been assured that the woman is merely in hiding, and the detectives detailed on the case have been withdrawn.

A VERY STRANGE TALE AND RETURNED MONEY.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—"The strangest thing about the case," said Deputy Lieutenant Miles tonight, "is that this Miss Ava, who is written up as a fakir, has refused money from those she has relieved in her charitable work. A caller at the station today, a minister, whose name I can't divulge, told me that a charitably inclined gentleman offered the woman alone, but she refused it, saying she had plenty of money. The woman had often said that she was a lady, which they told her from England, but the officials at the Clinton House say so much women has ever been at that place. The most bizarre of the mystery is that Miss Ava is reported to have said she feared she would get a false account to that of Dr. Crosby. Father Kelly, upon whom she called just prior to her disappearance, is a brother of the man whose arrest in St. Louis as a Crosby suspect caused a sensation at the time. He was speedily released, there being no proof against him.

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ON HER TRAIL.

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It was nearly twelve tonight when this woman hailed a citizen and asked him where to drive to the St. Nicholas. She wore a black Mother Hubbard dress, and was in her stocking feet and without her hat. From her wild talk where her companion had left her body was here. The St. Nicholas Bureau and Gibson House all refused to receive her. At the Gibson Jackson the detective force took the matter in hand and removed her at once to the house of detention. An examination there revealed the fact that she had had a card and not a scrap of paper on her person, and that all her effects were her black dress and her stockings. The police have been unable to learn her address or her name. When she was asked about it she would say: "I came from behind the grey stone wall and wound up the hill, but they pushed me down whenever I tried up, and then the clouds laughed and the little stars danced their heads together." Nothing satisfactory can be learned from her. She said she had been at 2000 West Monroe street, Chicago, some of the others think she recently resided. It is asserted here in certain quarters that she is the late Miss Debar of New York.

WAS NOT WANTED.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—The sergeant in charge of the Central Police station this evening received a telegram from the chief of the Cincinnati police announcing the fact that they had the missing Miss Ava in charge and asking what was to be done with her. The sergeant replied: "Release Miss Ava, we don't want her." The sergeant said to the reporter that the only effect of the telegram was to satisfy our curiosity as to Miss Ava's whereabouts. "There is no charge against her, hence we cannot order her arrest."

SHE TELLS HER STORY.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 11.—Miss Ava, whose disappearance from Chicago night before last created a sensation, came into the Central Police station and asked to be locked up as an eccentric character, and a long story to an Associated Press representative tonight. It is quite as startling as the previously alleged disclosures. Miss Ava said she was a Roman Catholic and was visiting her friends in the Sacred Heart convent and degraded children of Chicago. This shipwrecked Archbishop Feehan, who interested her in a mission. She intended to go to Rome, but ordered her to appear before the council at the Jesuit College Church Wednesday. She went to the appointed place, Mrs. Bolton. On entering the church she found Archbishop Feehan and Father Kelly present. They presented her a glass of water, which they told her to sign. She refused, saying that, as a future American citizen, she meant to see her mission and be released. Thereupon Father Kelly arose and said: "This has gone far enough." At that moment two men came in of the size and appearance of the Wagnerian opera. After that she knew nothing more until she felt as if she was on the lake. Asia was a Chinaman and Africa disguised and a session at the time. He was speedily released, there being no proof against him.

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A BANK ROBBERY.

Two Desperadoes Step Into the First National Bank at St. Louis

AND DEMAND THE CASH FROM THE CASHIER.

The Bravery of that Functionary Saved the Bank.—The Robbers Caught.

(By Telegraph to the News.)

TWO BANK ROBBERS.

They Are Caught After an Exciting Chase.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 11.—A special to the Republic from Effingham, Ill., says: This city was the scene of a bank robbery today, and some of the thieves from the exploits of the Younger brothers. There was a solitary cannon, and while the street was filled with people, two desperadoes stepped into the First National Bank and, presenting revolvers at the head of Cashier Wallinger, demanded the cash. The cashier started as if to comply with their demands but hastily stepped behind the safe door and yelled for help. He was cornered but he knew enough to stand his ground, as they dodged from the cashier's weapons to leave no foot from partly killed at least. At this unexpected turn of affairs one of the robbers sprang over the private enclosure while the cashier was covered with a revolver, and grabbing what money he could, sprang out and the two escaped. The original loot of five dollars and a pocket was quickly made. Hundreds of people stared in paralyzed astonishment at the robbers had got out of sight, but as they were seen they began their pursuit at bay with their own weapons. At last they were cornered, fairly surrounded, and, seeing impossibility, they threw up their hands and surrendered.

The excitement was at fever heat, and had the robbers fired a single shot they would have been promptly lynched. The money secured by them, $140, was all recovered. It was found in the coat pocket of one of them. The desperadoes gave their names as William McHaffie and H. Grant. They were taken to the county jail. Had it not been for the bravery of the cashier and the fortunate position of the bank door, they would have succeeded in robbing the bank with impunity. A people pearing to and fro in front of it. The cashier had a revolver in the drawer, and had it been put at his disposal the robbers entered he was hastily engaged in counting up and saw the number of two revolvers confronting him. The cashier, Joseph Partridge, Jr., is only 20 years of age, and his bravery saved the bank from being robbed.

"Robert le Diable" Instead of "Lohengrin."

PARIS, Sept. 11.—The long-expected, much-discussed Wagnerian opera, the production of "Lohengrin" at the Grand Opera House, which was set down for this afternoon, has been unexpectedly to an announcement made today, on account of the illness of Van Dyke, the tenor, and "Robert le Diable" was selected as a substitute opera.

The general opinion, however, is that the management and the municipal authorities of Paris have been more closely alarmed at the threats made by the Chauvinists, and consequently have postponed the Wagnerian opera. The managers, however, hope that they will produce "Lohengrin" on Monday should Van Dyke's health permit. It is hinted that there have been serious troubles at the rehearsals through the pressure there of Madame Wagner and her son. There has also been dissension among the artists, and interesting letters have been sent to the newspaper and conductor.

A Case of Smallpox.

DETROIT, Sept. 11.—There is a case of smallpox in the Polish quarter, the child of a laborer being dangerously ill, being ill with the disease. The father will fight if the child is removed to the pesthouse. If the epidemic should start in the Polish quarter there is no telling how extensive its ravages would be.

An Army Officer's Death.

DETROIT, Sept. 11.—Captain Frederick S. Dodge, a retired army officer, who has been detained for some years in a lunatic asylum, died last night at his residence by shooting himself through the head.

A Suit for $200,000.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—A suit was begun today in County Attorney Walker against William C. Seipp, ex-county treasurer and his bondsmen, for $200,000 with interest, which it is alleged Seipp received on moneys of the county during his terms of office, and which he did not account for.

The Earthquake in Salvador.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The *Herald* has this cable dispatch from Salvador: The details of a fearful earthquake shock, of which I cabled you on Wednesday, prove it to have been more disastrous than at first thought. In this city about forty persons were killed and sixteen more or less seriously injured. There is no telling as what about the number of dead may be, but, judging from the fearful results in Salvador, the number of killed throughout the country will be somewhere in the hundreds. While the alarming reverberations were going on it was an impossibility for any one to leave the house for fear of falling. Unfortunate dwellers issued on all fours amid clouds of dust, while showers of tiles and plaster kept falling all about them. The air was filled with agonizing shrieks. The merchants lost heavily through destruction of fragile goods. The outside of the ruins of towns in the axis of the earthquake are very meagre. Of 800 houses at Cosamaqua only eight remain standing. The loss in the town was great. The news came by telegram yesterday that the waters of the lake are getting warmer and leave fallen three feet up to 9 a.m., when they rose again, reaching by 5 p.m. over feet above their normal level. Nobody slept last night, as all were expecting another violent shock. Fortunately, nothing worse happened. The panic now has really passed, although aftershocks are sleeping in tents in their yards or houses, or in the public parks. The earthquake by force. Bonds and violent shocks continue almost to be unknown. Everywhere on the others is felt on September 15th, on account of the equinox, it is the experience is that the phenomenon exerts a great influence in the local earthquakes. It is not wholly that this city has made a local shock. The government has sent an area to despatch the capital to Lake Ilopango, in order to discover the amount of ashes in it and cause violent shocks. Some workmen engaged in digging the outlet were carried away by the violent waves, filling water and drowned.

A COLLISION AT SEA.

An Italian Steamship Sunk Three Men and Many Lives are Lost.

ATHENS, Sept. 11.—A collision has taken place off the Cape of Tarmarum between the Italian steamship "Tiberius" of the Italian Mediterranean Steamship Company and the Greek steamship "Thessalia." The "Tiberius" sank soon after the accident, drowning her crew and a number of her crew and forty cabin passengers. The second officer of the "Tiberius" and a number of passengers standing on the bridge at the time of the collision, which occurred, were saved by the boats of the "Thessalia."

The feelings down to the "Tiberius" by the collision with the "Thessalia" was so great that she sank in a few minutes after being struck by the "Thessalia." Most of the "Tiberius's" passengers were in their berths at the time the vessels collided, and the final estimate is that a hundred persons were drowned. The "Thessalia" is badly damaged forward, but by keeping her pumps going she succeeded in reaching Piraeus.

THE CAPTAIN INTERVIEWED.

ROME, Sept. 11.—In an interview with a correspondent of the Tribune, Captain Pinna, of the steamer "Tiberius," said the "Thessalia" ran into us, and I do not know whether it was a mistake or not. "I did everything possible, but could not avoid striking into the "Tiberius." The cause of the "Thessalia" gave a statement to the effect that the pumps were not started until three hours after the collision, and it then appeared that the "Thessalia's" people had no chance, as she sank.

The Lloyds' Navigation Company's report says the "Thessalia" came out of full steam, and ignored the "Tiberius's" repeated whistling. A terrible scene of panic followed the collision. Many passengers were pitched into the hold through the open hatchways the chaos. Some stayed aboard the "Thessalia," which towed her crew in minutes afterwards, regardless of the signals of distress.

Carriers Refuse to Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—Thomas Hart, just discharged from the San Quentin prison, where he had served one day for 150 months engineer in the jute mill refused to work because of the four hand cross throw. The work men refused to come and hitched out into the yard in an orderly manner, and when Warden Hale said he would give them better treatment the time was took to work. Hart says he contends are given only a fourth of a pound of cotton per day, while the new regime that they be given a pound. The cotton given them, he says, we nearly all always purchased and muffin out. Inquiring the authorities of the prison out of the prison, for which were men are now in solitary confinement, Hart says they are not treated well, and that the officers in charge of the city is now having the men work a made new fine fabrics, they could to be spared from the jute mill.

The Cavalrymen's Poor Marking.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—The was overcoat of the cavalrymen, the latter's recent shooting streaming. So far the cavalrymen will their little marksmen made a pit showing compared with the infantrymen showing with long rifles and bay was no exception. Among the cavalrymen Corporal Hake is the farthest until two years ago all complete shooting by every branch of the swine was done with long rifles. Of twenty contestants for pistol shots in the marine team, not one, Sergeant Hauser, C troop, Second cavalry, gained 1st points. The score was 1? The distinguished sublime one of letter throw passing the century mark. Corporal Hake 101, and Trumpeter Kaiser 100, being the best shooters never made by a cavalryman.

Claim Against the Mexican Trust Co.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—Another claim has been presented to court here against the Mexican Trust Company in connection with the Pacific Short Line Railroad. The plaintiff is Henry C. Davis, of Sioux City, Ia., who claims damages to the extent of $7,000 in connection with the bankruptcy of the holders of the railroad company.

An "Anti-Third-Party" Convention.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 11.—E. Hall, ex president of the Farmer's Union, is issuing a call for a "Anti-third-party" convention, which will meet here Tuesday, Oct. 13, to take some action to this meeting Hall said: "As far as I am informed, the approaching convention will not only be a grand success, but the largest gathering of actual farmers ever held in this city. No one will be admitted to seat as a delegate who has ever opposed the subtreasury and land loan issues and other the measures of class legislation." Hall said further that some deterrent to keep the fight alive the farmers of this country have fully advised as to the "folly of such legislation."

The Trades Union Congress.

NEW CASTLE, Sept. 11.—At the morning session of the Trades Union Congress the delegates across the motion to the effect that by actual workmen and workwomen and appointed inspectors in fitter, and working places generally the motion to instruct the parliamentary committee to press the passage for eight hour law, at least so far as bituminous workmen employed in mines are concerned. It was decided to take next congress in Glasgow.

THE STORY OF CURTIS.

He Tells How He Came to Kill the Policeman Who Had Captured Him.

HE WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR.

The Hearing Postponed Till Monday to Await the Action of the Coroner's Jury.

(By Telegraph to the News.)

THE KILLING OF THE POLICEMAN.

The Prisoner Tells His Version of the Affair.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—Curtis gave the following story of the affair of was at the Grand Opera House last night with my wife to see Bernhardt in "Cleotha." I left the theatre about 10 o'clock to go to the Tivoli Theatre with one of the employees, William Kolling. We went together and I left him to return to the Opera House for my wife. When I reached the corner of Third and Market streets I was suddenly struck on the jaw, and after that I remember nothing only somebody pulling me about until I found myself in a warm with handcuffs on my wrists."

When Curtis was taken to jail he did not appear to be under the influence of liquor and he seemingly had no idea of his doings during the night, protesting that he had no weapon and was innocent of the murder.

Wm. Ling, the proprietor of the Tivoli, corroborated Curtis' story about his having been there last night. He says Curtis had several drinks and when he left the theatre about 11:30 was showing the effects. The police officer who had charge of the prisoner testified that Curtis under arrest for resisting a disturbance on the street and that Curtis shot him as the officer was quietly taking him to the station. Two young men who stood across the street from where the shooting occurred heard the policeman say, "Come along, now." There was no answer, but immediately they saw a flash and heard a pistol shot, followed by two more. The officer fell on his face and the man who had been beside him fled up Folsom street. The young men ran to the place and saw the prisoner from the stable, and when the officers came running out Curtis had fired his pistol at the officer's head and fled. The officers came running out Curtis had fired his pistol at the officer's head and fled. The officers came running out Curtis had fired his pistol at the officer's head and fled. The