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## ICE CREAM POISONING

More Details of Terrible Experience at Mountindale

The news that came to Mount Vernon last week announcing the death of one of its residents and the serious illness of several others caused by eating ice cream created widespread consternation.

Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock Mr. William Seder, of 37 South Thirteenth avenue, received a telegram from Mountindale, N.Y., announcing that his wife was seriously ill. He started immediately but there was no train until the afternoon and late in the day his relatives received a dispatch from him stating that his wife had died before he could reach her bedside.

Mrs. Seder and her niece Lilly Walker were two of a party made up of several Mount Vernon people who have been spending a few weeks at Mountindale, seventeen miles back of Liberty, stopping at the boarding house of which Arthur Jones is the proprietor. Mrs. H. A. Stoothoff was also in the party as was also Mrs. Ausderoh and family from this city.

At a late dinner Sunday afternoon ice cream formed the dessert. After the meal was over Mrs. Seder and a lady companion took a walk when she suddenly experienced a dizzy sensation which was followed by severe pains. She was taken as quickly as possible back to her room and her illness rapidly became worse.

Others of the guests went to a nearby church and some of them were taken ill during the service and had to be removed.

Soon the entire household numbering 32 persons and including the proprietor, his wife and two sons were suffering from the sudden malady. Physicians were hastily summoned and did all that was possible to relieve the agonies of the sufferers.

Mrs. Seder's case was the most serious and Monday afternoon a messenger was dispatched to the nearest telegraph station to notify her husband, but as previously stated it was too late.

Mr. H. A. Stoothoff was also apprised of the illness of his wife and hastened as soon as possible to the scene. It is believed that Mrs. Stoothoff is now out [of] danger and although very weak will recover.

Just before the remains of Mrs. Seder were removed from the house Mrs. Herman Michaelis from New York also died.

The coroner gave permission for the removal of the body and took immediate steps to conduct a rigid investigation to fix the responsibility.

Mrs. Seder's remains were brought home Wednesday evening. The funeral was held last Friday in her late home the services being conducted by Rev. Frank L. Maseck, her former pastor.

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Mrs. Jessie Seder was a well known member of the Universalist church and was the daughter of the late John C. and Elizabeth Walker who were among the earliest of Mount Vernon residents.

She is survived, besides her husband, by a brother, Mr. Peter Walker and three sisters, Margaret, Elizabeth and Jane. The interment will be in the Walker family plot in Eastchester.

Others of the party known in Mount Vernon were Mr. Mark Holmes Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen of New York, Mr. Allen being Mrs. Stoothoff's brother.

The name of Robert Jones, a brother of the proprietor, was Thursday added to the list of fatalities.

The physicians who are making the analysis of the ingredients of the fatal cream now believe that the poison was due to the lemon extract that was used for flavoring. The extract was purchased from a traveling salesman. Some of the same was sold to the Sullivan Country Club, and it is said eight members of the club are sick from the same cause, the extract having been used in flavoring ice cream there also.

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