

HACKS WIFE'S BODY TO PIECES

THEN BLOWS OWN HEAD OFF

AWFUL NEWBEDFORD CRIME

THROWS CORPSE INTO BUSHES AND CONFESSES.

SUICIDES IN THE POLICE STATION

Crazed by DRUG MANIA Lets Loose Carnaval of Crime.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., July 26.—Killing his wife, and hacking the body to pieces with a tomahawk, Robert E. Fanning, a wealthy resident of Westport, cast the mutilated corpse in the bushes beside a lonely road, hurried home, wrote a sensational letter and rode to the police station in an automobile and delivered the written confession, and then blew off the top of his head with a revolver last night.

Fanning hid on the road and waited for his wife, who was visiting her neighbors. When she appeared he struck her on the head with a tomahawk.

It is supposed his mind was unbalanced by heavy drinking.

Fanning spent most of the night writing his confession. Early today he got into his automobile and came to the police station here. After

reading the confession, Comstock said: "What do you want me to do about this?"

"Just this" replied Fanning, putting the muzzle of a revolver into his mouth blowing off the top of his head.

In the letter Fanning said: "I had a good deal to contend with. I trust my baby will have the best of care. It is hard to leave such a happy child, but I must. My wife's body lies on the west side of Lyons Brook. Please give it immediate attention."

Japanese Explosion.

TOKIO, July 26.—Five were killed and four wounded yesterday by a powder explosion aboard the battleship Asahi in Yise bay.

Big Ship Ruined.

NEW YORK, July 26.—The Ward Liner Vigilant today lies at the bottom of Hudson river almost a total wreck as the result of a fire which smoldered in the hold, when the ship sank.

The vessel is valued at \$450,000, and has a cargo of \$50,000.

BOY CONFESSES TO BLOODY ACT

CLAIMS HE SHOT IN SELF DEFENSE ALONE.

South Bend Wash., Has Self Confessed Murderer.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., July 26.—C. E. Drake, aged 18, is under arrest here, after voluntarily surrendering himself to the sheriff, and confessing he shot and killed Alfred Springer, a farmer near Menlo. He says Springer appeared at his shack at a logging camp and beat him because he sold his shack to another man after promising it to Springer.

Drake says he fired in self defense.

MARINE CORPS TO BE PROBED

SUTTON CASE IS A STARTER

WESTERN SENATORS ANGRY

CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION IS LIKELY.

BOURNE AND CHAMBERLAIN ACTIVE

No Matter What Decision May be Investigated Probe to Follow.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Influence is being brought to bear upon Senators from western states to demand a congressional investigation of the affairs of the marine corps as a result of the present inquiry into the death of Lieutenant James Sutton.

Senators Chamberlain and Bourne, are particularly interested in the Sutton case, as Sutton's residents was in Portland.

Members of congress are watching the development of the case. A western senator who did not want his name mentioned, said: "I believe congress will take up a marine corps investigation in the fall, no matter what the verdict of the present board of inquiry may be. It appears to be, among young officers, a spirit utterly foreign to that which should mark men who have charge of our sea police."

LAW AND ORDER MASS MEETING RESULTS IN STRONG ORGANIZATION

COUNCIL OF TEN ELECTED TO AID AND ENLIVEN OFFICIALS

WILL PROD AND AID IN ENFORCING THE OPTION LAW

Enthusiastic Meeting Held in Tabernacle to Get Action of Etheregetic Officials and Enforce Law

Representative citizens were not slow when the opportunity was offered to voice their sentiments in no uncertain terms regarding the enforcement of the law, especially the local option law. In response to the general public invitation to meet Sunday night in the Tabernacle, between 500 and 600 gathered for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization.

Rev. C. E. Deal of the Methodist church, in a few concise words stated the purpose of the meeting to be to crystallize public sentiment, to assist and stand by the officers whose duty it is to see that the laws are enforced.

Miss Naomi Williamson's recitation entitled "New Independence" received deserved applause for the manner in which it was delivered and the sentiment expressed.

The Tabernacle choir rendered several selections which added to the pleasure and enthusiasm of the meeting.

The report of the committee appointed at the preliminary meeting, held in the Baptist church, Sunday, July 18, was read by Chairman John Hodgkin and unanimously approved, which provided the organization with a constitution and bylaws, which set forth the objects to be obtained and the manner of execution, which provided for an executive council of ten members whose duty is to provide ways and means for the better enforcement of the laws of the state and city.

The Council.

In compliance with the constitution which was unanimously adopted, the following were elected: Dr. W. S. Seemann, George Stoddard, W.

L. Brenholts, Rep. C. E. Deal, Geo. L. Cleaver, Rev. Ford Ellis, W. A. Worstell, A. S. Geddes, H. C. Vanacke and J. W. Oliver.

At the conclusion of the meeting the council met in executive session and elected Dr. Seeman president, George Stoddard vice-president and H. C. Vinacke secretary.

Mrs. T. J. Scroggins and Prof. Bridges each delighted the large audience with solos.

Dr. Seeman of the Presbyterian church delivered the principle address of the evening on "Law Enforcement." The speaker held to his text, cited the present flagrant violations of the local option law, how the large majority of the voters of the county were being trampled under foot and cited the difficulties in awakening public sentiment to the extent that violations of the option law would secure the same consideration as violations of other laws. He recognized the difficulties the officers had in securing evidence, that he was aware that many who were considered honorable citizens and whose oaths were reliable under other conditions, perjured themselves when on

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DROWNED WHILE SAVING WOMAN

LAKE WASHINGTON CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM.

Heroic Act Ends in Drowning of young Gentleman.

SEATTLE, July 26.—Lake Washington is being dragged in the vicinity of Madison park for the body of Jesse W. Bissett, of Hillman City, lost his life yesterday, while attempting to aid a young woman who was thought to be in danger. Seeing the young woman on a raft pushing from shore, Bissett thought she needed help and started in a canoe, but before he reached the raft, a squall came up and overturned the canoe. The boy was drowned.

INSANITY HEARING ON.

Thaw Chats With Jerome During the Hearing's Progress.

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., July 26.—An examination into the insanity of H. K. Thaw was resumed in Justice Mills' court today. Scores of women were present, and District Attorney Jerome was there.

Jerome and Thaw sat together, smiled and talked to each other. At the opening of the hearing Jerome plainly indicated he was in charge of the states case, and it is thought he will conduct it to the end. Dr. Ernest Schmid, of White Plains, was the first witness.

Brooklyn Day at Fair.

SEATTLE, July 26.—This is Brooklyn day at the exposition. At the exercises, Nathaniel H. Levi, officially represented the president of the Borough of Brooklyn. A special train carrying a party of 94 organized by Brooklyn Eagles, arrived yesterday and participated in today's ceremonies.

Italy to Participate.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Notice has been received here today from Rome that the Italian government has designated the gunboat Calabria to participate in the Portola festival in San Francisco, October 19, 23, to commemorate the discovery of San Francisco harbor by Gaspar Portola.

Quarantine Removed.

The family of J. K. Jones was this afternoon released from quarantine after a siege of scarlet fever.

LAMBERTS THIS WEEK.

Bing Exhibit to be Followed by Fine July Lamberts.

The Commercial club, which last week sent a fine shipment of Bings to William Hall at the Oregon building at the A-Y-P., will this week send Lamberts. The Bing exhibit made a decided hit.

Weed Cant Come Now

Howard Everett Weed, the Chicago landscape gardner, who was due to lecture in La Grande next Thursday evening, is not coming at this time, according to a communication received by Mrs. Turner Oliver this morning. The news will be regretted for Mr. Weed is of national fame and the people of La Grande have been looking forward to his coming with great interest.

In his letter he states that the exposition is taking up so much of his time, and that he has nine other calls from Oregon aside from the one sent out from La Grande. "Not called off, but postponed" is the way he puts it.

The indefinite postponement is truly regrettable, as the park association, and the public too, had placed great interest in his coming, especially at this time.

TAFT STAYS FIRM

WASHINGTON, July 26.—President Taft is standing pat today for free hides. He is determined to win his point. "There is no change in the tariff situation", declared Senator Bristow today.

"The president is where he was yesterday," said Frank Carpenter,

Taft's secretary. The remarks sum up the whole situation.

House insurgents who are favoring free admission of raw material held a meeting today and decided to send a committee to representative Payne to urge his support of their stand.

TEST AIR SHIP

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Wright Brothers today informed General Allen, head of the army of signal corps, that they will attempt the first official aeroplane test required by their contract with the government

at 6 tonight. Orville will operate, and be accompanied by an officer of the signal corps.

It will be an endurance test. He is required to remain in the air an hour with alighting. The whole nation awaits the outcome.

MRS. COLLINS IS A HOPELESS MANIAC

PORTLAND, July 26.—That Mrs. Kate Collins who shot and killed her husband, Dr. R. A. M. Collins in his home Saturday morning, is hopelessly insane, and mentally unsound at various times for 20 years is the contention of her counsel. He asserts he can get evidence showing, that if she did kill her husband, it was

the act of a maniac.

Mrs. Collins still at Mountain View sanitarium, where she is under guard of a policeman to prevent her suicide. Yesterday she wrapped a towel around her neck, and tried to strangle. This is the fourth attempt she has made to kill herself since she was arrested.



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