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BAKER VICTIM LA GRANDE GIRL

MRS. MANSFIELD, SHOT BY HUSBAND, WAS EDITH GREEN

DOUBLE TRAGEDY SAD AND WORST IN HISTORY

Baker Police Annals Record Worst and Most Pathetic Crime in Its History When Young Painter Kills His Wife and Himself—Victim of Jealous Husband Formerly La Grande Girl.

VICTIM A LA GRANDE FORMERLY.

Mrs. Louis Mansfield, shot by her husband at Baker last night, was a La Grande girl born and raised. She was the daughter of Chas. Green, formerly an O. R. & N. engineer out of La Grande before going to Baker, was a sister to Mrs. Joe McCrary, formerly of La Grande, but now of Baker and was a sister of Mrs. W. J. Snodgrass of Colfax, Wash. Other relatives live in La Grande. Mrs. Mansfield was a popular La Grande girl and was noted for her beauty and attractiveness. She was still young when killed. Before her marriage to Mansfield she was Edith Green, and it is only about five years ago that she moved from La Grande to Baker with her parents.

Baker, Ore., Aug. 9.—(Special)—Circumstances surrounding the double tragedy wherein Louis Mansfield shot his wife to death and then killed himself yesterday evening, indicate, according to general belief, that jealousy was the sole cause of the rash act.

In the history of Baker there never has been such a crime and the remarkable cleanness in which the deed was done would indicate that Mansfield had calmly planned the whole affair and was awaiting an opportune time to carry out his plans.

Returning to his home on First street just back of the Morning Democrat office, in the afternoon where his wife and baby were, Mansfield spent some time with them before the tragedy. It is presumed he made accusations of unfaithfulness against the wife which led to a quarrel, although there was no loud talk or commotion around the home. People passing heard the shots and investigation showed that Mansfield had sent two bullets into his wife's body either of which was fatal. One pierced her heart and the other struck her in a vital spot. Then he turned the 38-calibre gun upon himself and put a bullet through his brain.

A Painter and Musician.

Louis Mansfield was a sign painter by trade and had worked in Baker for a number of years. He was 27 years of age and his wife was 22. Besides following his trade as painter he was a musician of more than ordinary talent and had long been a prominent member of the Baker Concert band, besides holding a position with the Baker Theatre orchestra. His standing in the community was very good and no one ever thought of him committing such a crime.

Leaves a Little Child.

Probably the most pathetic feature of the whole affair is that a little child left to the cold world without parents. The youngster is about two years of age.

Perry Man Sees Crime.

Among the first to arrive on the scene were Robert Wallbrun and I. Perry, who were passing the house of Louis Gulan of Perry, Ore. who was at the hospital across the street where his wife is undergoing treatment. They found the bodies of Mr.

and Mrs. Mansfield lying just outside the back door of the house, inside a latrine porch. They remained there until officers arrived, and broke in the screen door which was fastened.

The killing was done with a 38-calibre revolver, there being three empty chambers found, when the weapon was taken from the hand of the dead man. He fired twice at his wife, both shots taking effect, one bullet entering her head just under the ear, and the other just below the heart. She fell from him, and was found with her head almost in the doorway of the kitchen. Mansfield then turned the gun on himself, the ball entering his head just below the temple, and going way through. Death in each case was instantaneous, according to the several physicians, who examined the bodies.

Mr. Rosborough and Mrs. Pierce, neighbors of the mansieins, gave some testimony to that of those who were the first to arrive on the scene, and who appeared before the coroner's jury. Each woman testified that Mrs. Mansfield had told them some time ago that her husband had threatened to kill her, and that he had attacked her and given her a severe beating at one time. Mrs. Mansfield had only been out of the hospital a few days, where she had undergone an operation. The daughter of the couple was at the home of Mrs. Mansfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, when the tragedy took place.

The domestic life of the couple has been somewhat stormy of late, the wife leaving her husband some time ago, and going to the home of her parents to live. Those who know of their home life say that it is probable that Mrs. Mansfield and her husband had quarreled again, and that she had told him she was going to leave him a second time, which, according to the story of neighbors, she had threatened to do.

The husband had been drinking heavily for some time, but if he was intoxicated when the shooting took place, he had become so later than 4:30 in the afternoon. At that hour he was at the office of the publicity manager of the Commercial club, to collect a bill of \$12, for work he had done for the club. He was told that his check would be ready the next morning. He said, "all right," and went away apparently in good spirits. He then went to the store of the Alexander Clothing company, and was paid the sum of \$22.50 for work he had done for the firm. In asking for the money he said, "I have got to rustle \$25.00 this afternoon to pay the doctor for my wife's operation." When he left there he seemed to be feeling good.

WOMEN FIGHT POLICE.

Strike in London Ties Up Food Supplies—London Is Hungry.

London, Aug. 9.—Continual clashes between the police and striking dockmen and teamsters, in all of which women and children fought desperately, were the features of the labor war here today in which 75,000 workers are involved. It is expected that 25,000 more will join tomorrow. More than 200 vessels, many loaded with provisions, are tied up and London is hungry. The situation is critical because the freight handlers on the railroads are also out and thus the land supplies are cut off.

FRISCO MINISTERS ANGERED.

Say Astor-Force Nuptials Will Not Be Performed by Their Sect.

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—Episcopal ministers here today joined in the denunciation of the coming Astor-Force nuptials. All, without exception, declare that the marriage will not be performed by one of their sect.

EXPLOSION SINKS SHIP.

Boat Goes Down With Several on Board When Split by Shock.

Rotterdam, Aug. 9.—A boiler explosion off this port today sank the German passenger steamer Gutenberg. It split the vessel, which sank almost immediately. Six are reported lost and ten injured.

TAFT OPPOSES RECALL CLAUSE

BELIEVED TAFT IS GOING TO VETO STATEHOOD MEASURE

BILL AS PASSED NOW INCLUDES MOTTED CLAUSE

Opposition to Recall of Judges as Included in Arizona Constitution Will Be Voted by the President When He Vetoes Measure—Cotton Bill Is Expected to Be Defeated by Southern Democrats.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Because of his opposition to the recall of judges provision, it was definitely learned today that President Taft will veto the statehood bill now before the senate and certain of final passage. The president has openly voiced his opposition to the recall provision of judges in the Arizona constitution and it was learned that he has definitely decided to veto the bill and voice his views on the recall in the veto message.

A bill granting statehood to Arizona and New Mexico passed the senate last night 53 to 18 after the Nelson amendment striking out the Arizona recall had been defeated. It differs only slightly from the house bill passed several weeks ago.

Cotton Tariff Bill Doomed.

Prospects for favorable action in the senate on the house bill for the revision of the cotton tariff schedule was practically blocked today when the senate committee on finance voted to report adversely on the measure. The action came after the senate last week directed the committee to make a report on the bottom bill before the end of the present session. The bill which was fathered by Congressman Underwood, passed the house some days ago. Southern democrats opposed it in the senate. The vote today, however, does not finally dispose of the measure, as a minority report may bring the bill up for further consideration.

Leaders Near Agreement.

Representative Underwood, the house leader forecasted today a compromise agreement on the wool bill between himself and La Follette and indicated that he believed an adjournment is probable by the end of the week.

ANOTHER FAST VICTIM MAYBE.

Sister of Dead Miss Williamson, Fast Victim, May Die Also.

Tacoma, Aug. 9.—That Miss Dorothy Williamson, one of Dr. Hazzard's patients who submitted to the alleged "starvation cure," and a sister of the dead Claire Williamson, whose death caused Dr. Hazzard's arrest for murder, is not entirely out of danger, and may not recover, was the statement of Dr. A. H. Coleman who is attending her. He said she is still weak from suffering and starvation, but no organic troubles were found.

Seattle, Aug. 9.—Denying she ever starved the Williamson sisters.

Dr. Hazzard is here today preparing her defense. She believes her fast theory to cure disease is good and will explain at the trial in October.

The Roosevelt on Trip.

Copenhagen, Aug. 9.—The Peary arctic ship Roosevelt, Captain Bartlett commanding, is en route to Elap to secure Eskimos and dogs for an expedition to Greenland.

Confederate Leader Dying.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 9.—Physicians today said that General Gordon, the commander in chief of the United Confederate veterans, can not survive more than a few hours.

WAGE FIGHT IS TAKING SHAPE

CHICAGO RAILROADERS IN READINESS FOR STRUGGLE

NOW BEST TIME TO "HAVE IT OUT" SAY OFFICIALS

Railroad Officials Take Stand That They Cannot Pay More Wages Than They Are at Present—Conference With the Principal Object of Preventing Further Trouble Is Under Way.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Evidence of the serious aspect which threatens a strike of shopmen on western roads, has assumed shape in furnished here today when the Chicago railroad officials began arranging conferences with the principal object of presenting an undivided front if the trouble should come.

Railroad officials take the stand that they cannot pay more money to workmen and if the struggle comes now it is the best time for it.

The situation has taken definite form through the shopmen of San Francisco, who started the appeal for higher wages and shorter hours. It was taken first to Calvin of the Southern Pacific who refused the offer and then carried up to Judge Lovett, and he yesterday refused to grant the request. It is conceded, now that the fight has been started, that the shopmen will also fight it through to the finish.

WILL NOT JAIL PERKINS.

Stanley Reclaims Contempt Charges Against Steel Magnate Perkins.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The shadow of a jail was lifted from Steel Magnate Perkins this afternoon when Chairman Stanley reversed his ruling and decided he would not force Perkins to answer questions regarding contributions to politics. Perkins yesterday startled the world with his story, but he didn't answer all the questions. Citation for contempt was about to be ordered.

Stanley withdrew the ruling because it was apparent he could not secure the full support from the democratic member of the committee. Congressman Littleton argued that the resolution under which the committee was operating was insufficient in power to allow them to demand personal information.

A long debate occurred in the committee room this morning.

FRYE'S SUCCESSOR UNNAMED.

Democrat Sure to Fill Vacant Seat From Maine in the Senate.

Portland, Aug. 9.—Governor Plaisted has not yet indicated who he will appoint to fill the vacancy of the United States senate caused by the death yesterday of Senator Frye. It is sure to be a democrat and there are a number of candidates.

DAM DEFENDER DYING.

Man Who Won Recognition World Over for Bravery, Dying.

Waupun, Wis., Aug. 9.—Suffering from blood poisoning caused by a wound when he fought off the sheriff's posse, John Dietz, the defender of Cameron dam, is near death today in the penitentiary here. The family was called to his bedside.

"PAX" TAKES AN OUTING.

Baker Newspaper Man Is Going to See the Lake.

"Oh, yes, newspapermen are entitled to an outing once every decade," remarked T. E. Paxton, city editor of the Baker Democrat, this morning as he appeared full form and life size in

the Observer office on his way to Wallowa Lake.

"You see, it's like this," continued the scribe, "I have heard so much of Wallowa Lake—how the Indians feared to go on the water, how deer could not swim across it, I thought I would go up and prove these stories are canards. My friend here, H. M. Reiff, who travels for a biscuit company, and myself are going up with the lurking desire to swim that lake. We may rent when we see it, but we are going to take a look, anyway."

DELINQUENT LIST PUBLISHED

Those in Arrears With Their Taxes Are Listed and Published.

Publication of the delinquent tax list commenced today. It has been under process of preparation for the past several days and is published for the first time this evening in other than the regular columns of this paper. This list includes those who have not paid their taxes and who are consequently delinquent for 1910 taxes or previously. The list is quite large but not more than usually, however, when the time goes by for payment of delinquent taxes.

93 REPORTED DROWNED.

French Steamer Sinks, When Rammed On Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Aug. 9.—The French mail steamer Emir collided today with the British steamer Silvertown in Gibraltar straits and sank in five minutes. The Silvertown rescued 23 of the Emir's passengers. It is feared that 93 of the passengers and crew were drowned. The Silvertown was unable to rescue more because of the dense fog.

TRIBUNE PUBLISHES POLL.

Editors of Northwest Disagree as to Taft's Tariff Duties.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Many editors of newspapers in western states, including Oregon and Washington, who answered queries by the Chicago Tribune, favor Taft signing the wool and free list and statehood bills. The Tribune today published the poll as follows: That the president should sign bill—23 republican editors, 37 democrats, 15 independents, as against 55 republicans, one democrat, six independents.

GAYNOR'S RECOVERY RECALLED

Year Ago Today That Executive Was Shot in New York.

New York, Aug. 9.—Mayor Gaynor today was presented with a large silver wedding cup, purchased by a committee of admiring citizens, as a memento of his recovery from the shot of James Gallagher who attempted his assassination just one year ago.

Wiley Accuser "Freed."

Washington, Aug. 9.—Counsel for Dr. Wiley, the pure food expert, sprang a surprise today when they forced an admission from Solicitor McCabe, for the agricultural department who recommended Wiley's dismissal for violations of rules in employing a New York expert, that he had previously approved the payment of a similar expert employed by another department.

CELEBRATION WITHOUT POPE

Pius Unable to Attend Ninth Pontifical Celebration Today.

Rome, Aug. 9.—Too ill to participate in the celebration of his elevation to the pontificate, Pope Pius today began his ninth year as head of the church. Thousands of congratulatory messages from all parts of the world have arrived. Cardinal Merry del Val presided at the celebration of the pope's anniversary. The pope's condition is unsatisfactory.

Intense heat, 100 degrees, today increased the weakness of the pope. Reports from the vatican are disquieting. Gout symptoms are much worse and both hands and feet are badly swollen.

Togo Goes to Baltimore.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Admiral Togo left for Baltimore today in a private car.

KING OF WALL STREET DEAD

"BET YOU A MILLION" GATES DIES IN HIS WIFE'S ARMS

SPECTACULAR AND BRAINY SELF-ADVERTISED FINANCIER

Body Will Be Shipped to America for Burial—Wife Present When Death Occurs—Has Been Ailing Long—Has Millions Almost Entold, Although Once Poor—Son Inherits Senator's Millions.

SOME GATES "DON'T'S."

John W. Gates, famous the world over as "Bet-You-a-Million" Gates, the best advertised "gambling" man in America, on Dec. 15, 1909, astounded the seventh annual conference of the gulf division of the Methodist church, at Port Arthur, Tex., with the following spectacular "don't's":

- Don't gamble.
- Don't play cards.
- Don't bet on horse races.
- Don't speculate in wheat.
- Don't speculate on the stock exchange.
- Don't throw dice.
- Don't shirk honest labor.
- Don't be a gambler; once a gambler, always one.
- The ministers agreed these "don't's" were all right, coming as they did from a man whose heavy betting on horse races aroused the Jockey club of New York to warn him to modify his wagers; whose spectacular gambling at "draw poker" and bridge are famed in song and poetry; who matched pennies for \$1,000 a throw, who cornered corn and bucked Standard Oil and United States Steel "off the boards" in the stock exchange.

Paris, Aug. 9.—John W. Gates, the millionaire Wall Street and mining man, died this morning in his wife's arms. It is announced the body will be brought to New York for burial on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse which sails Aug. 16. He has been critically ill for weeks.

The death of "Bet-You-a-Million" Gates perhaps the best self-advertised multi-millionaire in America, brings to an end a financial and personal career that has probably never been equalled.

Worth probably \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000 at the time of his death, John W. Gates, the "forgetful man," who stood not in awe of Morgan or Rockefeller or, in fact, the whole combined "Street," wanted the world to know he had money. He wasn't ashamed of it. Once he had his private secretary write to the New York Herald: "Let it appear in your financial page that during the late rise in railroad stocks J. W. Gates has made between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000, principally in Baltimore & Ohio and Union Pacific, both great favorites of his."

Gates was born in Turner's Junction, Ill., or what is now a part of South Chicago, on May 8, 1855. He was as poor as poverty. But, if South side tradition be true, Gates was an early financier. He farmed on shares and usually bought out his partners. He was a most excellent "hoss swapper." When he was 18 he was married to a farmer's daughter.

After running a small hardware and grain business in Turner's Junction, Gates became a drummer, and, he admitted himself, he was a "peach." He traveled for Isaac L. Elwood, founder of the barbed wire industry, and introduced barbed wire in Texas, proving a wonderful adept at the art of talking a man into buying. Later he

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