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## FASHIONABLE FRISCO WOMAN HANGS SELF

### ACCUSED OF SMUG- GLING VALUABLE JEWELS

#### DAY OF CRIME AND MURDER RAMPANT FROM COAST TO COAST

Clash Between Allen Gang and Posse Expected Today—Bandits Attempt to Rob California Mine and Are Fatally Hurt—Murders, Suicides and Robberies.

#### A DAY OF CRIME.

Robberies, holdups, murders and suicides have occupied the center of the news stage since last night. From coast to coast there has been an epidemic of robberies and suicides, running hand in hand with searches for bandits and outlaws that in themselves are of national import.

New York, March 20.—Mrs. Blanche Carson, of San Francisco, who was caught smuggling diamonds in her hat and underwear, consisting of pearls worth thousands, suicided today by hanging from a window room of the hanging from a window in a room on the eighth floor of the Hotel Brostet.

One end of the rope was tied to a radiator and the other found TAOIN radiator and the other around her neck and then climbed out of the window.

She was fashionably dressed and apparently cultured. It is thought she was wealthy and socially prominent in the west.

#### Prominent in Club Life.

San Francisco, March 20.—The New York suicide was the wife of Edwin Carson of this city. She left on a tour of the world last August and was a prominent club woman.

#### Allen Gang Corralled.

Hillsville, Va., March 20.—A clash is expected between the Allen bandits and the posse today. Five of the outlaws are reported cornered in a mountain pass. Sidney Allen, chief of the bandits, has been seen near Devils Den in the Blue Ridge mountains.

#### Passenger Train Robbed.

Jackson, Miss., March 20.—It is reported here that a posse has located the bandits who last night held up the Mobile and Ohio passenger train No. 4 near Corinth. Bloodhounds are in pursuit. Two of the band held up the engineer at the point of revolver and stopped the train, while others broke into the express car, subdued the messenger, blew the safe and got the contents, valued at \$60,000. The passengers were not molested.

#### Bandits and Miners Fight.

San Bernardino, Cal., March 20.—A revolver battle between bandits and officers occurred at Owl Springs, near here today. The bandits tried to rob a mining company's office of bullion, to the extent of \$20,000. Both sides have men fatally wounded. Officer Dreston was seriously wounded. The bandits' names are H. Langley and Bert Lane.

#### Oregon People Murdered.

Riverside, Cal., March 20.—Held on suspicion of having murdered Mrs. Harriet Guyot, aged 58, of Portland, Oregon, Frank Baurwaerts is under arrest here today. Deputy sheriffs have been sent to a camp in the Chukwalla mountains where it is said he buried the bodies.

#### Thugs Attack Officers.

Pentfield, B. C., March 20.—Walter Bryde, alias W. S. James, was arrested here on a charge of robbery at Kelowna. While being taken, late last night to Vernon, another suspect Frank Wilson in the police boat attacked the officers, Roche and Aston. Roche was shot in the head and Aston was badly beaten. The criminals took the officers' weapons, and escaped.

#### A posse is in pursuit.

#### Seattle Feels Crime Wave.

Seattle, March 20.—A. A. Anderson, aged 40, entered the office of Drs. W. T. Akey and D. Samuel Fuskimb, and opened fire, fatally wounding both. Anderson dashed down the stairs, ran two blocks and shot himself, probably fatally. The three were taken to a hospital.

Anderson was a patient of the men he shot. Both doctors are dead and Anderson is dying.

#### School Teacher Suicides.

Monterey, Cal., March 20.—The body of Miss Helen Vestal, principal of the Carmel school, was washed up on Carmel Bay today. The girl disappeared Monday, and it is believed she suicided while temporarily insane.

## 85 ENTOMBED IN FIRE MINE

### BELIEVED ALL KILLED BY THE EXPLOSION.

#### Removal of Bodies or Rescue of Living Is Impossible.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 20.—A telephone report says the Sanbols Coal company's mine at McCurtain, Okla., was blown up by gas today and is on fire. Eighty-five are entombed, is the report. Many are thought to have lost their lives. The details are unavailable.

It is believed that all the miners entombed are dead. One body has been recovered. The rescuers are trying to enter the mine but are being driven back by the flames. Government mine experts are rushing to the scene.

#### FLOOD HITS LOGANSPORT.

#### Great Masses of Ice and Snow Submerge Town's Buildings.

Logansport, Ind., March 20.—A flood carrying thousands of tons of ice struck Logansport and scores of houses are submerged today. The loss is \$500,000.

#### McHARG COMING SOON.

#### Roosevelt Boomer Will Come With Chicago Man to Northwest.

Portland, Ore., March 20.—Ormsby McHarg, a prominent Roosevelt supporter is to come to Oregon and Washington with Frank Hudson of Chicago, also a Roosevelt boomer, and work for the colonel.

#### ASSASSIN WOULD DIE.

#### Attempts His Own Life Following Ex- amination by the Police.

Rome, March 20.—Antonio D'Alba, accused of attempting to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel, tried to suicide today, following his examination by the police. The details are withheld.

#### Portland Banker Dead.

Los Angeles, March 20.—Sylvester Peterson, a Portland banker, died here today.

#### DOCTOR OPPOSES SEIDEL.

#### Milwaukee Names Non-Partisan Can- didate Against Socialist.

Milwaukee, March 20.—Practically complete returns from the municipal primary election held here yesterday show that Dr. Ludwig was chosen as a non-partisan candidate for mayor against Emil Seidel, the socialist incumbent, who was also nominated. Ludwig's vote was 26,248, and Seidel received 17,299. The election will be held on April 2nd.

#### Millionaire Fears Maid.

San Francisco, March 20.—Dr. C. Frederick Kohl, a millionaire clubman, fears that Adele Verge, a French maid who shot him last summer, will kill him if she returns here. Kohl got the grand jury to indict the girl charging her with assault with intent to commit murder.

## "FIGHTING BOB" LA FOLLETTE, UNITED STATE SENATOR FROM WISCONSIN.



Man who carries distinction of winning first presidential preference primary in the history of American politics by running away from Roosevelt in the latter's pet stamping grounds, North Dakota.

## LITTLE HOPE OF SETTLEMENT IN SOFT COAL WAGE CONFLICT

Cleveland, March 20.—Every indication here today points to a nation wide strike in the coal fields. Thirty-two operators conferred with the same number of representatives for the miners today but no result was reached. Operators have adopted a no-compromise attitude and the miners seem to be just as determined.

The prospect of a strike in the soft coal field, while serious enough in its consequences, is not regarded with the same alarm in industrial circles as is the possibility of a similar tie-up of the anthracite mines. The principal reason for this is that the soft coal supply is not limited to a small territory as in the case of the supply of anthracite. A dozen states, more or

## MARSHALL FAVORITE IN INDIANA AS GOOD PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER

Indianapolis, Ind., March 20.—Every train into Indianapolis today brought scores of delegates to the democratic state convention, which meets here tomorrow to nominate candidates for governor and other state officers and to select delegates at large to attend the democratic national convention in Baltimore. The convention will meet in Tomlinson hall and will be composed of 1,747 delegates.

There appears to be no doubt of the nomination of Samuel Ralston of Lebanon for governor, since he received a solid delegation of 186 votes to the state convention through the influence of Thomas Taggart, the former chairman of the national committee

of the state to Harmon as soon as it becomes apparent that Governor Marshall has no chance of winning the race. This program is believed to be subject to change only in the event that Senator Kern should decide to enter the presidential race, a thing that is regarded as not only possible, but highly probable if the balloting for candidates should be protracted.

The choice of the state convention for delegates at large probably will fall upon Senators Kern and Shively, Mr. Taggart and a fourth man not yet agreed on. William H. O'Brien, present state auditor, is slated to succeed Mr. Taggart as the Indiana member of the national committee, Taggart not being a candidate.

## SIXTH STREET STRIKE AIRED

### WRIT OF REVIEW PRAYED FOR BY PROTESTANTS.

#### Portland Paving Company, City and Protestors Heard.

Arguments in the paving case of F. D. Halsten et al vs. the City of La Grande were begun this morning before Judge Knowles in the circuit court. The plaintiffs, represented by Attorney J. D. Slater, are praying for a writ of review. They ask that all procedures of the city council pertinent to the Sixth street paving be reviewed by the court for the detection of any error in the proceedings of the council or any lack of judicial authority on its part in paving Sixth street and making assessments therefor.

The city is represented by Attorney C. E. Cochran and Attorney R. W. Montague of Portland represents the paving company.

#### National Congress of Mothers.

St. Louis, Mo., March 20.—Delegates and many visitors from all sections of the country were present at the opening here today of the 14th annual "child welfare congress" under the auspices of the National Mothers Congress and Parent-Teachers association. The sessions will last four days. The program embraces a discussion of child labor, child hygiene, juvenile courts, lone economies, public playgrounds and numerous other subjects dealing with the physical, mental and moral welfare of the child.

#### First Sign of Spring.

New York, March 20.—Flaring circus posters adorning billboards and dead walls from the Battery to the Bronx remind the Gothamites these days that the coldest winter in years has become a matter of history and that spring is surely here at last. No more infallible sign of the change in the seasons could be had than the announcement that the circus has come to town. Fresh from the winter quarters at Bridgeport, the Barnum and Bailey aggregation of animals and acrobats, riders and clowns, has taken possession of Madison Square Garden and has everything in readiness for the opening of the two weeks' season in the metropolis before taking to the road. The great feature of the show this year will be a pageant of Hippodrome number entitled "The Circus." It will enlist a ballet of 100 girls, and more than 350 horses will take part in a chariot and other races in the place. The initial performance will be given tomorrow night.

#### Drug Manufacturers Heard.

Washington, D. C., March 20.—A hearing was given today at the department of agriculture by the pure food and drug board to the manufacturers of opium, morphine and its derivatives. The department has been trying for some time to limit the trade in habit-forming drugs and infant medicines containing morphine and kindred products. This activity has inconvenienced the manufacturers of proprietary medicines to some extent, thus leading to a protest against the drastic enforcement of the law.

## WISCONSIN'S SENATOR FIRST PREFERENCE

### PLURALITY OVER ALL OTHERS REACHES 15,000

#### DEMOCRATS SAID TO HAVE HELPED SWELL THE FIGURES

La Follette Carries Big Majority of Counties and His Plurality Over all Others Is Big—Complete Returns Slow in reaching Headquarters but Race Is Safe.

Fargo, N. D., March 20.—Returns from all sections today indicate that R. M. La Follette has a majority of the presidential preference primary yesterday over Taft and Roosevelt combined of 10,000. His plurality was from 15,000 to 20,000.

Returns in 659 out of 1300 precincts at 10 o'clock show that La Follette has 21,657 and Roosevelt 15,741. La Follette carried 37 counties and Roosevelt 12.

#### Democrats Helped Senator.

John Bass, a Roosevelt supporter, says the democrats decided the primary in favor of La Follette. Champ Clark and Wilson stayed out of the primaries, and many who would have voted for them, voted for La Follette. The Fargo Forum, a supporter of Roosevelt, concedes La Follette's plurality to be 5,000. Returns from the country districts are slow.

Governor Johnson of California says a significant feature of the North Dakota primaries is the light vote for Taft, showing the the progressives outnumber the standpatters.

Late returns from 1,167 of 1,300 precincts show that La Follette's plurality will be at least 15,000. These precincts give La Follette 34,159 as against 22,877 for Roosevelt. The Taft vote is estimated at 3,000.

#### La Follette Confident.

Chicago, March 20.—"I believe the real progressives will hold the balance of power in the Chicago convention," said La Follette as he left for Washington today.

#### Yuan Cleans House.

Tien Tsin, March 20.—President Yuan Shi Kai has determined to be rid of "undesirables" in high government positions and has started a shakeup. Many changes are expected.

#### Women for Election Boards.

Whittier, Cal., March.—Women here have won a fight to place women on the election boards in the municipal election on April 8th, but they are confronted with a dilemma. The law provides that women must not work more than eight hours.

#### Wins Big Verdict.

New York, March 20.—Axel Homestead, aged 25, won a \$12,000 verdict from the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company. A guard of a car company hit him in the jaw, and knocked out eight teeth.

#### Fire at Nelson, B. C.

Nelson, B. C., March 20.—Fire, believed to be incendiary, last night destroyed the Yale-Columbia saw mill, worth \$75,000.00.

#### Daughter of Late Senator to Wed.

Washington, D. C., March 20.—A wedding of interest to southern society in the national capital will take place in St. Johns church tomorrow night, when Miss Margaret Hawthorne Bryan, daughter of the late United States Senator Byran of Florida, will become the bride of Robert Marshall Price of Harrisonburg, Va.

#### Meet to Name Roosevelt Delegates

Aberdeen, S. D., March 20.—Roosevelt supporters in South Dakota gathered to the republican national convention and to perfect plans for a vigorous campaign. The names of the ten delegates will be placed on the ballot in the coming state primaries.