

LOVER SLAYS GIRL TWICE LOST TO HIM

Loved Her in France; She
Wed Another; Came
Back Only to Fail Him
Again.

By Sydney J. Hughes.
(L. N. Staff Correspondent)
FORT WORTH, Tex.—The story of a burning French love—a love transplanted from the age-ridden quarters of a quaint, picturesque village in its mother country, to the toils and cares of a strange whirling city, in an equally strange nation—the story of a lover scorned—is told from within a jail cell here by Georges Vexman, 29, French aviator, who shot his sweetheart to death on the porch of her home the night of October 17.

"I am not sorry I did it," he said. "These are the words today of the youth who admits placing a heavy calibre pistol against the breast of his sweetheart, Miss Louise Floquet, and pulled the trigger, he knew not how many times."

"They will electrocute me and I am glad. I want to die. I tried to kill myself after shooting her but she knocked the pistol from my hand in falling."

"I want to die but I shall request that my parents in France be told that my death came accidentally while flying."

"I lived on the same street with her in Vichy, France. I loved her there but she chose an American soldier."

"They were married. I followed them to America and settled down in Houston. Then her old love returned. She divorced her soldier-husband and we were engaged about a month ago."

"I was with her constantly until one day she refused to see me. She broke dates repeatedly and I found out there was another man. I borrowed a gun and called at her home unexpectedly."

"I did not expect to kill her. I thought she would come back to me when I asked her. She came down to meet me on the porch. 'I love another' she said, and handed me a package of love letters and pictures."

"I placed the gun against her breast and pulled the trigger. I know not how many times. When she started to fall I placed the gun against my own temple and fired, but at the instant she fell her elbow struck my arm, the bullet going wild."

"And when the young French flyer who has been performing stunt work with his plane throughout the nation, completed his narrative, he displayed neither emotion nor fear."

"No, I'm not sorry I killed her. I'm only sorry I didn't kill myself," he concluded.

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WOMAN, 75, WEDS SEVENTH MATE; WEARS 7 RINGS

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—An odd home tragedy was brought to light here recently with the burial of Mrs. Nora Sullivan, long a Spokane resident. On her person were found receipts for funeral expenses of a Tim Sullivan whom she had buried some time ago in the belief that it was her husband.

After her death it was discovered that the real husband was living in Wenatchee. The woman had resided here for many years supposing herself a widow.

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Maneuvers Early
Next Year.

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—The greatest and most spectacular peacetime naval engagements ever "fought" will be staged early next year off Panama and in the Caribbean Sea, according to naval plans announced here. Practically the whole effective marine fighting force of the United States will be represented in the three months of maneuvers designed to test revolutionary developments in strategy and implements of naval warfare since the close of the world war.

Plans for this vast war game have been in preparation for weeks in conference here and at other points on the Pacific Coast. These conferences, under direction of Admiral Robert E. Coontz, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, were marked by the gathering and consultation of the largest number of commanding executive officers of naval establishments units that had occurred since the war.

Major problems in the complete scheme of a war into the plans for the winter maneuvers. These embrace attack upon land defenses, with army units participating. That is a naval fight against an army descending a fortified coast; defensive and offensive actions for army and naval units against naval units along the coast; defensive and offensive actions at sea between naval units, with the full utility of undersea and air units.

There will be aerial battles, mine-sweeper battles, destroyer, fast cruiser and dreadnaught engagements, as well as landing operations in which a complete force of marines will be involved, divided into infantry, artillery, engineer, aviation and signal corps branches of that arm of the naval establishment.

New scouting cruisers, fastest naval vessels afloat, and the sixteen-inch gun dreadnaughts, will participate among the 150 naval craft that will make up the units in these war games.

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The Pacific fleet, known as the United States battle fleet, will leave this coast about January 1. This embraces the battleship divisions, the destroyer squadrons, submarine divisions, aircraft divisions and fleet base forces. Joint exercises with the army when approaching the Panama side of the canal are planned, after tactical exercises between units of the naval force while steaming off the Mexican and Central American coast.

These units will probably remain at Panama for two or three days, re-ent with foot, transit the canal and head for Culebra. This force is under command of Admiral S. S. Robison.

The Atlantic forces, known as the fighting fleet, will leave the east coast at the same time the Pacific units leave here, and upon reaching Panama will engage in a combined war game with the Pacific units. The scouting fleet consists of battle ship divisions, destroyer squadrons, air squadrons, train forces and a control force and is under command of Vice Admiral N. A. McCully.

Admiral Robert E. Coontz will be in active command of the winter maneuvers.

After the naval engagements work out to the combined fleet the war-craft will proceed together for a series of combined tactical exercises using Culebra as a base from which to operate. In these exercises will be utilized some new effective developments in strategy.

Among the more important features of the maneuvers will be the part played by radio, not only for communication, but in locating the enemy. Vast strides have been made in the development of the radio telegraph, radio telephone and radio directional facilities of the naval establishment. This being the nerve center of the units when in operation, its development is of deep interest. A very important part of the communication and directional work, and of particular value in the spotting and direction of fire in the operation of

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naval aircraft using radio telephony and telegraph. Of equal importance is the development in the fleet defensive apparatus for protection against the air, and these improvements will feature the maneuvers.

During the latter part of February there will be a recreational period extending into March, when vessels of the Pacific units probably will visit ports on the eastern coast of the United States and Atlantic units will visit the West Indies and Gulf ports.

The fighting fleet will reassemble at Culebra in March and conduct tactical exercises until April 14, when the major war problems of the combined units will have been worked out, and the forces disperse, returning to their bases for the summer programs. The battle fleet and base force will reach Panama about April 19, and arrive at San Pedro about May 5.

Some thirty-five thousand officers and men will participate in the maneuvers, and during the recreational period the athletic championships of the navy will be determined.

Injured Boy Succumbs

BEND, Or.—Fourteen-year-old Clifford Friedley, son of Mrs. Florence Friedley of this city, died late this morning of cerebral hemorrhage, the result of injuries suffered when he was run over late Saturday afternoon by an auto driven by Charles Hassen.

The driver was exonerated of blame by the police. A number of boys were playing football in a street intersection when Hassen approached. He brought his car to a dead stop until they were out of the way when started again. One of the boys threw the ball and it caught between the fender and hood of the car. Young Friedley darted out to get it and either tripped, or struck his head against the hood and fell at city in front of the machine. The car passed over him before it could be checked. The boy did not regain consciousness.

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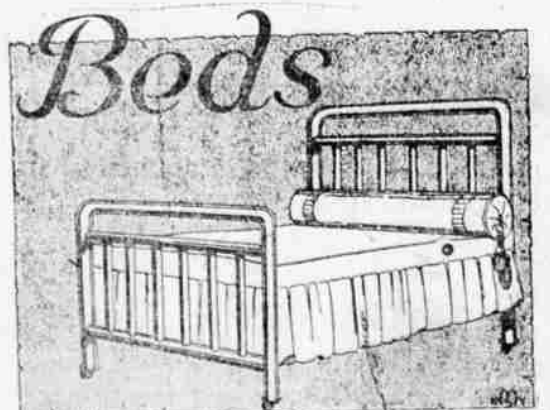
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