

THE MYSTERY IS DEEPENING

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 8.—The coroner's inquest into the death of Frederick H. Rustin, whose tragic death at the door of his home has given the police department a puzzling problem, developed several sensations today. The first was the testimony of Mrs. Abbie Rice, the woman who was last known to be in Dr. Rustin's company the night of his death. She declared that for some time Dr. Rustin had been talking of committing suicide, but wished to disguise the act so as to protect his life insurance for the benefit of his family.

After much importunity he induced her to promise to kill him and then take her own life. Arrangements to this end were made Friday night, August 28, but her nerve failed her. On Tuesday night following, Dr. Rustin pointed out to her on a streetcar a man who he said had promised to do the deed, saying it would be done that night. Later she identified Charles E. Davis, a clerk in a local bank, as a member of a prominent family, as the man referred to by Dr. Rustin.

Davis was placed on the witness stand and testified that he attempted to commit suicide the night in question by taking drugs furnished him by Dr. Rustin, but denied that he promised to kill the doctor or that he had anything to do with the latter's death. He said the drugs taken made him sick and he vomited, thus saving his life. He gave no special reason for wishing to end his life except he had no desire to live. He said he had made previous attempts at suicide. Davis has not been arrested.

Mrs. Rice, in her testimony, said that Rustin asked to kill him about two weeks ago. She consented and agreed to shoot herself afterwards. She said:

"I was to shoot him in his office. He wanted me to shoot him in the abdomen, so that his family would get the insurance money. He thought he could trust me. He wanted me to give him two or three days to settle his business affairs before the killing."

Mrs. Rice is quoted as saying she could kill herself. She had a cunning scheme to avoid her suicide being connected with the murder. Dr. Rustin had bought a revolver at a pawn shop but had no ammunition. The woman said she bought some cartridges, but in trying to load the revolver Saturday got it out of order and the killing was postponed. The following day (Sunday) she accompanied Rustin to his office and he loaded the pistol and asked her to shoot him. "I lost my nerve and backed out," said Mrs. Rice.

This made Rustin angry and they debated the murder and suicide scheme for some time, finally agreeing to go to his home and commit the double tragedy in the barn. Rustin told her he would make it look as if he was murdered by some burglar or footpad. "He was to go to the barn and let me in the back way. He gave me the gun and I walked up the alley back of his house while he went from the door of the house, intending to go out the back door to the barn. All this happened Friday, August 28. While I was in the alley someone drove along and I lost my nerve again and went back to Farnam street. I walked east on Farnam street to get away from him and waited at the next corner for a car."

Dr. Rustin was on that very car, according to the woman's statement. She said Rustin was very angry and insisted on her coming back to his place.

The woman went back to the barn. "He stepped away from me and then said: 'Now shoot me,' declared the woman, without raising her voice or without any sign of emotion. She said she got away so there would be no powder burns, but her nerve again failed her and he telephoned for a carriage. She went downtown together. She went to his office Tuesday and he told her he had a man who had agreed to kill him—a man by the name of Charley Davis, to whom she was introduced.

They met at the office again that evening. "He was very much depressed," said Mrs. Rice. "His man came in about 8 o'clock and I left the office and was to call him up."

Mrs. Rice said Davis was to kill Rustin and was to kill himself with some medicine which was to be given him. Davis was sent out for a bottle of beer and she tried to talk Rustin out of the notion of being killed. He gave her some drug in a bottle—aconite—and told me to take it as soon as I was sure he was going to die," said the woman.

She told as to seeing Rustin put another man on a car to go to some appointed place where the doctor was to meet him, and of her meeting and parting with him for a time. Davis admitted taking morphine and other poisons furnished by Rustin, but denied any knowledge of Rustin's death until the day after it had happened.

TWO CORPSES IN BUGGY.

WABASH, Ind., Sept. 7.—Joel P. Baker of Wabash last night killed Mrs. Sylvia Horlice, a pretty young

widow, to prevent her marrying a rival suitor today. Then, placing the body in a buggy and holding it in his arms he drove 12 miles to the city. Just before reaching town Baker shot and killed himself. His body remained in an upright position beside that of the body of the woman he had killed several hours before. The horse—hired from a local livery barn—made its way unguided to the stable. The hostler, hearing a noise outside, investigated and found the buggy with the two corpses in front of the door.

Baker was jealous over the relations of his victim with John Warner, for whom she was a housekeeper. Whether Warner, who is out of the city, is the man she intended to wed is not known. Baker, who was a carpenter, about 42 years of age, engaged the horse and buggy at a local livery barn last night. He and Mrs. Horlice were seen driving about the city, making merry with others in the crowds attending the Eagles' carnival.

About midnight they were seen to start out one of the country roads in the buggy. The sheriff today followed the road and discovered the place where Mrs. Horlice was shot. Fragments of her clothing were lying on the ground near the roadside. Buses were trampled and evidence of a fierce struggle were found. Both Baker and Mrs. Horlice had been married before, the woman's husband having been murdered in this city several years ago in a saloon fight.

MORE FOREST FIRES.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 8.—The largest and most prosperous town in the Mesaba range is threatened with destruction by fire. Every place of business in the town is closed and the men all are out fighting forest fires. A number of firemen and an engine have gone from Duluth. Trains are waiting at Hibbing to take the people away. Unless the wind changes Colerain and Bovey will be safe.

Grand Marais, Minn., on the north shore, is fire doomed. People are in worse straits than the range people. There is no place to flee to. The forest fires are a mile from town. The settlers are walking into Grand Marais with packs of their valuables on their backs and leg-weary families are dragging along behind them.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 8.—A case of bubonic plague was discovered in Los Angeles. The victim is a boy named Mulholland, the son of a reservoir tender near Elysian Park, a nephew of William Mulholland, a consulting engineer of the city water works.

Three weeks ago the boy found a sick squirrel in the park and picked it up and was bitten on the hand. Sickness followed and was declared to be bubonic plague.

Squirrels in the park are afflicted with the disease. The extermination of squirrels in the park is actively proceeding. It is believed there will be no spread of the disease.

LEFT IN WELL.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Sept. 8.—Ethel, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paisley of Fish Springs, was rescued from the depths of a dry well on the Paisley ranch, after being 12 hours a prisoner.

Yesterday morning the parents drove to town, leaving the children alone. In play, the boy lowered his sister into the well, then forgot her. An accident delayed the parents' return, but before dark they were searching for the child. They expected to find her dead in the well. Her brother remembered his foolish act and concealed himself beneath the house.

An older boy descended into the well, only to find the little girl fast asleep, her swollen eyes and tear-stained cheeks indicating her condition of mind before slumber brought forgetfulness.

THE BRIDE MOURNS.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Mrs. Claudie Moser, a bride of two weeks, told the police that her husband and \$600 of her money were missing. She formerly was a clerk in a department store at Seattle, where her husband was employed as a bookkeeper. They were married in Seattle and started east on their honeymoon.

After spending 11 days in Denver they arrived in Chicago Wednesday. They went to a hotel and a few hours later, while his wife was sleeping, Moser is said to have departed, taking with him \$600 which belonged to the bride.

ORCHARD AS A TRUST.

BOISE, Sept. 8.—The Idaho state prison board has taken Werden Whitney to task for making Harry Orchard a trusty. Charges are made that Orchard was given the privileges of a trusty immediately after the death sentence for assassinating former Governor Steunenberg was commuted to life and was not required to wear prison garb or given a number. The board ordered that Orchard be treated the same as other life prisoners.

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WOMAN SHOTS GIRL IN FACE

GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 8.—Ella Williams, daughter of J. L. Williams of Applegate, was seriously wounded by being shot in the face by Mrs. A. E. Imbler as Miss Williams and party were returning from a neighborhood dance at the Cork hopyard.

Miss Williams and party had concluded to spend the remainder of the night at the home of Widow Topplings, a short distance from the Imbler residence, and on passing the latter place they stepped into the vineyard and began picking grapes. Mrs. Imbler, who was lying in wait for trespassers, immediately fired a double-barrelled shotgun, the charge taking effect in the face of Miss Williams. Some of the No. 6 shot passed through the fleshy part of Miss Williams' cheek into her mouth.

Miss Williams screamed that she was shot, whereupon another shot was fired, but without result. Miss Williams was immediately taken care of and word was telephoned to this city and the sheriff arrested Mrs. Imbler.

Mrs. Imbler declared she had aimed to shoot the intruders in the legs and was sorry that Miss Williams was struck in the face. It is alleged by the intruders they had permission to enter at any time and pick fruit.

PORTLAND MAN ARRESTED.

Last evening Chief of Police Shearer received a telephone message from the sheriff of Benton county at Corvallis, Or., to arrest J. H. Krueger, if he was in Medford. Chief Shearer located the man at the Hotel Nash and placed him under arrest. He then notified the sheriff and he said he would be here for him some time today.

Mr. Krueger is the president and manager of the Pacific Coast Sales Promoters of Portland, Or. He has been here, stopping at the Hotel Nash for a week, and it is said he has been drinking heavily ever since he came. He says he can explain everything and was very anxious to keep the matter from going in the papers.

Just what the charge is cannot be ascertained until the sheriff arrives with the warrant. Mr. Krueger put on a sale for a merchant in this city last spring, and when he arrived he said he was going to put on another. His business is putting on such sales all over the coast, and his trouble is likely in connection with one he had at Corvallis.

WILD ANIMALS GALORE.

J. O. Walker, one of the farmers of the Evans creek country, was in Medford yesterday. Mr. Walker stated while here that, in his opinion, some move should be made toward the re-enactment of the bounty law on carnivorous wild animals. The wolves, panthers, wildcats and bears, he stated, were becoming very plentiful since the bounty was removed a few years ago.

Last year Mr. Walker had six calves killed and this year a number of his neighbors have lost several head of cattle, sheep and goats in a like manner. The animals, he says, are becoming more plentiful each year and more daring in their onslaught of young stock.

THREE YOUNG MEN.

Three young men who have been in the government service in connection with the work on the Panama canal, were in Medford yesterday and called on Secretary of the Commercial club to get information regarding fruit and farm land in this vicinity, with a view of investing. They have traveled all over the coast and appeared to like it better here than any other place they had seen on their travels.

One of the young men will remain here looking around, and if he sees something that will suit them the others will return and look it over. Their idea is to go into the deal together, and they apparently have sufficient money to enable them to do so.

MURDER OR ACCIDENT.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. 7.—That J. M. Bachus was foully murdered on his own doorstep and his home fired to cover the crime, is now absolutely certain as an examination of the charred and almost unrecognizable body shows that the young Gifford farmer was shot, probably with a rifle, the bullet entering the back of the neck and ranging upward through the brain, finally plunging its way through the skull over the eye of the murdered victim.

Mystery still surrounds the case, and no light has been shed on it by officials, who remain reticent.

Coroner Clyde Vassar returned from the scene of the murder today, but declined to give any detailed account of the inquest further than to state that Bachus was undoubtedly murdered. No arrests have been made.

That Mrs. Bachus, the 22-year-old wife of the murdered victim, will yet reveal something which officials

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MEYERS AND HIS TROUBLE

W. J. BRYAN IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 8.—Twelve hundred precinct committeemen who were recently elected in the primaries, were addressed by William J. Bryan tonight. The meeting represented an innovation in politics in Chicago and was for the purpose of putting into effect the call of the national committee for a campaign club in every voting precinct in the United States.

Previously to Bryan's remarks, John W. Tomlinson of Alabama, chairman of the committee on organization, addressed the conference. He stated that over 5000 clubs were already organized and that the campaign literature and materials had been sent to all clubs enrolled at the Democratic national headquarters. After October 1, he said, weekly letters from Bryan would be sent to all Democratic clubs.

Bryan opened by referring to the primary system and declared it had revolutionized politics. "And authority now comes from the voters instead of from the central authority."

Bryan emphasized the importance of the position which the committeemen occupied and declared no candidate will win success if the work of the organization is neglected. "It will be your business to see," he said, "first, that every Democratic vote is registered; second, that every Democratic vote is cast; and, fourth, that false registration and repeating are prevented."

Bryan said in conclusion: "The reports that come to us from all sections of the country are very encouraging and we have every reason to believe that if we all work together and diligently we shall be able to rejoice over a victory both for the state and the nation."

PREACHES TO OUTCASTS.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 8.—Standing reverently before a group of mission workers and several hundred social outcasts in the slums last night, Leonard Mordaunt, son of a wealthy eastern family, graduate of Yale law school, ex-convict and now a convert to Christianity, celebrated his fourth anniversary of freedom from crime with a remarkable sermon. In simple words he told of his regeneration, and the flotsam and jetsam of humanity, the derelicts who stemmed the tide for a moment to listen, many weeping as if their hearts were broken.

Falling to the lowest levels of degradation, Mordaunt sought to hide himself by coming west. In his extremity he became a highway robber. He was caught, convicted and sent to the penitentiary. He later became a deputy sheriff, reformed and now spends his time and money assisting unfortunates who are as he was.

FOURTH COST 163 LIVES.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 8.—Only the gladiatorial feasts on festival days in pagan Rome rival the carnage of the American Fourth of July, according to the Journal of the American Medical association. The victims of this year's celebration of the Fourth of July throughout the United States number 5632 in killed and injured, according to statistics published by the Journal.

The number of casualties is 1210 more than last year, though the number of deaths, 163, is one less. The list contains 157 more names than that of 1906, the second largest of the six years during which statistics have been kept by the Journal.

Fast Time from the Lake.

A party consisting of William Hodson, F. H. Hopkins and wife of Central Point, Van R. Gilbert and Robert Sears, returned from Crater lake Friday afternoon. They left the lake at 7 o'clock a. m. and arrived home at 3:50 p. m., making the trip in less than nine hours. Mr. Hodson reports the roads fairly good, with the exception of those in the vicinity of Pumice mountain, which are nearly impassable and are badly in need of repair.

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REAL LIFE TRAGEDY.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 5.—Unable to borrow money enough to carry her to her home in Georgia,

MEYERS AND HIS TROUBLE

SALEM, Or., Sept. 8.—A daring express robbery, in which a package containing notes and other valuable papers representing over \$50,000 belonging to Joseph Meyers, of this city, brings again to public notice the internal troubles of the Meyers family. It recalls the fight made by his sons to prevent his recent marriage in Portland to Mrs. Zenaida Du Rette, and to control the old man's fortune.

Upon the request of Mr. Meyers, J. H. Albert, president of the Capital National bank of Salem, forwarded the former's strong box to him at Portland, in care of the Portland hotel. The package was entrusted to the Wells-Fargo Express company here for transmission to Portland on the afternoon of August 21. It arrived in Portland that night at 11:30 o'clock.

The package never reached Mr. Meyers at his Portland address, and it has just been learned that it was stolen from the express company on the night of August 21, or the early morning of August 22. The circumstances of the daring theft are such that it is believed that unknown persons entered the express office at the Portland Union depot, where the package was left over night, and carried it away.

The strong box contained among other valuable packages and jewelry three notes executed by Henry W. and Milton L. Meyers to Joseph Meyers of a total value of \$52,600.

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 8.—While it can be said with some degree of positiveness that detectives who have been working on the disappearance of the Meyers' securities valued at \$70,000, which were shipped from Salem by Banker Albert to Joseph Meyers in Portland, August 21, are certain they know the identity of the man who stole the package from the Wells-Fargo Express office and also know who the conspirators are, they are not ready to make any arrests.

The notes for over \$50,000 are signed by Henry W. and Milton L. Meyers, sons of Joseph Meyers, and are not negotiable, and it is believed that the other contents of the package are alleged to be worth \$20,000 to the owner, but are of but little value to any other person.

BALLOON EXPLODES.

WATERVILLE, Me., Sept. 7.—In full view of 25,000 horrified spectators assembled on the Central Maine fair grounds here, Charles Oliver Jones, the aeronaut of Hammondsport, N. Y., fell 500 feet to his death.

Among the witnesses of the plunge were Mrs. Jones and child, and they were almost the first to reach the side of the dying man. The aeronaut died an hour and a half after the accident.

Jones had been at the fair grounds with his dirigible balloon "Boomerang" since Monday. When the aeronaut reached a height of more than 500 feet the spectators were amazed to see small tongues of flame issuing from under the gas bag in front of the motor. At this time the balloon had passed out of the fair grounds.

Many persons in the great crowd tried to apprise Jones of his danger, but several minutes elapsed before he noticed the fire. Then he grasped the rip cord, and by letting out gas tried to reach the earth.

The machine had descended but a short distance when a sudden burst of flame enveloped the gas bag, the framework immediately separating from the bag. Jones fell with the framework of his motor, and when the spectators reached him he was lying under it. The gas bag was completely destroyed.

Club Alterations.

L. J. Rinehart has been at Gold Ray for several days making a number of alterations about the clubhouse at that place. The floors have all been polished, new porches built and the building generally overhauled and improved. The grounds are also being made over and improved.

UNITED AFTER 27 YEARS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—After a separation of 27 years, General Daniel E. Sickles and his wife are reunited. For more than a quarter of a century the ocean has separated them, he residing here and she in her native city, Madrid, Spain, where the general married her after the death of his first wife, when he was ambassador to Spain.

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herself in the Brevoort house, one block from the general's apartments.

She made no concealment of her identity, signing herself in the house register as "Mrs. General Sickles of Madrid."

It is said that General Sickles, weakened by infirmities and slowly sinking under the burden of his years, expressed a wish months ago to once again see his wife, the mother of his two children, the woman so completely forgotten by the outside world.

Other reports are that General Sickles had no part in the homecoming of his wife, who, guided by legal advice, is here to watch over her interest in her husband's estate.

It was the son who brought the long-estranged general and his wife together.

"You see, I could not live in the general's home," explained Mrs. Sickles today. "Why, it is a bachelor's apartment," she added in tones of dismay. "There is nothing in it but books and typewriters and records of Gettysburg and all sorts of strange things. No, I could not stay there, but I will live close by and care for my husband."

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