

# TRIED TO KILL SWEETHEART

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 21.—Inflamed by jealousy and whisky, Will Grandjean yesterday attempted to murder his sweetheart, Carrie Swofford, with a meat ax, then believing that he had accomplished his terrible purpose, rushed upstairs to his room and committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid.

The woman, though suffering from a fearful gash in the head, and with her ring driven so deeply into her finger that it was necessary to cut the gold band off, is not dangerously wounded. Dr. George W. Tanlesie, who was called to attend her, says there is nothing to fear.

The crime was evidently premeditated, Grandjean having threatened to kill the woman. A man whose name the police have not yet been able to learn, who was with Grandjean all day yesterday and early this morning, made the statement that the suicide told him this morning, "I'm going to kill that red-headed woman before night." Grandjean, before committing the crime, stole from the woman he tried to kill the carbolic acid with which he afterward killed himself.

The Same Old Story. It was the old story of love, jealousy and whisky. Grandjean had been going with the woman for about six months, but she evidently tired of him and of late has been going about with another man. Grandjean brooded over this and evidently believed himself wronged, and meditated revenge. For the past three days he had been drinking heavily, nursing his supposed injuries and working himself up to the state of rage which resulted in his attempt to kill his sweetheart.

Carrie Swofford, the injured woman, is the cook at the Terminal hotel, 96 Knott street, where the tragedy occurred. Grandjean was a painter, but had been out of work for some time. She had evidently encouraged him in his love for her, as a letter found among his effects and signed, "Carrie," written from Seaside on July 26, calls him "My loved one," and closes with "love and kisses from your own Carrie."

It is probable that only the heroism of another woman, Mrs. Shepherd, dining-room girl at the hotel, prevented Grandjean from finishing his work and murdering Carrie Swofford. Mrs. Shepherd rushed up to the struggling pair and seized the hatchet and endeavored to wrest it from Grandjean's grasp, saying as he did so, "If you hit her again, I'll use the hatchet on you." Her bravery caused the crazed man to relinquish his grasp on the weapon and flee upstairs, where he made an end of himself.

The Woman's Story. "Will came into the kitchen where I was at work getting dinner," said Carrie Swofford as the doctor washed the blood from her head, "and asked me to give him a cup of coffee. I did so, and told him there were some biscuits in the oven that he could help himself to. He got them and ate some. I told him that after that I didn't want him coming around at that time of day and asking for breakfast. If he couldn't get down when other people ate, he could do without. He didn't say anything then, but when he got up from the table, he walked over to where I keep the hatchet I use in cutting meat, and picked it up and struck me on the head. He tried to hit me again, and I must have put up my hand, for my finger is hurt and the ring is driven away into the flesh."

Borrowed Her Money. "I have helped that man for months. I've loaned him money time and again when he needed it, and I have done everything for him that I could. And this is the way I get. I have always been doing things for people all my life and getting the worst of it. I wish I had never seen him."

"I met him about six months ago out at the Twelve-Mile house, where I was working as cook, and he was painting. Yes, we were pretty good friends. And this is what it has come to. He was just jealous; that is all—that and the whisky, for he had been drinking hard for three or four days."

Grandjean was very careful and deliberate in his self-murder. Seating himself on the edge of the bed, he took the two-ounce bottle of carbolic acid which he had stolen from the cook, removed the cork, drank about three-fourths of the contents and carefully corked the bottle again, replaced it in his inside coat pocket. And then he died. An empty whisky bottle lay on the chair beside the bed. He had evidently taken one last drink before taking leave of life and drinks forever. No note of any kind was found.

R. L. Squires, who happened to be in the house at the time of the tragedy, which occurred at about 10:15, called up the police station and told the desk man of the attempted murder, but did not know at the time that Grandjean had committed suicide. In fact, he did not even go upstairs after Grandjean until the arrival of Officer Abbott, a few minutes later, being afraid, he says, that Grandjean might attempt to kill him. When Abbott arrived he went up to Grandjean's room, No. 41, and

lying on the bed with his feet on the floor, dead.

Was Glancing Blow. The officer summoned Dr. George W. Tanlesie to care for the wounded woman. The doctor arrived within a few minutes and sewed up the wound in the woman's scalp. Fortunately the ax had struck her a glancing blow, otherwise it would have killed her instantly. The most painful injury was to the finger, the ring being so deeply sunk into it from the force of the blow that she stopped with her hand that it was necessary to cut the ring off before the wound could be dressed.

Deputy Coroner Dunning arrived and took charge of her body. Nobody except Carrie Swofford appeared to know anything of Grandjean except that he was a painter, had been out of work for some time and had been rooming at the hotel for about a month.

Letters found in the dead man's suitcase, however, show that he had a sister in Springfield, Ill. Most of the letters were simply signed, "Your sister, H. C.," but one of them bears the signature, "H. Crofton." She appears to have been a faithful correspondent, one of the letters stating that she would write to him once a week. Another letter is from a brother, C. B. Grandjean, and is dated at New Berlin, Ill. Another brother, Roy L. Grandjean, also lives at Springfield.

The dead man appears to have been the owner of a house at Springfield, a number of letters in reference to his rental being found. His hand-book shows a deposit of \$400 made in the Commercial National bank of Los Angeles on January 10, 1908. There are no stubs to show that any of it has been withdrawn, although Carrie Swofford says she has on several occasions loaned him money.

Grandjean appears to have been between 35 and 40 years of age and unmarried. The body has been taken to the morgue.

## CHINA EMPEROR AND EMPRESS.

Particulars in Connection With Their Deaths; Very Peculiar Customs.

PEKING, Nov. 19.—The edict ordering posthumous honors for the late dowager empress was issued today. It enumerates for the fourth time since the death of his majesty the program of reforms to which the new regime is committed. Accurate information as to the last days of the emperor was obtained today from the palace. The emperor made a speech less than an hour before his death. He passed away during a period of the greatest excitement and confusion.

His native physician gave orders that the emperor be dressed for death and that the imperial yellow flag be spread over the road leading from the winter palace to the forbidden city. At the same time the imperial conveyance was made ready to convey the emperor to the bed chamber. Both their majesties awaited the coming of the grim reaper clad in their full official robes and surrounded by hundreds of court officials and followers.

It was a barbarous exhibition of soulless and inhuman formality and etiquette of the court. On the night of November 16 the empress called the members of the grand council together and talked with them for some time. She was lying prone, but fully dressed. After an hour's consultation the councillors were dismissed and told to return at 2 o'clock in the morning with the edicts prepared to announce the succession to the throne. It is reported that her majesty was able to signify her assent to these peculiar edicts, but immediately afterward lapsed into unconsciousness and was dead in the morning.

Pu Yi, the baby emperor, has been taken from his family and cared for within the palace precincts. He is popularly reported as crying day and night for his old nurse.

## KAISER MUCH ISOLATED.

BERLIN, Nov. 19.—The results of the representations made to Emperor William yesterday by Chancellor von Buelow and the consequent imperial pledge to keep both speeches and acts within close constitutional grounds, are measured in colder wood by the people of Germany today. The emperor is still much isolated from the sympathies of both the upper and lower levels of society.

The talk among the friends of the chancellor and the ministers today is that they must wait and see how the emperor acts when the next keenly interesting public question comes up. Doubt exists as to whether, at the age of 59, the emperor's impulsive and candid disposition can be so modified by the events of the past fortnight that he will depart from a practice he has followed during the 29 years of his reign.

Prince Von Buelow and his party will pursue an opportune policy, affirming resolutely that the imperial conduct will faithfully follow the imperial word.

## For Chronic Diarrhoea.

"While in the army in 1863 I was taken with chronic diarrhoea," says George M. Felton, of South Gibson, Pa. "I have since tried many remedies but without any permanent relief, until Mr. A. W. Miles, of this place, persuaded me to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, one bottle of which stopped it at once." For sale by Chas. Strang.

# EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT

Among the many important measures that will be introduced in the state legislature this winter will be a bill for an employers' liability law. Such a measure has been endorsed by the legislative committees of the state grange and the Oregon State Federation of Labor. These committees are considering other legislative matters which will be drafted into presentable form and presented for the consideration of the state's lawmakers.

The provisions of the proposed law remove the limit of the amount of damages the relatives or legal guardians of a deceased workman may sue for injuries resulting in the death of an employe. In practically all cases resulting in injury or death it is provided that the negligence of a fellow-servant shall not be a defense to an action for damages. The failure of employers to surround their employes with all reasonable safeguards is subject on conviction to a fine of from \$100 to \$1000.

At Portland the Central Labor Council, head body of the labor organizations of that city, appointed a committee of five members, of which W. H. Fitzgerald is chairman, to represent that organization in co-operation with the legislative committees of the state grange and the State Federation of Labor in preparing various legislative measures demanded by those organizations for presentation to the legislature when it convenes.

The text of the employers' liability act is as follows:

"An act providing for the protection and safety of persons engaged in the construction, repairing, alteration or other work, upon buildings, bridges, viaducts and other structures, or engaged in any work upon or about electrical wires, or conductors or poles, or supports, or other electrical contrivances carrying a dangerous current of electricity; or about any machinery or in any dangerous occupation, and extending and defining the liability of employers in any or all acts of negligence, or for injury or death of their employes, and defining who are the agents of the employer and declaring what shall not be a defense in actions by employes against employers."

## ANOTHER PORTLAND MURDER.

Watchman on One of the Boats Was Killed and Then Robbed.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 19.—The dead body of M. C. Rasmussen, a watchman on the steam schooner Washington was found in the engine room of the schooner tonight. His head bore a wound apparently made by a blunt instrument. His watch had been torn from the chain and only \$25, a small part of what his friends think he possessed, was found in his bunk.

Rasmussen was last seen alive Wednesday by four members of the crew of the British ship Leyland Brothers, which was moored alongside the Washington. Rasmussen was seen in company with a well-dressed stranger. The pair went into the engine room and shortly afterward the stranger was seen to hurry away from the schooner, while Rasmussen was not again seen alive. Becoming alarmed at his long absence, the three sailors on the Leyland Brothers and C. L. Johnson, foreman on the dry dock, alongside which both the Washington and the ship were moored, instituted a search for the missing watchman. On entering the engine room they came upon his body.

## LAD OBEYS FATHER.

Facing Starvation, Aged Alaskan Warns Son Not to Disturb Him.

SEATTLE, Nov. 19.—Pathetic was the ending of Charles Haynes, a pioneer Alaska trapper, news of whose death is at hand from the Naas river country. Two brother trappers found the aged man dead in his cabin, and only their timely discovery saved his 6-year-old son from starvation.

Telling the child that he was going to have a long sleep and that he must not try to awaken him, Haynes pointed to the one solitary loaf of bread the shack contained and warned him that he must not eat it all at once, but just take a little every day; also warning him to eat sparingly of a small turnip and several carrots in a box behind the stove. He then gave directions that a handkerchief lying on the table be placed over his face when he was quiet, saying:

"You must not look on papa's face when he is asleep." The sick man then lay back and died. The orders were faithfully carried out by the poor child, except that when blood oozed from his father's mouth he stuffed the handkerchief in to stop it.

For four long days and nights, without a spark of fire to warm his shivering body and with no food other than a morsel of dry bread and the raw vegetables, the little fellow waited patiently for his father to awaken, each night getting quietly into bed with the cold and lifeless form, but obedient to his instructions never once attempting to awaken him nor even murmuring at the cold from

When discovered by the trappers the frightened child took refuge under the bed. The bread was all gone and but two small carrots remained. No amount of coaxing could induce him to talk, but when the curtains which surrounded the bed in the corner of the shack were parted the whole story was at once known.

## TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

That is the Amount Involved in a California Land Deal.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 21.—The Republic tomorrow will say that negotiations are pending between Rutledge and Kilpatrick of this city and a syndicate of eastern financial men for acquisition of the entire land of the stockholdings of the firm of Miller & Luz of San Francisco. The St. Louis firm has an option on the property.

The deal involves more than \$20,000,000 and will mean the passing of the greater part of the butcher business of the Pacific slope into the hands of Eastern men, who, the dispatches from the west assert, are affiliated with the beef trust.

## ECHO OF BRADLEY CASE.

The Jury Which Acquitted Her Meets and Sends Her Message.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The jury which one year ago held the fate of Mrs. Annie Bradley, slayer of Arthur Brown of Utah in its hands, met last night at a banquet held in this city. The following telegram was sent to Mrs. Bradley, who is at present engaged in newspaper work in Salt Lake City:

"The jury which acquitted you a year ago sends congratulations and best wishes for your success in your undertakings."

The dinner was given in honor of Daniel A. Newman, a member of the jury, who leaves today for the Isle of Pines to make his home.

## \$25,000 A YEAR.

Court Ignores Mrs. Gould's Plea That She Needs \$7000 Monthly.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Katherine Clemmons Gould, wife of Howard Gould, the multi-millionaire, was awarded an annual alimony of \$25,000 by the supreme court today. The sum of \$120,000 was demanded by counsel for Mrs. Gould, but it was represented by the attorneys for Gould that he had suffered material reduction of his income through losses and investments.

The plea of Mrs. Gould that her expenses were \$7000 monthly was not considered by the court.

The hearing of the suit for separation, with its expected attendant scandal, will probably begin in January.

## SAVED THE TOTS.

But the Man Who Bravely Did So Now Has Hydrophobia.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Gustav A. Wolff, Jr., died at the German-American hospital early yesterday morning of hydrophobia. The young man, who was 22 years old, was bitten on the right hand August 30 in rescuing several small children from a rabid dog while they were playing near his old home. The wound was dressed and healed, and it was believed he was out of danger until Sunday, when he complained of a pain in his hand. A physician examined him and found him too far gone to be taken to the Pasteur institute.

## LINCOLN SPEECH FOR ALL.

Committee Wishes Every School to Hear It on Anniversary.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The superintendent of every school district in the United States will be asked by the Lincoln centenary committee of this city to have Lincoln's Gettysburg address read to the children in their schools at noon precisely on February 12 next, the one hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

A suggestion to this effect was adopted at a meeting of the committee held today.

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## SUBSCRIBE FOR THE MAIL.

# TROUBLE WITH BOND COMPANY

According to the telegram received yesterday by Recorder DeM. Collins, on behalf of the city, the bonding company of John Nuveen & Co. of the city of Chicago is one of the most charitable organizations in the world doing a financial business.

It will be remembered that the Nuveen firm agreed to take the Medford water bonds to the extent of \$365,000. Well, they have taken them, all right, all right, but if the city is to receive anything in return, or just what the organization is willing to donate to the city is something which time alone can tell. However, from the way the affair now looks the city appears to be in a pretty bad fix.

To begin with, the city agreed to pay the bonding company a commission of \$18,000, which amount was to be deducted from the \$365,000. When the agreement was signed by Recorder Collins and Mayor Reddy it was expected that soon after the full amount of the balance would be forthcoming from the company in the coin of the realm. Now it may be possible that the city will be offered finally the privilege of turning over everything in order to call the matter square.

The following telegram was sent to the firm Wednesday by the representatives of the city:

"John Nuveen & Co., Chicago.—No bonds will be delivered except upon payment of principal and accrued interest, less your commission. Shall we send them subject to these terms?"

"A. E. REAMES, Attorney for the City. B. M. COLLINS, City Recorder."

That brought from the Nuveen company the following reply:

"B. M. Collins, City Recorder, Medford, Or.: Telegram received. Insist bonds being delivered with all coupons attached according terms our contract. Endeavored to be fair and offered divide interest. If not accepted, withdraw this offer and insist upon strict compliance our contract. Do not believe city desires test matter in federal court as delay more expensive than us. If we took up all bonds immediately and allowed city half accrued interest, would this be satisfactory? Wire. With due respect your attorney's opinion, largest and most prominent corporation and bond attorneys here, including Judge supreme court, hold contract absolutely enforceable. Consider question of contract authorized by ordinance mere technicality, as mayor and yourself both certified that you accepted proposition under authority of city council and city delivered part of bonds under terms thereof. Does city desire an arbitration of court?"

"We can afford this better than city, although disliking lawsuits. We are disposed to be fair and willing to make concessions, but not willing concede everything. It appears to any one's ordinary business sense that money cannot be engaged and held without cost. We will hold city liable for commissions and prospective profits on sale of bonds, as delay is causing loss every day. Wire reply immediately."

"JOHN NUVEEN & CO., Bankers." In addition to the \$18,000 of commission on the bonds, this makes an additional difference of about \$1,000. This would make a difference all told of \$25,500 from the amount called for of the bond issue before the city receives one cent from the company in return.

Up till a late hour last night the matter stood like this: The lawyers representing the city have issued an ultimatum to the bonding company refusing to send any more bonds except upon payment of the accrued interest and principal, less the commission. Just what the reply will be, of course, cannot be told for a certainty, but it is expected that it will be very much along the lines of the one received yesterday.

## HUNTS 12 YEARS FOR CHILD.

When Woman Finds Her Boy Child Decides She Can't Have Him.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 21.—After prosecuting the search for her child for 12 years, finding the boy in Bellingham last June, the adopted son of A. W. Deming, Miss Maude Fields of St. Louis failed today to secure possession of the child, Judge Neterer of the Superior court giving the boy into the charge of its adopted parents.

When the child was three months old Miss Fields left it at a hospital in St. Louis, returning for it three weeks later. It had been adopted and further information was refused her. Theloug search commenced which ended in Bellingham, and four months' legal battle followed on a habeas corpus writ.

William Barnes, father of the, is now a wealthy Chicago resident. Miss Fields became hysterical and threatened to take her life when the decision was rendered.

Two rich merchants at Robinsonville, Miss., fought a duel the other day, and both are dead. Paris is sure to regard that as a badly bungled affair.

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