SHOOTS HIS WIFE AND HER SISTER

Fred B. Martin Then Turns Gun on Self.

MRS. MARTIN ALONE SURVIVES

Long-Estranged Husband Despairs of Reconciliation.

HE BLAMES EMMA HELMS

After Killing Her and Wounding His Wife, Crazed Man Blows Out His Brains, Leaving Letters That Disclose Motive.

........ MARTIN'S LETTER TO THE PUBLIC.

To Whom It May Concern: 1 have done this deed for the love have for my wife. I offered her a that a man could to come back t me but her sister set her against me so that she could not and would not. all, as we were always happy until she came in my family. God knows I hate to cause my dear old mother any more grief, but it is for the best. Have the W. O. W. insurance paid to FRED.

Fred B. Martin, ex-city salesman of the Pacific Biscuit Company, yesterday sfternoon about 5 o'clock shot and killed his sister-in-law. Miss Emma Helms, slightly wounded his wife and then committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth. The tragedy oc-655 Washington street, which was conducted by Mrs. Martin, assisted by her sister. Rather than be separated from his and believing that the stater-in-law was responsible for their estrangement. Martin deliberately planned the double murder and suicide.

Martin for about four months had ot lived with his wife, and only about upon his wife several times since he came back.

Early yesterday afternoon his mother left him at home, and he said that he would remain there all day. Instead he called up Mrs. Martin by telephone and had a long conversation with her. It is believed that she said to him that she did not care to see him again. He then wrote two letters telling of his plans, went down town, where he coned directly to the Ella

Enters House Stealthily.

Martin entered the place by the real door, without knocking. Stepping into the parlor, he was confronted by his wife and Miss Helms, who had been sithe entered. Without uttering a word. so far as is known. Martin produced his pistol, which is a cheap affair, of .as-caliber, and deliberately shot his sister-in-law, who was the nearest to him. The bullet entered her neck un-der the right ear, and she fell to the sloor and expired in a few minutes.

Martin turned the weapon upon his wife and fired three shots at her. One of the bullets infleted a flesh wound in the scalp at the back of the head Acreaming, she ran from the house into the street, blood streaming from her forehead. Martin Tealised that he had failed to inflict a fatal wound and followed her as far as the door.

He had two cartridges left in volver, and he retraced his footst Hearing the shots, C. P. McLoughlin, one of the hoarders, and collector for the Eastern Outfitting Company, dashed down the rear steps and almost collided with Martin, who was making

his way towards the cellar. "Back up those steps there, or fill kill you all," shouted Martin flourishing his wespon about his head,

Kills Himself in Cellar.

he placed the revolver in his mouth. fired, and killed himself almost in-

Dr. Sandford Whiting was passing in a streetear when Mrs. Martin ran from the house, and he alighted to give what aid he could. He hurried into the Martin was not seriously wounded. There he found Miss Heims bleeding to death, as the artery in her neck has een severed. He tried to stanch the flow of blood, but nothing could be

The police were immediately noti-Patrolman Anderson responded in the ter's death. patrol wagon. Miss Helms expired just as Price arrived in the house, and he at once went to look for Martin. The to the hospital. After having fled into murderer was not quite dead when the the street she returned to the house and officer found him, and in his hand he held a smoking revolver. He died about a minute later, however, without open-

ng his eyes or speaking. The bullet that he turned on himself crashed into his brain, where it lodged.

Mrs. Martin Only Witness. there were no witnesses to the tragedy After it was all over, she told in a hysterical way how the shooting had taken place and practically collapsed. She was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where she was delirlous near ters were found in Martin's clothing.

The letters show that he planned the nursier and went to the Ella with the wowed determination to kill the two women and himself. His friends are inclined to believe that he was mentally unbalanced and the letters indicate as much. One of the letters is written to his wife telling of his intention to kill her, but he evidently did not intend to show o her. He says in the letters that hended to attempt the murder and sul ould always be together.

Suicide Pact Is Denied.

Friends of Mrs. Martin, however, say that the idea that she had any knowledge declare that when they lived to gether they were continually having trouble, that he was unsteady and refused to support her and that when be called on her during the last few days she refused to have anything more to do with him. The boarders say that both

Those who knew the couple have long feared that serious trouble might ensue from the Ella saying that a shooting affray had taken place. Acting Detective he had shot at a burglar, who had at tempted to break into the house. Mrs. Martin refused to make any statement at the time and the authorities always believed that he had tried to kill her, Stories to that effect were printed in the

Martin Goes to California.

Almost immediately following thi cooling, Martin left Portland for San Francisco and friends of the two understood at that time that they had broken the Portland Railway Company and Thursday began work as conductor. As

Martin married Anna Helms at Jacksonville, Or., where she was born and raised. about five years ago. At that time he was employed by Fred T. Merrill in Merrill's bleycle shop, and the two came to errill about six years altogether. Later was employed as city salesman by the wife, of whom he was insanely jealous, Pacific Coast Riscuit Company, from

About three years ago Mrs. Martin leased the Elia, which is owned by E. J. Jeffrey, and opened it as a boarding and rooming house. Martin and his wife were two weeks ago returned from San having trouble when Mrs. Martin's sister Francisco. He attempted a reconcilia- came to live with her and to assist with tion, but to no avail. He went to live the boarding house. Martin always be at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. H. lieved that had it not been for his sister-McBride, 235 Fifth street, but called in-law he would never have been esan intense hatred for her. Several times he threatened to kill her when he had been drinking.

Known in Southern Oregon.

Martin was about 25 years of age and is wife is 26 years old. Miss Emma and Helms families are among the most

Mrs. Helms, the mother of Mrs. Martin and Miss Helms, now lives at Jackson-ville with her two sons and two daugh-ters, Harry and Edward Helms, Monda Helms and Mrs. James Cronemiller.

The father of Martin was among the sarliest ploneers in Southern Oregon, where he owned a large fruit ranch near Ashland. He died 12 years ago and his widow married J. H. McBride, who brought her to Portland. Mrs. Humboldt Pracht, wife of the son of Max Pracht, who for two years was pecial agent at the Oregon City Land Pracht is manager of the Buckingham. opposite the Hotel Portland on Yamhili

Second of Martin's Letters.

Following is the second of the letters I have changed my mind in regard to going away and leaving you behind. I will leave these words, as you have renot have you with me,

I am going to attempt to have us both Emma as far from us as possible, as she has put us both where we will soon be.

I hope our dear mothers will not grieve over this and will look at it for the best, as we are both willing to give our lives to be together, as we can't in this world. as Emma stands/between us. I hope the world will forgive us, as we love each other. I am not insane, but I am giving my life for the one I love, and taking her with me as requested. By-bye. FRED.

WIFE CALLS FOR HER SISTER

Mrs. Martin Spends Night in Delirium at Hospital.

Piteously begging that she be allowed to see her sister, whom she believes is till alive, Mrs. Anna Martin tossed upon her sot at the Good Samaritan Hospits last night in wild delirium. Not once after she was taken to the hospital did he completely regain her senses. fled, and Acting Detective Price and attendants feared to tell her of her sis-

Following the shooting an ambulance was called and Mrs. Martin was take went upstairs, where she was found in her bedroom by Acting Detective Price.

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Remark Frequent Now in San Francisco.

DEFENSE FIGHTING HARD

cide as requested by her, so that they But Those Who Know Heney Are Certain He Will Win.

GRAND JURY WEAK POINT

six Witnesses Testify One Member Openly Declared the "Grafters ing Tactics of Lawyer Ach.

BY P. A. SINSHEIMER. who say "They'll never get Ruef and

moment. The lay observer is like the woman at the horse race, who always ahead. The truth, plain and unadorned, is that Ruef and his attorneys are putting up a very strong and very stubborn re-sistance. For the time they have blocked the prosecution, but those who know Francis J. Hency have small fear as to For the first time the prosecution is

little worrled. Ruef and his attorneys have hammered with such persistence at the grand jury that they have found one man whom half a dozen witnesses declar expressed the opinion before going on the

At no stage of the proceedings has there been a straightforward effort to combat the truthfulness of the indictments, but simply a studied and clever attempt to befog the Issue by weaving about it a

Famed for His Delays. The case has resolved itself for the moment into a battle of attorneys. Chief of the Ruef forces is Henry Ach. who formerly practiced in Portland. Ach is short of stature and has been described as having the eyes of a terrier the nose of a grayhound and the mouth of a buildog. He is untiring in his onslaughts, but if one follow him closely he will at times detect a note of insin-

cerity in debate. state that Ach is a lawyer of brilliant attainments, through the cases which have Helms was 28 years of age. The Martin Summer Ach was a witness in a suit and it was brought out by his own testimony that he had purposely delayed two suits nutil the statute of limitations ran against them. He explained that his client was lengths that the legal time limit required

the dismissal of the other two. Helps Schmitz in a Pinch

Ach has brought all of his talents for delay to the defense of Ruef. Ostensibly he is the attorney for Ruef only, bu nevertheless, when it makes for delay, h acts for the Mayor also. At the outset he invented something new to the profession—a motion to "strike the indict-ments from the files." This was distinct from his motions to quash or set aside, With Ach in the defense of Ruef is as him the appearance of an English parson. Shortridge is flowery in court and in-clined to wander from the issue to paint golden sunsets and silver clouds for his

auditors. He supplies those qualities of

mind which Ach lacks and the two con

tics and has been mentioned in connection

KENOSHA, Wis., Jan. 5.—Edward Main and Stephen Jokowich, two victims of yesterday's powder mill explo-

EVENTS OF COMING WEEK

sion will meet at Chicago Wednesday to resume the inquiry into the Harriman railroade. This Searing during two days in New York brought out some unusually interesting testimony, but the evidence yet to be presented is expected to be more important in showing in detail the financial operations of the big Harriman system.

Meeting Baseball Officers, meeting of the National cor-composed of representative the National and American Leagues of haseball clubs, will be held in Cincinnati, Monday, to adjust the achedules of the two hig leagues and to elect a successor to Chairman Garry Hermann, of the Commission

Leagues in New York on Tuesday, Beside the election of a president, secretary and treasurer and a board of directors, legislation for the benefit of the association will be en-

Medal for Sir Ashton Welch The American Institute of A tects will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its birth on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Washington. A notable event on the programme is to be the presentation to Sir Ashton Welch, of London, of the "President's Medal" for distinguished a vices in architecture. Hir Asht Welch arrived in the United Stalast week, having come at the special invitation of the American in-stitute, extended through the Secre-tary of State.

Fix Encampment Place.

On Monday the executive commit-re of the Grand Army of the Re-ublic is scheduled to meet at Zanes ville, O., to decide upon a place for holding the National encampment in

he opened at Madison Square Garden, New York, on Saturday.

law firm of Campbell, Metson and Drew, and also J. J. Barrett. As advisory con C. H. Fairall, whose book on California law is standard, and Attorney Murphy.

Bulk of Work on Heney. Opposed to this illustrious aggregation are Heney, District Attorney Langdon, work has fallen naturally upon Heney renown in Portland. Where Heney is weak, Johnson is strong. Up to the pres-

The questions are hurled from his lips tize bullets from a rine. His is stern and humorous by sudden turns. His witness never knows whether to expect a kindly smile or a scowl. Johnson is the wit of board during those when the issue is neglected for flashes of repartee.

notion of the defendants to set aside the motion is alleged bias on the part of the grand jurors. One by one they are subjected to an examination of several hours. by Ach. This process will continue for a week or more yet.

Aiming for the Upper Courts. the bitter attacks made by the newspaers and read by members of the gran dicing the grand jurymen. To support his case he daily reads long extracts from press written at the time the impaneled. In thus getting newspaper articles into the record, he hopes to make out a case for the Supreme case is being heard, to rule out the indict-

is known to have a violent temper, but next door danced around the room and manages to restrain it. It is one of the grabbed the children into her arms in he may be led in the heat of passion to all so overjoyed-so relieved-that we has refused to go. It sees in the constant Mrs. Coe heard the good news. delays the day growing more and more distant when justice shall come into her

Explosion Victims Die. with the Governorship.

For Mayor Schmitz have appeared the injured cannot live.

Steamer Arrives At the Mexican Port.

EXPERIENCES ROUGH TRIP

Vessel Reported to Have Suffered Slight Damage.

All on Board Safe, None Apparently Realizing That They Had Been Given Up as Lost by

Anxious Friends.

FRIENDS GET TELEGRAM

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 6 .- According to egram from Magatlan, sent to the Asciated Press, the steamer City of Panama, bound from San Francisco to Panama arrived at that port at 6 P. M. today experienced a rough trip but sus-ed only slight damage. All on board

RECEIVE THE GLAD NEWS

Dr. Coe's Family Learn of Safe Arrival of the Ship. With tears of thankfulness streaming down her face the aged mother of Dr. Henry Waldo Coe received the message that her son and daughter were safe last night and tried to express her apprecia-

tion of the deep interest the press and the snow-white hair, and her efforts to control her emotions, now that the terrible in which she has borne her anxlety during the time that the vessel's safety

night!" she exclaimed to The Oregonful and appreciative of your thoughtful-

"it's different from last night and the she accepted the wise counsel of friends night before," little 10-year-old Wayne and walted. Another thing which helped assured the caller, "isn't it grandma?" "Are we glad?" he continued. "Well I should say we are!" And with that he grabbed his pet dog around the neck and nearly smothered the poor animal in his

"But we knew all the time it couldn't be true-my papa wouldn't sail on a ship that wasn't safe. But still it made us feel mighty bad."

"It's a fact," affirmed the grandmoth-"that none of us has been convinced th Ach has put forward the contention that the horrible news could be true, but the strain of uncertainty has been terrible for their safety."

"We will sleep tonight," she added "That's something we have not since the first message came about wreckage on the shore.

Mrs. Gardiner, a personal friend of the Coe family, is with them at present, and she told of the scene when the first positive news of the ship's safety was telephoned in by Dr. E. L. House.
"There was several neighbors in at the time," she said, "and a little girl from make some remark which would nullify could not finish our dinner. And after the proceedings.

Through all this legal mase the public came, as the many friends of Dr. and

> "I must say, however, that I have ne seen anyone bear up under a grief bet than Mrs. Coe and the boys have do but tonight when it was all over we al had to give in and cry about it."
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> Mrs. Coe said that one of the most grewsome features connected with the whole affair was the manner in which some of Mrs. H. W. Coe's personal friends took it for granted that there was no

hope for her safety and that she was actually dead. "They have come here-in all kindness of heart, of course-and told me to be sure and save all the papers, as the children would like to read in was always hopeful myself-in fact. I have never given up to the idea that they were actually lost and such conviction on the part of others made it rathe hard for me.

Dr. Coe has two sisters and two bothers in various parts of the country and the mother immediately thought of relieving their auxiety, as well as that of Mrs. Coe's mother and brother in North Dakota

"We have had telegrams from all over the country," she said, "and I am s-regioned to know that all these friend of Henry's will be informed in the mora ing papers of their safety.

"We have received no telegrams from them direct," she explained to the in quiry about personal news. "We know that Mrs. MacPherson got a wire, but judge from what it said that her sor id not know there had been any question ere about their safety, so I do not coulder it strange that our folks have no wired. Henry probably thought the Mac-Pherson telegram would inform us that the party was making good progress and, not knowing what we have been through here, would not think it necessary to telegraph. And I hope he won't learn abou to go to bed on the promise if any further

telegrams came they should be awakened. The grandmother and Mrs. Gardiner followed the reporter to the door, looking tired but happy and relieved. "We can never thank everybody for their kindness to us in this trouble, said Mrs. Coe in good-night. "But we d

"Mazatlan, Mex., Jan, 6, 1907-Mrs. W G. McPherson, Portland, Oregon: Very tormy first day. Heautiful weather sinc hen. R. G. M'PHERSON." This was the brief message that brough loy and solace to the McPherson home at 827 Marshall street late yesterday after-noon. Only to those who have undergon-bours of wearlsome waiting and anxiety over the safety of loved ones can such a message be fully appreciated. In the omes of the McPhersons it will munday, January 6, 1967, one long to emembered. The telegram was br but its briefness was sufficient to bring tidings of gladness. Then on the heels of the telegram came the general announcement that the Panama had reached safe harbor, and from late in the afternoon until late at night friends called at the Marshall-street home or telephoned their congratulations of the safe arriva of father and son.

From the telegram which Mr. McPherson received it is evident that the pas-sengers were not aware of the fact that all on hoard had been practically mourned as lost since Saturday, for the message was merely an announcement of the safe simply told of the safe arrival and was evidently written on board ship and sent to Mazztlan by messenger. Mrs. McF. reson lost night showed un-mistakable signs of the mental agony through which she had passed. From she had hoped against hope that after between Davey and Vawter. all the ship was safe and felt that all was well with her loved ones, bravely she accepted the wise counsel of friends her in the hours of suspense and anxiety was the fact that she and Mr. McPherson a year ago had made the same trip over the same route. Numbered among the be taken as evidence that the ship had foundered at sea. Mrs. McPherson sent

The first intimation of the safety of the storm-tossed vessel came as a dispaich to the Associated Press fro United States Consul Louis Kaiser Mazatlan, time 3:10 P. M., as follows:

THREE FIREMEN ARE KILLED Burled Under Falling Floor of New

York Warehouse,

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Three men were killed during a fire that burned out the interior of Hill's paper warehouse, on his friends during the suspense. The Roosevelt street, tonight.

Just before the third floor of the five-story structure fell, all the men were ordered out of the building. Firemen Campbell, Siefert and Lennon, who land," "Don't know when he will be, had been working within the walls, falled to respond, and a subsequent round-up of the fire-fighters established the fact that the three were beyoud doubt burned in the ruins.

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FRIENDS FEAR HE IS IN CUPS

Three Days' Search Does Not Find the Missing Man.

VAWTER SPRINGS TO FORE

Stampede to Jackson Aspirant Seems Imminent Unless United Multinonomah Shall Bring Forth

New Candidate.

Dissolution of the Davey forces in the ture is imminent, owing to the disappearance of Davey, and surmise that it is due to thirst for the cups, which he had held under subjection so long a time that his friends had confidence in his continued abstinence.

Davey possesses a keen and vigorous mind and as managing editor of the Sa-lem Statesman has been doing creditable work in the Marion County newspaper After a lively campaign of several weeks throughout the state for Speaker,

he had practically won the fight against Vawter, of Jackson, whose follows up the contest as lost. The effect is the reanimation of the Vawter boom and a shifting of political lines. Should it turn out true that Davey has vanished for the cause suspected. there will probably follow a slump to Vawter or the unification of the hitherto a new Mulinomah candidate, possibly Frank F. Freeman. The five Davey votes in Multnoman have signified willingness to unite with the others for the purpose and the others would probably go into it had not five of their number signed a

pledge to Vawter, a week ago when the Multnomah Representatives were divided

Disappeared in Portland. one now suspected has been wont to seclude himself from friends and family, Since last Thursday night his where-abouts have been unknown. He was then many friends of the family were sea- in Portland and wired to his home in Salem that he would return next morn-It was for rafts of the ship to be tossed overboard in a storm and assured the anxious family that this fact should not be heard of him. Search has been made for him high and low in Portland by his friends. Mrs. Davey came down to Portfound in some distant part of the state. possibly Eastern Oregon, where he might have gone to round up votes for the Speakership. Some think him the victim speakership. Some and enemies who may of foul play of political enemies who may "City of Panama sighted. Will land in have turned him to liquor or given him to let go at so critical a time unless trapped by foes.

of the uncertainty as to Davey. Nothing could be done by his supporters until he was found and the fear dispelled or firmed. Every trail that could lead to him in Portland has been followed news was kept very quiet, but yesterday began to leak out in Salem and in this Salem were answered by: "Gone to Portback. 'Can't say just where he is.' until suspicions began to crop out. The inculries were brought to Portland with the same result, until it became frequenly whispered that Davey could not be

Unless there should be clearing up of the mystery, undoubtedly there will be stampede from Davey. The willings of the five Representatives in this cou to leave him-Adams, Bayer, Burns, Coffev and Driscoll-was conveyed to the other House members for this cou-last Saturday night and a conference the latter was held, attended by Benig Beyeridge, Chapin, Freeman, Northup, Wilson and Adams. To the proposal of uniting on a Multnomah man the five who have signed a Vawter pledge.— Beveridge, Chapin, Freeman, Northup and Wilson,-are understood to have made answer that they were willing, provided they could get release from the Vawier piedge. Since that time, a boom for Freeman has sprung up.

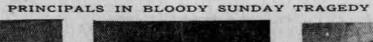
Boom for Freeman Develops,

Political affairs are badly shaken up. certain to be elected. If Davey is out of the fight those votes will probably re-vert to Vawter, inless Mulinomah County shall unite on a candidate and wage a fight for him.

Davey Had Thirty-four Votes.

Lane County's three members are of this class; also Linn's three and Wash-ington's three, all of which Davey was reasonably certain of securing in his ern Oregon. Yamhiii County's two votes were his, and he had strong assurance of obtaining Clackamas County's three. Dayey apparently had the support of at least 34 members, or three more than needed to elect.

D. E. Dugdale hesitates to take up Seattle didate, unless Multnoman shall bring out a candidate against him.









Mrs. Anna Martin, Wounded.