



## SHOOTS WHEN HIS SUIT IS SPURNED

### J. E. Blum Kills Woman and Himself.

## MRS. DAISY HICKEY IS VICTIM

### Her Refusal to Return to Him the Cause.

## OUTCOME OF LOVE AFFAIR

### Murderer Leaves Wife and Children at Baker City, and Children of His Victim Are Taken by Aid Society.

**FARTIES TO DOUBLE TRAGEDY.**  
THE MURDERER AND SUICIDE—J. Edward Blum, aged 38, teamster; married; wife and two children living in Baker City.  
THE VICTIM—Mrs. Daisy Hickey, aged 28, domestic; wife of John Hickey; butcher; separated from husband last nine years; mother of two boys, aged 9 and 11 years.  
SCENE—Laporte rooming-house, northeast corner Third and Yamhill streets, where Mrs. Hickey was employed as domestic.  
TIME—11:20 o'clock Sunday morning.  
DEATH WOUNDS—Both shot through head. Woman died instantly; murderer died at hospital at 1:10 P. M.

Insane from jealousy and the refusal of Mrs. Daisy Hickey to elope with him, J. Edward Blum yesterday morning shot the woman twice through the head and then blew out his own brains with the weapon, a .38 caliber revolver. The tragedy occurred in the woman's room in the Laporte lodging-house, Third and Yamhill streets, at 11:20 o'clock. Blum was a driver and Mrs. Hickey a domestic in the lodging-house.

The murder and suicide were not discovered until ten minutes after the shooting. G. W. Carter, proprietor of the lodging-house, heard the shots but attributed the sound to some one splitting wood or to the sparking of a passing automobile. It is probable that nothing would have been known of the tragedy for several hours had not Mrs. Nora Ross, another domestic, smelling powder smoke in the hall and reported the matter to Mr. Carter.

### Landlord Finds Bodies.

On approaching Mrs. Hickey's room Carter noticed a strong odor of burnt powder, and hastily opened the door with a pass key. The bodies of Blum and Mrs. Hickey were found lying across the bed and the walls were spattered with blood.

A hasty examination by the landlord showed that Blum, who had fallen across the body of his victim, was still alive. Rushing to the telephone Mr. Carter summoned the police and Dr. E. P. Geary, County Physician, and Dr. Sam C. Slocum, Dr. Slocum, who responded first, pronounced the woman dead and ordered Blum to be taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital. Patrol Driver Gruber, Detective Price and Patrolmen Evans and Hunter made the run with the wagon in eight minutes, but on examination by the surgeons at the hospital it was announced that Blum was fatally wounded. He died at 1:10 o'clock without recovering consciousness.

### Wounds Show Futile Effort.

The body of Mrs. Hickey was taken to the undertaking rooms of J. E. Finley & Sons, where it was discovered that she had been shot twice through the head. A wound between the thumb and forefinger of her left hand indicates that she had attempted to ward off the threatening gun in the hands of the murderer.

The principals to the tragedy had been on more than friendly terms for over seven years. According to those well acquainted with both, they had been engaged to be married for some time, but the inability of Blum to secure a divorce prevented the consummation of this plan.

The dead woman was formerly the wife of John Hickey, a butcher in the employ of the Union Meat Company at Troutdale, where they were married. Her maiden name was Daisy Sexton, and a brother, Bert Sexton, still resides at that place. Another brother, Roy Sexton, lives at Pocatello, Idaho.

### Blum's Family at Gaston.

About seven years ago Blum, whose parents, brothers and sisters reside at Gaston, was employed at Troutdale as a teamster. While there he became acquainted with Mrs. Hickey. This acquaintance grew into an intimacy that resulted in the separation of the Hickeys. Mrs. Hickey is said to have been granted the divorce without a contest of the case, and was awarded the custody of the two children, Cecil, aged 11, and Harry, aged 9. Eventually Blum and Mrs. Hickey removed from Troutdale and for a time lived together in Portland, and also at Beaverton, although they at no time represented that they were married. They frequently quarreled over the attentions paid their women by Blum, whose wife left him several years ago and is now said to be employed by the telephone office at Baker City, Or. Mrs. Blum has

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## TIGHTS ALL RIGHT BUT DIRECTOIRE...

### CHORUS GIRL SAYS THE GOWN IS INDECENT.

### Asked to Wear One on Street, She Flatly Refuses and Is Out of a Job in Consequence.

CHICAGO, May 24.—(Special.)—All the Riatta is seething and a-bubbling and giving off a prodigious steam of words because of the following note received by Miss Ida Doerge, a pretty young woman of Joe Weber's company:

My Dear Miss Doerge: Your engagement will terminate in two weeks, as per contract. Very truly,  
JOE WEBBER.

Miss Doerge was asked to wear the Directoire gown in State street yesterday but flatly objected, saying it was indecent. She wears tights in the play, but says that is business.

So Miss Carlisle wore the Directoire gown and nearly precipitated a riot, and Miss Doerge is out of a position.

## LAST WEEK OF CONGRESS

### Session to Adjourn Thursday if Conference Tasks Are Completed.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Both the Senate and House will devote their efforts to shaping their affairs so as to bring about an adjournment at the earliest time possible during the present week, and as a consequence whatever is done will be in the nature of completing the work already begun.

Most of the time, if not all of it, will be given to consideration of the reports of the conference committee's dealing with points of difference between the two houses on measures which have been passed by both. In any event, these will be confined largely to appropriation bills.

All the supply measures have received attention from both houses, but there are still points of difference in connection with some of them and a special effort will be made to compromise. As soon as the differences are adjusted the session will come to an end. The general deficiency bill will be held back until the last moment in order to use it as a vehicle for the appropriation of money to carry into effect the provisions of the omnibus public buildings bill.

Final adjournment will probably take place Thursday.

## MAY NOT PRESS CASE

### Suit Against New Haven Merger May Die With Administration.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 24.—As to the legal process which will be followed in the case of the Government against the New Haven Railway Company, it is stated here authoritatively that, if the case follows a normal course of procedure, the company probably will answer the various counts as soon as possible. After the first decision in the Circuit Court, appeal can be had, and unless the case is expedited in the Supreme Court, it is not regarded as likely that it can reach a decision in that tribunal in less than 18 months.

Partly on information derived from a director of the New Haven Company, it appears that its officers have from time to time during the past year received what was considered as assurance from the administration at Washington that the case would not be pressed. The case in any event will be carried over to a new Federal administration.

These features of the suit create a strong impression in railroad circles here that it is not likely to be pressed, and may never reach final adjudication.

## RENO BELLS TOLL TODAY

### Funeral of Governor Sparks to Be Solemn and Impressive.

RENO, Nev., May 24.—The funeral of the late Governor John Sparks, which takes place tomorrow at 2 P. M., from present indications will be the most solemn and impressive ever held in this city. Every bell in the city will be tolled from the moment the cortege starts from the Elks Home until it reaches the cemetery.

Governor Dickerson has issued a proclamation calling upon the people for the suspension of all business tomorrow in so far as it does not jeopardize life and property.

## BRUSSELS ELECTION RIOTS

### Police Forced to Fire Upon Socialists, Wounding Several.

BRUSSELS, May 24.—Parliamentary elections were held today in the provinces of East Flanders, West Flanders, Hainaut, Liege and Namur to replace 41 members of the Chamber of Deputies and 40 Senators whose terms of four years have expired.

The elections passed without incident except at St. Nicholas and Waes, in East Flanders, where the police and Socialists came into collision. Several were wounded on both sides, the police being forced to use their revolvers.

## THREE DROWN IN CREEK

### Buggy Overthrown in Midstream. Two Others Rescued.

BRIMSON, Mo., May 24.—Mrs. B. B. King, Mrs. Anna Coakley and the latter's brother, 5 years old, were drowned while crossing Sugar Creek in a buggy this afternoon. The two others in the party held on to the overturned vehicle until rescued.

## TAFT MEN CALL FOR ROOSEVELT

### Need President Badly at Chicago.

## ALLIES START NEW SCARE

### Report Secretary's Campaign Is in Sorry Straights.

## FAVORITE SONS HOPEFUL

### Declare Prospects Grow Brighter Daily—Forker Will Open Headquarters Today—La-follette Coming, Too.

CHICAGO, May 24.—(Special.)—Roosevelt as the guest of honor at the Republican National Convention. This notification was made today, but it is noticeable that the forecast came from the headquarters of two of the allies, who would be delighted to record the defeat of Secretary Taft for the Presidential nomination.

At both the Hughes and the Fairbanks headquarters today, the possibility of the presence of the President during convention week was freely and seriously discussed, and the belief was expressed that nothing can now keep the President away from Chicago.

### As Scarecrow for the Enemy.

The effect of such a statement, in which the two headquarters staffs agreed perfectly, apparently was to spread abroad in the country the belief that the Taft campaign is in such straits that the President's personal efforts are necessary to push the Secretary of War over the line a winner, when the balloting begins.

So far as could be learned, no arrangements have been made for the entertainment of President Roosevelt during convention week. Chairman New and Secretary Dover, of the National Committee, have not returned from the dedication of the Hanna memorial at Cleveland, and their testimony was not available.

## Tout Taft as a Loser.

The anti-Taft candidates, through their Chicago representatives, are in an entirely optimistic mood, and they were more vigorous in their declarations of defeat for Taft and victory for one of the allies today than they have been since opening the Chicago headquarters. They expect reinforcements tomorrow, when the Forker headquarters will start business in charge of Benson Forker, the son of the Ohio Senator, who is touted to be in safe possession of ten Ohio delegates and several score others scattered over the country. La Follette's managers are expected from Milwaukee tomorrow morning.

## NOT ALL SURE IT'S BRYAN

### Some Democrats Think Nebraskan Will Not Be Named.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—(Special.)—That Bryan is not yet certain of the nomination at Denver is contended by some prominent Democrats here and in other cities, and this is their position notwithstanding the hard jolt which the Alabama primaries gave to Johnson, and its consequent boost of the Bryan candidacy.

It requires a two-thirds vote to nominate in a Democratic National convention, and with this fact clearly before him, Bryan, in the last issue of the Commoner, cries: "Instruct your delegates to the National Convention. Instructions to be concluded on Page 4."

## BOAT OVER FALLS; THREE MEN PERISH

### ACCIDENT IN KOOTENAI RIVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

### Boatmen Either Miscalculate Current or Break an Oar and Are Swept to a Terrible Death.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 24.—(Special.)—Swept over the first falls in the Kootenai River, three well-known citizens of Nelson, B. C., perished and their bodies are still missing.

The accident occurred at 11 o'clock this morning, their boat being picked up below the falls. The victims are:



Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, must remain in asylum.

John Sharpless, a veteran of the Boer War, and ex-Sergeant Instructor of the famous Coldstream Guards; John Miles, an old pioneer of the Kootenai district, and a young Englishman named Richmond.

The falls are situated 15 miles below Nelson, B. C. The only explanation of the accident is that the boatmen either miscalculated the force of the current or by an oar breaking. None of the victims was married.

## SCALE IS AGREED UPON

### Miners and Operators of Four States Come to Terms.

KANSAS CITY, May 24.—After more than six weeks of negotiations, the last details, which have been standing in the way of signing the final agreement between the miners and operators of Kansas City, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas coal fields, were settled today to the satisfaction of both sides.

Tomorrow morning a joint meeting of the operators and miners will be held, when the signatures of the proper officials will be affixed to the scale and agreement and the action ratified.

The scale is for two years and the terms are practically the same as existed last year. Under the terms of the contract, the average wage of a miner will be \$4.25 per day.

## AMERICAN CAR IN LEAD

### Arrives at Nikolsk After Two Days' Plowing Through Mud.

PARIS, May 24.—A dispatch to the Matin, dated May 24, from Nikolsk, Russia, says:

The American car in the New York-to-Paris race is again in the lead, having arrived here after two days of plowing through the muddy roads. It overtook the German car a few miles out of Vladivostok and at times the two cars were almost hopelessly stalled in the mire, the crews having great difficulty in extricating themselves.

Nikolsk is about 160 miles from Vladivostok.

## PRINCIPALS OF SUNDAY'S DOUBLE TRAGEDY.



J. EDWARD BLUM. MRS. DAISY HICKEY.

## THAW IS INSANE DECLARES COURT

### Slayer of White Must Keep in Asylum.

## NOT FIT TO BE AT LARGE

### Judge Upholds Order of Commitment to Matteawan.

## MIND STILL UNBALANCED

### Acquitted Murderer Denied Right to Enjoy Liberty, and Will Be Confined Until Cured of His Dangerous Insanity.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 24.—(Special.)—Supreme Court Justice Joseph Morchauer filed his decision in the case of Harry K. Thaw early this morning.

The court holds that Thaw is still insane and not a fit person to be at large. He should be confined until it is certain that there will be no recurrence of the insanity, in whatever form it may exist. The validity of the commitment to Matteawan Insane Asylum by Justice Dowling, of New York, is upheld, the court stating that safety of the community is more important than the freedom of the individual.

## Must Remain in Asylum.

The return to the writ alleges that Thaw is now insane and that the statute providing for his confinement is constitutional and valid and that the court has jurisdiction to make the order of commitment. The return is traversed by the relator. The events leading up to the commitment of Thaw are in brief as follows:

On June 25, 1906, Thaw shot and killed one Stanford White. On January 23, 1907, he was brought to trial and during the progress of this trial a commission was appointed to ascertain whether at the time of the trial Thaw was in a state of idiocy, lunacy or insanity so as to be incapable of rightly understanding his own condition. The commission afterward returned to the court that it was their opinion, that at the time of their examination, Thaw was insane.

## Mental Condition Unchanged.

On the 6th day of January, 1908, said Thaw was again acquitted on the ground of insanity. Thereupon the learned justice presiding at the trial, upon the evidence, made an order reciting the verdict and that the court deemed the discharge of said Thaw at that time to be dangerous to public safety, and directing that said Thaw be detained in safe custody and be sent to the Matteawan State Hospital, there to be kept until discharged by due process of law.

"I am satisfied by the evidence adduced before me that the mental condition of Harry K. Thaw has not changed, and I find that he is now insane, and that it is so manifest to make it unsafe for him to be at liberty."

Action taken by the Thaw lawyer, James G. Graham, yesterday was regarded as indicating that he was not highly hopeful of a decision favorable to his client. Mr. Graham secured from District Attorney Mack a stipulation that Thaw should neither be given his freedom nor sent back to Matteawan after the filing of the decision until a formation order had been signed by the judge. This will have the effect of keeping Thaw in the Dutchess County Jail for a week longer.

During this time an effort will be made to induce District Attorney Jerome to consent to Thaw's commitment to one of the state insane asylums other than Matteawan.

Thaw was visited in the Poughkeepsie Courthouse this afternoon by his mother. They were together for two hours.

## LOADED VEHICLE DROPS 200 FEET

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

### Carryall Slides Down Mountain Side, Injuring Many, One Fatally.

SAN JOSE, Cal., May 24.—Twenty-one students, half the graduating class of the Santa Clara High School, were carried 200 feet down a mountain side when a carry-all toppled from the Mount Hamilton road at midnight last night. The vehicle broke up when it started in its descent and most of the young people slid in safety down the mountain side in the cover of the vehicle.

The injured:

E. C. Perry, chest crushed, fatally hurt. J. C. Conrad, arm broken. Miss Maud Lamb, cut about face. Miss Leora Doug, sprained arm and bruised about the body. Bernard Schutte, cut on head and bruised about the body.

News of the accident reached this city early today and a physician and nurses were dispatched to the scene in an automobile. Those who escaped reached here today, some of the girls walking the entire distance, 25 miles.

## SHOT AT WEDDING RIOT

### One Man Killed and Dozen Injured, Two of Them Officers.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 24.—One man was killed and two police officers and 12 foreigners were injured in a riot early today at Thoburn, a nearby mining town, following a Slavish wedding celebration.

The dead:

Mihal Ladar, midler; shot in head.

Injured:

Police Officer O. W. Shaver, of Monongah; hand lacerated.

Chief of Police Finley, of Monongah; severe bruises.

Twelve foreigners; cuts and bruises.

The celebration of a wedding in the foreign colony of Thoburn became noisy early this morning and nearby residents called the police. The two officers were refused admission, and broke open the doors.

A fierce fight at once started, in the midst of which a shot rang out and Ladar dropped to the floor. The officers retreated to the porch, followed by the 12 foreigners, and then the porch collapsed, precipitating all to the ground, 10 feet below. All suffered some injury, either in the fight or in the collapse of the porch.

The foreigners claim the officers shot Ladar, but the latter alleges one of the foreigners fired the shot.

## GO TO WORK AS "NEW MEN"

### Striking Carmen Give In by Large Vote—Strike May Be Broken.

CLEVELAND, May 24.—By a vote of 640 to 61 the striking streetcar men decided to return to work as "new men." The result of the vote which was taken was not announced until midnight. The vote is in accord with the demands of the Municipal Traction Company upon this point.

At midnight the non-union men now at work running the company's cars, began a vote on the question of whether they would submit their claims of seniority to arbitration. If this vote is favorable a strike armistice will be declared immediately, and the strikers will return to work probably tomorrow night.

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## SEVEN DEAD AT OUTSET OF FLOOD

### Trinity River Highest Ever Known.

## RAILWAY SERVICE PARALYZED

### Damage Cannot Begin to Be Estimated Yet.

## RIVER IS STILL RISING

### Going Up at Rate of an Inch an Hour—Relief Camps Established and Fort Worth Mayor Issues Proclamation for Aid.

**BEGINNING OF THE FLOOD.**  
Torrential rains send up river at appalling rate.  
Seven deaths known to have occurred.  
Much stock drowned and crops suffer great damage.  
Railroad service paralyzed.  
Relief camps established and aid called for.

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 24.—Seven people are known to be dead, 5000 are homeless and a dozen or more are reported to have been killed in Fort Worth and North Fort Worth as a result of the greatest rise in the history of the Trinity River which, beginning at 1:30 o'clock Saturday evening, reached a climax at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Five of the deaths occurred today and two last night.

Following the torrential rains of Saturday and today, a volume of seven inches, the river went three inches above the record of 1888.

Stock valued at many thousands of dollars, including 5500 sheep penned up in the stock-yards, in North Fort Worth, was washed down stream and destroyed. The property loss cannot be estimated yet.

### Railway Service Paralyzed.

The paralysis of railway service is almost total. The interurban has discontinued service between Fort Worth and Dallas. The Rock Island made no attempt to operate trains, neither did the Fort Worth & Denver. The Frisco Railroad derailed, in fact not a road escaped more or less damage.

Rowboats from Handley, White City and Lake Como have been hauled to the scene of the overflow and streetcars and patrol wagons are engaged permanently in the work of rescue.

A woman, a child and three men represent the known dead.

A negro child was washed from its mother's arms in the Rock Island yards and has not been seen since. An unknown white man was drowned one mile north of the bridge. His coat contained a note of farewell.

Only the Beginning of Death List.

A German in North Fort Worth was caught in the swift water and drowned. Many persons are missing. The police authorities believe this is only the beginning of a long list of deaths in the floods. Not until the water has receded will it be possible to tell the exact loss of life and property. Not a vestige of the big wagon bridge over the Trinity River near the steel foundry was visible at 5 A. M. today. Piers, girders and abutments were swept down stream in the torrent that for a time threatened the lives of thousands of sightseers congregated on the City Park bridge and approaches.

Relief camps have been already established by Manager Green of the Bureau of Charities.

Mayor Hart, of Fort Worth, issued a proclamation calling upon the unfortunate citizens to help the homeless. The Salvation Army also cared for many. Food and raiment will be dispensed tomorrow. The river is rising at the rate of one inch per hour.

## WHOLE STATE STORM SWEEP

### Texas Suffers Untold Damage From Wind and Rain Storm.

AUSTIN, Texas, May 24.—A terrific wind and rain storm swept Texas from the Panhandle to the Gulf early today. The destruction to crops and vegetables, trees and shrubbery was the greatest reported in years.

In numerous places houses were unroofed and small villages and hamlets in many instances were inundated by the terrific rainfall which, in the space of four hours, reached seven inches in many sections. Austin was in the path of the worst of the storm, and for hours the streets were impassable for either man or beast, electric light and telephone connections were disabled beyond immediate repair and many houses were unroofed.

The agricultural sections of Central and Southern Texas have been immeasurably damaged, according to general reports received here tonight, badly demoralized wire service occasioning slow and unsatisfactory reports from many sections.

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