

SUPPOSED SLAYER CONVICTS SCOTCH

Eastman Shoots Self as Posse
Runs Him to Earth for
Woodill Crime.

MYSTERY NEAR SOLUTION

Authorities Now Have Circumstantial
Account of Death of California—Foster Father
Tells Story.

ST. MICHAEL'S, Md., June 25.—No pursuit of an accused assassin was evidenced by more thrilling picturesque surroundings than that which ended in the death early today of "Lame Bob" Eastman, supposed slayer of Mrs. Edith May Woodill, of Los Angeles.

Eastman was known during his short residence here as Emmet B. Roberts, having simply transposed his name from Robert Emmet Eastman. He committed suicide rather than surrender.

Suspected From First.
The man disappeared late Wednesday, following the discovery and identification of Mrs. Woodill's body. Suspicion had pointed to Eastman from the first, for he was the person with whom the girl had last been seen alone.

Eastman tried to leave McDaniel last Wednesday, but was warned that he had better remain to refute the charges against him. Saying he could be found at his bungalow when wanted, Eastman disappeared. A missing skiff from the home of a neighbor told the story of his flight. All day Thursday Sheriff's posse vainly searched for him.

Oars Heard at Night.
Late last night, however, John W. McQuay, who lives four miles from McDaniel, on Harris Creek, one of the estuaries of Chesapeake Bay, heard in the stillness of the night the soft splash of oars far out on the black waters. Receiving no answer to his hail, McQuay frantically summoned help by the phone.

A posse arrived, and then began the stealthy trailing of the fugitive through the waters to the shore. For hour after hour, Eastman, suffering from want of food and water during the night and day of his hiding in the marshes, tried to make off his pursuers. As he became exhausted his progress was so slow that the posse passed him in the darkness. Not sure that the men in the ether boat were really on his trail, Eastman continued up stream until he had reached a point just off the home of Colonel Thompson, foster father of the girl for whose death he was being sought.

Fugitive Shoots Self.
As he passed the posse hidden in the tall grasses of the shore, they twice called upon Eastman to surrender. Then came the report of a revolver. It had been aimed by Eastman's hand, but the officers, thinking that the shot had been directed at them, returned the fire and thought at first that it was their fusillade which had caused the man's death.

The question of whether Eastman died by his own hand or as a result of the fire of the pursuing party was not settled until late in the day, when a coroner's jury, after hearing all evidence and the reports of examining physicians, decided that Eastman had taken his own life.

Unconcerned at First.
Eastman had watched the early developments of the case with a smile on his face. All the morning of the Monday after the crime he sat in the telephone office at McDaniel, in the afternoon he went to Baltimore to mail the letter which Miss Carrie Thompson, and which would have delayed his pursuit for some days if the body had not been discovered.

He returned Tuesday. Sitting in the office on Wednesday afternoon he heard George B. Taylor receive a telephone message announcing the finding of the body.

"My God!" he exclaimed, "you don't mean to say a woman has been murdered here? Who is she?"

Talks of Getting "Story."
In a few minutes he said: "Get me a copy of the story. I will go over to St. Michael's to get a story about this murder, and then take it to Baltimore."

Eastman had said he was a newspaper man. Reaching St. Michael's, he watched the proceedings, and did not leave until the body had been placed in the morgue.

Returning to McDaniel, he ordered a ticket for Baltimore. In the meantime Constable Mortimer called up over the telephone to inquire about the story. He was a stranger and might know something, Eastman then said:

"Oh, I have any suspicion about me? I will remain. I never saw this woman."

Mystery in Letter.
The letter mailed by Eastman at Baltimore and received here by Miss Carrie Thompson, a foster sister of the murdered woman, is one of the incidents which seem to connect Eastman most closely with the crime. This letter was written by Mrs. Woodill, and was mailed several days after her death.

Whether or not it was written by Mrs. Woodill to shield her visit to Eastman's bungalow, or whether the man had some evil intent in mind and asked her to write the letter to cause a delay in the search for her body may never be known. The letter was intended to give the impression that Mrs. Woodill was in Baltimore. It follows:

Dear Girl: A line only to say I am well and safely landed. Dr. Smithers fixed me up temporarily. I have an engagement with him for next week. I'll get all fixed up in Baltimore and then if there is any traveling to be done I'll come together. By the way, would you like to come up now? Just say the word if you want to. My face is good in Baltimore.

Expecting a check from Gilbert any day to make good. Don't know how many days I'll stay in town, but you know where to find me. Write and tell me. I'll stay in May stay until telegraphed to go with Edith M. to see the factory girls; am not sure.

Better forward mail which you have for me. Let me know if there are any little commissions to be attended to in town. As always,
Your baby sister, EDITH.

Colonel Thompson and Miss Carrie Thompson both declared today that the letter was in the handwriting of Mrs. Woodill, but could give no explanation of why she had written it in advance.

Foster Father Prostrated.
One of the most pitiable figures in the lamentable tragedy is old Colonel Charles H. Thompson, of McDaniel, foster father of the murdered girl. The broken old man told the story of the girl's life as far as he could recall the details. He had followed her body to the last resting place yesterday, beside the graves of his wife and son.

To the foster brother, lying in the grave

next to hers, the girl had been the ideal of all that was good and sweet and pure. He had grown up with her and learned to love her, and it is said, wished her to become his wife. When she refused to marry him, he killed himself.

"This is the crowning sorrow of my life," said Colonel Thompson, as the tears streamed down his cheeks. "I have experienced many sorrows, but this is the hardest of all to bear."

Girl Found in Minneapolis.
The little girl who became his foster daughter was but three years old when she was found by Mrs. Thompson, who was at the time a charity worker of Minneapolis, Minn. The child was then in the custody of a streetcar driver, or conductor, who was willing to surrender to anyone who could offer a better home.

"She did not belong to the man," said Colonel Thompson. "I do not know who her parents were, and I do not know how the streetcar man got her. We decided to take the child, and soon became as deeply attached to her as if she had been our own flesh and blood. As she grew older the girl developed the most admirable traits of character. She was a great favorite, and all who came within her influence were attracted to her."

Had Many Romances.
Colonel Thompson told of the girl's first marriage to Dr. Caswell, or Caswell, whom she met in New York, which union was soon annulled. He told of her engagement to Harry Adams, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and her subsequent marriage to Gilbert Woodill, of Los Angeles, to whom she seemed devoted. Their married life had been marred by no unhappiness.

He then told of her meeting with Lyman J. Gage, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, and the deep interest in her education and the development of her musical talents.

"She was about 8 years old when Mr. Gage first saw her," he said. "From the day he first saw the little girl, he took a deep interest in her, and was very much impressed by the possibilities of her voice. When the child was 12 years old, she went to Washington with Mrs. Thompson, and for some time lived with the Gage family."

"When she was 15, he sent her, with Mrs. Thompson, to Paris, where she studied music. On her return from Paris she went to Boston to complete her studies, and while in Boston she was married to a Dr. Caswell. When she was 17, she went to Baltimore to continue her studies in the Peabody Conservatory."

"She was known here as Miss Edith Thompson, concealing her marriage from all but a few intimate friends. In a short time thereafter, she fled suit for divorce against Dr. Caswell."

"She was in Baltimore a little over a year ago, being engaged at the time to Harry Adams, of Mount Vernon, Va., who was then in New York. She went to California, where, in less than 30 days after her divorce from Dr. Caswell, she married Gilbert Woodill, of Los Angeles."

Met Eastman in South.
"As for the man who killed her," continued Mr. Thompson, who from the first held the theory that the murder had been committed by Eastman, "she knew nothing about him until she came here to spend the summer with me. I never met him before she came here. I am persuaded that she did not. Their first meeting was in the shadow of her father's home, and I am not able to raise a hand to ward off the damnable blow of the wretched assassin."

As the story of Eastman's suicide was told him, Colonel Thompson said: "I held the theory that the murder ended this way, and that there was no trial."

Eastman's Story Discredited.
A letter found upon Eastman's body, addressed to Miss Winnie Bradcomb, care of Klaw & Erlanger, theatrical managers, in New York, gave Eastman's ill-sustained explanation of the crime. It was a rambling account of how he had been out in a launch with a party of men and women, all of whom had been drinking to excess with the exception of himself and Mrs. Woodill; of how one of the women had struck Mrs. Woodill with a wine bottle, killing her, how the remainder of the party had taken flight, and how, as a means of escape from all the trouble, the writer had decided to end his life. Eastman asked Miss Bradcomb to hurry to Maryland to take charge of his body and property.

Investigation, disbelieving the theory of the death of the girl. The first word received from Miss Bradcomb today concerned the nature and contents of the letter, which she said she knew nothing of Roberts or Eastman. Foreman Radcliffe, of the coroner's jury, wired Miss Bradcomb to come and take possession of the body and the letter, and to draw on him for the necessary funds.

Not Murdered in Launch.
The theory that the tragedy occurred in a launch was worked upon diligently by the police today, but they could find nothing tangible to support it. No such party as that described by Eastman in his letter was seen upon any of the creeks or rivers.

Reference in a letter to the girl's being at Annapolis, together with the fact that a launch party left Easton several days ago for Annapolis, also promised a clue, but the launch party remained at Annapolis until today, when the identity of its members is said to have been cleared up to the satisfaction of the authorities.

BAN ON CIGARETTES JULY 1
Clark County Prosecutor Wants to See if Law Stands Test.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 25.—(Special.)—With regard to the enforcement of the law against the sale of cigarettes, Prosecuting Attorney Stapleton said today:

"I have been expecting that in some of the large cities where most of the cigarette smoking is done that a test case would be made of the law, and have been waiting for a decision of the courts in the matter. If, however, the test is not made before July 1, after that date I shall prepare for a decision of the law against cigarette smoking does not hold good on the military reservation at Vancouver."

STEALS TO SEE WILD WEST
Sheriff's Adopted Son Becomes His Prisoner for Forgery.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., June 25.—(Special.)—Mike Ruskin, aged 11, whom Sheriff O. B. Bennett, of this place, had taken into his family, is now that officer's prisoner, charged with having forged the Sheriff's name to a check for \$1.75, the proceeds of which afforded means for a decision of the courts in the Wild West show. He will be sent to the Industrial School.

The boy is remarkably bright and studious, speaking the English, French, Italian and Polish languages.

EASTMAN FUGITIVE FATHERS FLY

Before Going to Maryland as
Roberts, Man Had Jumped
Bail in Chicago.

FORMERLY STOCK BROKER

Man Suspected of Woodill Murder

Had Wife in New York Who Left

Him Soon After Marriage.

Was Bankrupt.

ST. MICHAEL'S, Md., June 25.—With the suicide last night of the man known here as Roberts, but now identified as Robert E. Eastman, all direct testimony as to the murder of Mrs. Edith May Woodill, of Los Angeles, has been shut off; but the authorities of the county and state are busy probing into the case, and have unearthed a mass of evidence that practically clears all the points in the crime save the actual murder and its reason.

Eastman has been definitely identified as a former New York stock broker, whose home is in Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey. Last July he failed with liabilities of some \$50,000, and soon after left the city. Warrants for his arrest were sworn out by persons who alleged they had been swindled by him, and he was arrested in Chicago just as he was boarding a train for Minneapolis.

Charged With Theft.
He was charged by A. A. Knowles, vice-president of the Mechanics National Bank, of New York, with stealing \$11,933 from that institution. He was turned over to Detective Walter Walcott of New York. Later word was received there that the prisoner had forfeited his bonds and disappeared.

As far as the authorities can trace his movements, he next turned up at St. Michael's under the name of Roberts, and bought an abandoned farm near Woodbury, N. J., where he lived in a house thereon, burned down, and the present bungalow was constructed.

The coroner has in his possession a letter found on Roberts, addressed to Miss Winnie Bradcomb, care of Klaw & Erlanger, New York, asking the girl to come to Maryland to take charge of his body and property.

Eastman added that he had been out in a launch with four other people, two women and two men, and that one of the men struck a girl over the head with a wine bottle and killed her.

New Light on Crime.
The letter throws a distinctly new light on the situation, but the authorities are not prepared to accept this theory of the murder.

Mrs. Woodill when last seen was alone in the bungalow, dated June 16, indicated there had been visitors, and a possible party at the place early last week. The murder is believed to have been committed last Saturday night, June 19.

In the letter Roberts is said to have declared that when the horror of the crime in the launch dawned on his companions they all took to flight, leaving him to make what disposal of the body of the body. He realized that the natural supposition of the authorities would be that he had committed the crime.

Eastman's Wife Located.
Reports from New York say Miss Bradcomb, to whom Robert Eastman wrote his version of the tragedy at St. Michael's, admitted tonight that she was Eastman's wife, and that she had never played since the birth of her baby, eight months ago.

The marriage, she said, took place January 16, 1908, about two years after she first met Eastman.

"I lived with him just five days," she said, "he treated me kindly but he seemed to be laboring under a great strain, and preyed upon his mind so much I became frightened."

"When we went back to New York after a five days' honeymoon I went directly to my mother and told her I was afraid of Robert. She advised me to leave him at once, and I did so coming here to live with her."

"I saw him only once afterward. There was no divorce as neither of us had any grounds to base one on in this state."

Jealousy Possible Motive.
Jealousy may have been the motive for the crime. Where and under what circumstances Roberts and Mrs. Woodill were last seen, but they are said to have been immediately attracted to each other.

A letter was found on his body addressed to Mrs. Robert E. Eastman, care of George B. Taylor, they will be called for. A deed was inclosed and records the sale by Robert E. Eastman to John J. Mann, of New York, of six lots at Bergen, Bogota County, New Jersey, and is dated July 24, 1908.

The letter began "My dear Edith, I believe to be his wife, and requested the recipient to pay two small debts."

LOVED UPON FIRST MEETING

Woodill Won Bride When She Was

Engaged to West Point Cadet.

LOS ANGELES, June 25.—(Special.)—During the month of May, 1908, Gilbert Woodill, president of the Woodill Automobile Company, and a firm member of Woodill & Hulse, electrical dealers, watched the Horse Show in Madison-Square Garden, New York. In a box near him was a beautiful young woman, Miss Edith May Thompson, escorted by her father, Harry Adams, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., then the ward of Lyman J. Gage, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, was married to Gilbert Woodill.

Their courtship was the old story of a love at first sight, and despite protest from his fiancée's guardian and foster parents, the couple were married.

To a reporter for The Oregonian who visited him at his San Diego home Lyman Gage last night refused to say whether or not he believed in the story of the birth and parentage of the murdered woman, who was his ward. He said that he had first met her in Washington, D. C., through the late President McKinley, and insisted with some show of heat that "my relations with my ward have been strictly honorable, as all those who know us are well aware."

"I have nothing to say," came the response, sharply.

"Not even in view of the murder of your ward and the necessity of clearing away all the mystery that shrouds her life?" the reporter persisted.

"There is nothing in her life that is needed to clear the mystery of her murder."

Gilbert Woodill was seen today, and talked freely of the murder and some

of the events leading up to it. In his opinion robbery was the only motive.

"What other motive could there have been, save robbery?" he asked. "May carried a few jewels about her always, and had a small sum of money in her possession at the time of her death. The friend who would murder my little girl for a million would be willing to slay her for a paltry handful of coin or a few still more paltry gems."

"I may, or may not, go back East. My brothers do not want me to go, and I am leaving things largely in their hands." Here the bereaved husband broke down completely, and ignoring the presence of the newspaper men, sobbed aloud, calling out:

"My little May, my little May, my pet!"

Eastman Ran Paper in Denver.

DENVER, June 25.—Robert Emmet Eastman, the alleged slayer of Mrs. Edith May Woodill, was formerly a resident of this city. Investigation today showed that, while in Denver about 10 years ago, Eastman conducted a small weekly publication known as Facts.

STUDENTS GIVEN PRIZES

ST. LAWRENCE ACADEMY FINISHES YEAR'S WORK.

Sixth Annual Commencement Held.

Address to Graduates Delivered

By Archbishop Christie.

The sixth annual commencement of St. Lawrence Academy was held last evening, when the award of diplomas, medals and prizes was made. The award of \$25, first prize in Irish history, was won by Albert J. Carmody, who distanced all competitors from the Catholic schools of the city.

Miss Mary C. Masterson was the successful contestant for the Knights of Columbus medal for proficiency in United States history, and Miss Marie E. Meagher won the Hughes medal for general excellence in the academic course of the institution.

Diplomas were awarded to the following pupils, who have completed the grammar course and passed satisfactory examinations: Helen Hall, Constance, Mary Champagne, Agnes Catherine, Hazel Cynthia Fritz, Frances Catherine Hohenleitner, Edward Charles Joubert, Adelaide Beatrice Shearman, Marie Ellen Thompson, Barbara Elizabeth Twitchell, Grace Letitia Twitchell, Mary Camille Masterson.

They were also given to the pupils who have completed the academic course and passed satisfactory examinations. In this class were only two members, Albert James Carmody and Marie Elizabeth Meagher.

The following programme was given: Overture, St. Lawrence orchestra; voice of Spring, Minnie Hall; recitation of the Nerolis and Oreads, girls; A Legend of the Forest, boys; "Funny Little Folks," Minims; awarding of prizes and medals.

The address to the graduates and students was delivered by Archbishop Alexander Christie, D. D., after which the chorus rendered "Hail, Columbia." The audience was a representative one and the programme was particularly pleasing and well received.

AUGUSTA HUMPHREY DEAD

Native Daughter and Popular Social

Leader Passes Away.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 25.—(Special.)—Miss Augusta Humphrey, aged 25 years, died at 1 o'clock this morning at the residence of George A. Harding, in this city. She was the daughter of the late John A. and Sophia Humphrey, and was born in Oregon City, where most of her life was spent, and was a graduate of the kindergarten training school of St. Helen's Hall, of Portland.

For several years she had conducted a kindergarten in Oregon City. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. M. J. Welsh, of Stockton, Cal.

Miss Humphrey was prominent in the social affairs of the city and was very popular with the younger set. She was an active member of Pioneer Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and possessed a kindly disposition and a lovable character. She had been a sufferer from heart disease for a number of years, and her death was due to this cause.

Funeral services will be conducted from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. T. F. Bowen officiating.

38 INDIANS CONVERTED

Temperance Society Is Also Formed

at Warm Springs Agency.

PENDLETON, June 25.—(Special.)—United States Agent returning from the Warm Springs Reservation bring reports of the most successful revival meeting ever held on that reservation.

It was held at the residence of the United States Agent, and was attended by 38 persons occupied the circle of tepees about the place of meeting. Many persons who were not camped also came from a distance to attend the services.

All the principal reservations in Oregon, Idaho and Washington were represented by delegates, and the being present from the Umatilla, Yakima and Nez Perce reservations.

Thirty-eight additions were made to the church, and a temperance society was formed with a membership of 81, as a result of the meeting. As the reservation is not large, this showing is considered remarkable.

Child's Hand Mashed in Cogs.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 25.—(Special.)—While playing near a power pump near Minnehaha, this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Bert Campbell, aged 9 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Campbell, threw his hand into a cogwheel, crushing all of the bones of the hand.

The thumb was uninjured. The accident occurred while the child was being present from the Umatilla, Yakima and Nez Perce reservations.

Apprentice Work Demanded.
OMAHA, Neb., June 25.—The six years' fight for an international apprenticeship law which has been waged in the International Printing Pressmen's Union culminated today in the adoption by the convention of that union of a bylaw making a four-year term of actual press work as a qualification for becoming eligible to the union.

Young Fined on Larceny Charge.

HOQUIAM, Wash., June 25.—(Special.)—Metu Young was arrested today on a charge of having robbed a room at the Northwestern Hotel, was today adjudged guilty of petit larceny and fined \$75 and costs by Judge Warren, of the Municipal Court.

British Ships at Celebration.

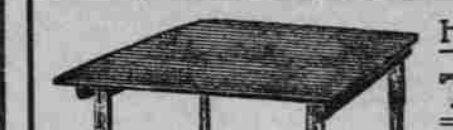
LONDON, June 25.—The British Government has decided to send the cruiser Bedford and the sloop Algerine and Shearwater to California to participate in the celebration next October of the rebuilding of San Francisco.

"EVERYTHING TO FURNISH THE HOME COMPLETE."

HELPFUL HINTS IN THINGS SEASONABLE—REFRIGERATORS—GAS RANGES—SUMMER FURNITURE—HAMMOCKS—PORCH BLINDS—GARDEN HOSE—SCREENS

For Saturday--Specials

Our week-end offerings are looked forward to and appreciated by the thrifty shoppers. The following are subject to delivery at our earliest convenience. Mail, C. O. D. or telephone orders will not be received.



HANDY FOLDING Table \$1.15

A convenient table for home or camp use. It is well made and of hard wood and folds flat. Table top is made of strips in light and dark finish, and is 24-inches square.

Saturday's Special Items

in the Drapery Dept. SIXTH FLOOR

Lace Insertions and Edgings, in white, ivory and Arabian tints, at 5¢ per yard.

Brass Curtain Rods, for full-size lace curtains, regular 10¢ and 15¢ values, complete at 5¢ each.

Plain Arabian Curtain Net, 72 inches wide, at 35¢ yard.

Couch Covers, 60 inches wide and 3 yards long, in Roman stripes, no fringe. Special, each, \$1.50.

Telescopes

Three sizes in Reed Telescopes are offered at opportunity special prices today in the Basement. Prepare for your Summer vacation.

10-inch by 14-inch size, 50¢ value, at 25¢

12-inch by 18-inch size, 80¢ value, at 35¢

14-inch by 24-inch size, \$1.10 value, at 45¢

Common Sense Toasters

Cone-shaped Toasters, made of heavy blued steel. Will toast four full-size slices of bread. For use on gas or oil stoves. Special in the Basement today at 21¢.

OUR FREE COOKING SCHOOL

It has proven so popular that we have decided to continue it for one more week. Mrs. Wheelock will prepare the following menus today: Commencing at 10:30—Burnt Leather Cake, Columbia Salad. Commencing at 2:30—Prune Jelly, with Nuts, Asparagus on Roses.

PLEASE FOR SETTERS

Interior Department Hears From Siletz Men.

WANT PATENTS SPEEDILY

281 PUPILS IN SCHOOLS

Marshfield District Expends \$80,000

635 During School Year.

Marshfield, Or., June 25.—(Special.)—At the annual Marshfield School Board meeting, M. C. Horton was elected director to succeed J. W. Bennett.

Clark John F. Hall made his annual report, showing that in the city schools there were enrolled during the term just closed, 413 male and 368 female pupils. The total expenditures of the year were \$80,035, which included the cost of a new school building.

At North Bend, in a lively campaign, Manley M. Strawn was elected director, defeating A. Van Zile, incumbent. C. E. Mayhew was elected clerk.

GOLD RECEIVED FOR PENNY

Seattle Newsdealer Anxious to Return \$4.99 to Right Man.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 25.—(Special.)—Frank Folsom, of 1615 Harvard avenue, who makes a living selling newspapers, was given a gold piece last evening a \$5 gold piece instead of a cent. Frank, strictly honest and would like very much to return the coin. He knows about where he got the \$5 and about what time it was. He is anxious to return the money.

Louisville, Ky.—Resolutions were passed Thursday by Louisville's commercial organizations promoting the interests of prohibition, hundreds of telegrams throughout the state were received supporting them in the movement and a vigorous campaign is expected.

FOURTEEN BARGAINS AT

STUDEBAKER'S

Received this week from our New York store 14 high-grade Traps, Breaks, Phaetons and Carts. Prices are one-third to one-half less than regular and all are less than cost. The stock includes:

One Miniature Wagonette, suitable for medium-sized pony. Reduced in price from \$175 to \$110.