



EX-JUDGE TAYLOR IS SHOT TO DEATH

Rancher Enacts Tragically at Astoria.

MANY SEE STREET SHOOTING

Oswald Hansel Says His Family Separated by Victim.

EX-WIFE SCORES SLAYER

Woman Declares Assassin Feigns Insanity and Hopes to Create Scandal—Bystanders Make Arrest Following Killing.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Ex-Circuit Judge Frank J. Taylor, president of the State Board of Pilot Commissioners and one of the leading members of the legal fraternity in Western Oregon, was slain by Oswald C. Hansel, a Clatsop Plains rancher, on Commercial street, near the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad depot, at 3 o'clock this morning.

The shooting came as the climax of a fancied grievance which Hansel had had for years against his victim, for what reason no one knows and the further fact that, four years ago, the judge acted as attorney for Mrs. Hansel in filing a suit for divorce, an action that was later withdrawn.

No Word Precedes Shot.

The tragedy was enacted as Judge Taylor was en route to the depot to take the train for his ranch at Carnahan station, where he planned to pass the day. About 50 feet from the entrance to the depot Judge Taylor, who was carrying a light valise, crossed the street and just as he stepped on to the sidewalk met Hansel.

Without a word or a moment's warning Hansel whipped out a .33-caliber revolver and fired, the bullet striking his victim above the right eye, passing through the brain and causing instant death.

Throwing his arms to his head as though to ward off a blow, Mr. Taylor fell to the sidewalk on his face. The slayer fired two more shots at the prostrate body, both of them taking effect.

Many Near Scene.

Fully 50 persons were within half a block of the scene. Doctors and physicians rushed to give assistance and physical before the first one reached the prostrate man. An examination at the coroner's office showed that, in addition to the fatal bullet in the brain, one had entered the right breast and lodged in the right arm. The third entered the right shoulder at the prostrate form of his victim, Hansel tossed his revolver into the river and started to walk away. He was grabbed by bystanders. He remarked that he was going to the police station to give himself up.

On Being Asked Why he Committed the Act Hansel Replied:

"He separated my family." "Later he said to the police: "Ask my wife; she will tell you."

Ex-Wife Denounces Slayer.

Since the dismissal of the first divorce suit, nearly four years ago, friends of Mr. Taylor say, he had not been connected in any way with the couple's affairs. Mrs. Hansel was granted a divorce on June 27 of this year, but her attorney in that instance was E. E. Gray.

Told this afternoon what Hansel had said and that he complained of terrible pains in his head, Mrs. Hansel replied: "He's just trying to start a scandal and is feigning insanity. Judge Taylor has not been my attorney for years and I never spoke to him in my life excepting at the time I brought the first action for divorce, four years ago."

"Hansel is not insane and never was, although he tried to make people think so. He had a grudge against Mr. Taylor for years, but why I never knew. He often threatened to kill the judge, but then he has threatened other people, including the members of his own family, who assisted me in getting a divorce."

Mind Subject of Speculation.

During the past few years there has been more or less speculation as to whether or not Hansel was insane. He has been in frequent trouble with his neighbors and acted queerly, but in business matters he was shrewd. About a year ago he went to Governor West's office at Salem and became so aroused in reciting his troubles and threatening to kill people, he was committed to the insane asylum, being released from there last February. Since then he has made frequent visits to Astoria, although he tried to make people think so. He had a grudge against Mr. Taylor for years, but why I never knew. He often threatened to kill the judge, but then he has threatened other people, including the members of his own family, who assisted me in getting a divorce."

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PILGRIMS CURED AT NOTED SHRINE

SEEKERS FOR MIRACLES ARE THRILLED BY RESULTS.

Rheumatic Walks, Deaf Girl Hears and Tubercular Patient Casts His Crutches Away.

LOURDES, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—New cures are said to have been made here today at the shrine of the Virgin Mary, and crowds of sicklers after the performance of the miracles were thrilled. Mme. Bourneay, aged 51, a French pilgrim who has been crippled with rheumatism for four years and who crawled along on crutches with the greatest difficulty, was returning from an early morning visit to the shrine, she felt power returning to her heretofore useless leg. The woman threw away her crutches and walked easily and painlessly.

A Belgian girl named Jeanne Bodet, 9 years old, who has been deaf and dumb and suffering from St. Vitus' dance for three years, as a result of scarlet fever, visited the shrine Saturday. While dressing herself today the girl startled her mother by exclaiming: "I have lost my shoes!" She showed her attendants Saturday by saying he felt much stronger, and after again visiting the shrine today suddenly declared that he did not need his crutches, and proceeded to walk without them.

SUFFRAGIST HORSE IS SHOT

Women Disavow Cruelty, but Animal Is Found in Bad Way.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Disavowal of any act of abuse toward the horse "Asquith," which drew the suffragist hikers' hurdy-gurdy from New York, has been made by Miss Elizabeth Freeman. The horse was shot at Winthrop Monday by order of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Miss Freeman said when she bought the horse in New York he was pronounced sound in wind and limb by a veterinarian. She says "Asquith" was walked every step of the way from New York to Boston. On September 6 she noticed the animal was out of condition, and a veterinarian pronounced him suffering from distemper.

Agent Spaine, who shot the horse, says he was of extreme age. It was driven from New York to Massachusetts in violation of law, and suffered from sideburns of both forefeet, an ulcerated left hind leg, a bad cough, was somewhat windbroken, had an elevation of temperature, and must have been unfit when bought in New York—or was doped, says Spaine.

CULEBRA CUT BANK SLIDES

Debris Can Be Removed, but Danger of Further Shift Is Indicated.

PANAMA, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—A movement of the east bank of the Culebra cut north of Gold Hill this morning cast 200,000 cubic yards of rock and earth into the canal. The debris extends across the prism for a depth of several feet.

This slide will not affect the flooding of Culebra cut in October, because it can be removed readily by dredges, but it may indicate the beginning of a general movement of a similar nature at the south end of Gold Hill, where several million cubic yards are in motion, and thus delay the opening of navigation.

COUNTESS HAS 104 GOWNS

Queen Mary Finds No Room in Castle for Russian's Wardrobe.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—The arrival of the Countess Torby, wife of Grand Duke Michael of Russia, has upset the royal household. The cause is the extensive wardrobe of the Countess, reputed the most extravagantly dressed woman in Europe.

Antiquated Balmoral Castle lacked accommodation for the 104 dresses she brought, and Queen Mary had to give up part of her private apartment, packing most of her wardrobe in trunks and leaving herself with only four gowns available.

ROYALTY GUESTS ON TRIP

Mrs. Corey Motors With Infanta Lutz, of Spain, to Munich.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—The automobile party of Mrs. William Ellis Corey, which includes the Infanta Lutz of Spain, the Duchess de la Rochefoucauld, formerly Miss Mitchell, of California, and Princess Amedee de Broglie, reached Munich, where they are to attend the Wagnerian performances today.

They will then visit Vienna, Buda Pest and Venice and return to the chateau at Chantonnay September 24.

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100 AMERICANS ARE REBELS' PRISONERS

Consul Heads Party Reported Captured.

RESGUE IS NOT ATTEMPTED

Authorities Fear to Stir Captors to Atrocities.

GAMBOA NOT SURPRISED

Foreign Minister Says Nothing Else Was to Be Expected of Policy of Neutrality on Part of United States.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 14.—One hundred Americans, including women and children refugees from Torreón, are reported to have fallen into the hands of rebels while proceeding overland to Saltillo. The authorities at Saltillo decline to take the responsibility of sending a force to their rescue, fearing they say that the rebels might commit atrocities on the refugees which could otherwise be avoided.

Women Express Regrets.

Senator Gamboa, the Foreign Minister, has had no advice further than the communication to the Embassy. He expressed regret, but added that it was no more than what might be expected as the result of the "neutrality policy" of the United States, which had hampered the administration in proceeding with a strong hand against rebels and bandits.

General Trucy Aubert, a Federal commander, with 1000 men, who is proceeding from the north to the relief of Torreón, passed Saltillo yesterday. He is, however, making slow progress. Meantime the fate of the refugees remains in doubt.

Party Headed by Consul.

The Americans are headed by Deputy Consul-General Allen, of Monterey, who went to Torreón to notify American residents there of President Wilson's warnings.

PEOPLE AT LOOTERS' MERCY

Arriving Refugees Say Intervention Must Come.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—A batch of Americans fleeing from Western Mexico, in obedience to the order of President Wilson, arrived today on the Pacific Mail steamer Peru. There were 113 passengers, practically all refugees. The larger portion took ship at Manzanillo.

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HOTEL FIRE SCORCHES GIRL

Guest Awakens Just in Time to Escape As Moplis Hostelery Burns.

HQUILAM, Wash., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Miss Nellie Gibson, of Tacoma, a demonstrator, narrowly escaped death and was badly burned about the body and the arms when the Seaview Hotel, at Moclips, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. The fire is supposed to have started from defective electric wiring. The loss is about \$4000.

Miss Gibson arrived at the Summer resort only last night. Early this morning she was awakened by smoke in her room on the third floor and on opening the door found the hall in flames. She caught up a few articles of clothing and ran down the stairs. The flames caught her nightgown, and hair and she was severely burned on the back and arms. As she reached the lower floor others who had been aroused seized her and extinguished the fire.

NEW YORK PRIEST IS GIRL'S SLAYER

Suicide Attempt Follows Confession.

WOMAN KILLED WHILE ASLEEP

Rev. Hans Schmidt Says He Acted Because of Love.

BODY IS CUT TO PIECES

Murderer Married to Domestic by Ceremony Performed by Himself With No Witnesses—Pillow Gives Police Vital Clue.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—With the arrest early today of Rev. Hans Schmidt, assistant rector of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, charged with the murder of Anna Aumiller, a domestic, the mystery surrounding the finding 12 days ago of parts of the dismembered body of the girl in the Hudson River was solved. Schmidt has confessed and at the time of his arrest attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a safety razor blade.

"I killed her because I loved her so much," Schmidt told his captors, but the police version of the motive for the crime is that the young woman was about to become a mother. He had married her through a ceremony of his own, without witnesses.

Woman Killed as She Sleeps.

Schmidt's confession was full and complete. In it he says that he killed his companion with a butcher knife and cut up the body with the knife and a saw. The deed was committed while the woman slept, shortly after midnight on September 2, in an apartment in Bradhurst avenue, where the priest had placed her five days before. When her heart had ceased beating, according to the confession, Schmidt carried the body from the bed to the bathroom and, placing it in the tub, began immediately his gory task of cutting it up. With the keen knife and saw he cut off the head, arms and legs. Still fearful of detection, he then cut the body in two.

Blood Stains Are Found.

Five bundles, wrapped in bed clothes and papers, were made of the six parts. Five times Schmidt left the apartment-house with a bundle to cross the Hudson River to the Jersey shore. Five times he leaned over the stern of the ferry-boat in midstream and gently gave the river his burden. Then he returned to his church.

The stain of the girl's blood still discolored the bathtub when detectives

MAYOR OF VENICE BANISHES FIGHTS

SPORT TO BE ESTABLISHED ON Y. M. C. A. BASIS.

Police Ordered to Prohibit Unseemly Dances and Drive Noise-makers Out of Town.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Mayor Holbrook, of Venice, announced today that hereafter there would be no more prizefights, that all forms of games and sports not in conformity with the law shall be abolished and that the plans are on foot looking toward the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. in Venice.

"I was a member of the first Railroad Men's Y. M. C. A. established in California," declared Mayor, "and I would like to see one here. I am so much in earnest about it that I will give a substantial check toward the project. I would like to see boxing as it is done in the Y. M. C. A. but in no other way."

Charles Thatcher, City Clerk and right-hand man of the Mayor, has enrolled himself in the anti-prizefight movement.

The chief of police has been ordered to tighten up on the cafes and prohibit unseemly dances. Automobile parties making too much noise on streets after midnight will be ordered out of town.

POSTAL SURPLUS IS FOUND

Hitchcock's Prediction Rises to Embarrass Burleson.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—There are strong indications that Postmaster-General Burleson is on the eve of discovering that the surplus which his predecessor, Mr. Hitchcock, declared existed in connection with the operations of the department was a bona fide surplus after all. Mr. Burleson actually is threatened with a surplus larger than the one Mr. Hitchcock exploited, and as a result the department is feeling some embarrassment.

Shortly after Mr. Burleson assumed office he attacked the "Hitchcock surplus" as a myth and said if all the outstanding liabilities of the year were taken into account it would be found that there was a deficit of nearly \$750,000 instead of a surplus.

Those who are familiar with the methods of estimating employed in the Postoffice Department may say that indications point to vindication of Postmaster-General Hitchcock's prediction that the surplus at the close of Mr. Burleson's first year would approximate \$10,000,000.

COUNTESS CZAKY ON COAST

Former Wife of R. D. Inman, of Portland, Not With Husband.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—The Countess Czaky, formerly Mrs. Maud Howard Bryan Inman, at one time the wife of Millionaire R. D. Inman, of Portland, is in San Francisco. She arrived here last Wednesday and registered at the St. Francis simply as "Mrs. Kalman Czaky, Portland."

According to her statement tonight her husband, the Count Kalman Czaky, of Hungary, is also in the city and the couple will leave for New York in a day or two and thence to the Count's home in Hungary.

The Count, however, is not at the same hotel with his beautiful wife. Countess Czaky said she was here for a few days only, and had a business matter to attend to that required her personal attention.

The Count and Countess Czaky announced their marriage in Chicago in October, 1911, after a long-continued romance.

FIRST CAR RIDE FATAL

Woman, 73, Who Shunned Trolleys Killed When She Consents.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—Miss Elizabeth Overend, who through all the 73 years of her life and residence in San Francisco had refused to ride on a street car, is dying tonight at General Emergency Hospital, the victim of a street car accident, which occurred when she consented for the first time to ride on one of the "new contraptions."

She was alighting from her first trolley ride, when a car going in the opposite direction struck her Friday night. She is the daughter of James Overend, a California pioneer.

FIVE AMERICANS BEATEN

Twenty Mexicans Waylay Men and Women Returning From Dance.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 14.—Five Americans, two men and three women, were beaten tonight by a mob of 20 Mexicans in Edendale. The Americans were returning home from a dance, where one of them had an argument with a Mexican woman.

Harry Diddwell and Guy Long were clubbed unconscious. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ethel Dorsey, Miss Bessie Wohlgenuth and Mrs. Long, who received minor injuries.

HEALTH OF POPE IS GOOD

Cardinal O'Connell Says Pontiff Enjoys Wonderful Vigor.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—Cardinal O'Connell, who recently returned from a visit to Rome, delivered a short address to the congregation in the cathedral of the Holy Cross today, in which he spoke of the Pope's health. The cardinal said he enjoys wonderful vigor for one so advanced in years and with such tremendous burdens to bear.

OVERTURNING AUTO KILLS MRS. KAPUS

Others in Car Have Narrow Escape.

MACHINE HELD OVER CHASM

Made Ground on Sandy Road Gives Way Under Wheels.

HUSBAND ABSENT ON TRIP

Sightseeing Party Includes Mother and Aunt of Dead Woman, Here for Celebration of Twentieth Wedding Anniversary.

By the overturning of an automobile on a steep mountain road in the eastern part of Multnomah County Mrs. William M. Kapus, wife of a business man and prominent in social and church circles, was killed instantly yesterday. Three others in the car escaped with minor injuries.

The accident occurred at the only point within many rods where an inevitable plunge of 1000 feet into the bed of the Sandy River would not have resulted. It happened that the only tree of any size within sight was in the path of the toppling automobile and brought it to a stop before it had plunged more than 20 feet.

Large Party on Trip.

Those in the party besides Mrs. Kapus were J. P. Menefee, of 465 East Nineteenth street north, a real estate man, who was driving the car; Mrs. H. F. Kellogg, mother of Mrs. Kapus, and a resident of Alameda, Cal., and Mrs. Maud Crane, aunt of Mrs. Kapus, living at 202 Twenty-third avenue north, Seattle. In another automobile, a short distance ahead, were Frank S. Fields, former County Clerk, and the members of his family, being of the same party.

Miss Fannie Chamberlain, daughter of Senator Chamberlain, also was in the Fields automobile.

The presence of the mother and aunt in the city was due to the fact that Mrs. Kapus had just celebrated the twentieth anniversary of her wedding. Mr. Kapus, who is president of the Northwest Gas Equipment Company and lives at 231 East Twelfth street north, left Saturday night for a business trip to California. He was reached at Dunsuir, Cal., and started back for Portland. He will arrive tonight.

Made Ground Gives Way.

To give the victims a view of the surrounding country an automobile party was made up yesterday for the trip up the Sandy. Mr. Fields and the members of his family led the way and had arrived at the point which had been selected as the stopping place for lunch, when the fatality occurred. Mr. Menefee's car being only a short distance behind.

The road leaving Corbett climbs a long steep grade, gradually attaining a high elevation above the Sandy River. The trail is just wide enough for an automobile, and in places its outer edge is made ground. Striking one of these spots, the automobile suddenly lurched over the side and it was impossible to regain the solid ground.

Car Falls Upward.

Mrs. Kapus was on the upper side, but the vehicle toppled upward instead of down and she was thrown under the car.

Mrs. Kellogg and Mr. Menefee escaped with a severe shaking up and a few bruises, but Mrs. Crane was pinned under the car, almost suffocated. Her most serious injury was a badly strained arm.

Mr. Fields and family had immediate notice of the accident and turned back to give the alarm and render assistance.

Mrs. Kapus' head was crushed and one leg and both arms were fractured. Death was immediate.

Funeral Plans Not Made.

Mrs. Kapus was 49 years old. There were no children. She was born in Minnesota, but went to California in early childhood and lived there with her parents until her marriage, when she came to Portland. She was a member of the Unitarian Church. Surviving relatives are her parents and two brothers, Paul and Frank Kellogg, all of Alameda.

Secretary Lane Better

Journey Eastward May Be Renewed in Week or Ten Days.

OKLAND, Sept. 14.—The condition of Secretary of the Interior Lane was so much improved today that the Cabinet official accepted a dinner invitation at the home of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Miller in this city. It was announced that should the Secretary's condition continue to improve as it has during the past two or three days he will resume his interrupted journey Eastward within a week or 10 days.

Secretary Lane purposes to swing through Nevada, where he will look into the Truckee Carson reclamation project, going thence to Denver, where the proposition of converting Estes Park into a National reserve will be investigated.

