



## MAN SLAIN; WOMAN IS HELD; MYSTERY

Body Is Found After Evening Call.

## VALUABLES LEFT UNTOUCHED

Axel Nelson, of Vancouver, Victim of Portland Tragedy.

## JEALOUSY THEORY IS HELD

Eva Gibson, Companion of Victim Shortly Before Shooting, Is Detained by Police, Who Intimate She Is Reticent.

Axel Nelson, 28 years old, was shot and killed evidently early yesterday morning by an unidentified person, as he sat on the steps of the old United States saloon building at Water and Harrison streets in South Portland. He was employed as a steel worker on the Interstate bridge by McCreary & Willard, under contract to Porter Bros., and lived at 810 Esther street, Vancouver, Wash.

Eva Gibson, of 227 Market street, Nelson's companion on the eve of the murder and for whom the detectives had sought until late yesterday afternoon, is held in the City Jail as a material witness.

**Panorby Finds Body.**  
The body of Nelson was found at 8:15 yesterday morning by A. T. Wagner, of 1578 1/2 East Glisan street, who happened to be passing. Glancing at the quiet figure that reclined against the door, Wagner thought that the man was in a drunken sleep. He reported the case to Patrolman Helms, who at once investigated.

Nelson had been dead several hours. In his chest, just to the right of the heart, was a single bullet wound. The bullet had passed diagonally through the body, emerging at the back and denting the door-casing. It had bounced into the street and was later picked up by City Detective Craddock and Goltz, proving to be of large caliber, presumably .41. The body was removed to the public morgue by Deputy Coroner Smith.

**Robbery Apparently Not Motive.**  
Death had come to Nelson as he was seated, and robbery apparently was not the motive of his slayer. At his feet lay several cigarette stubs, evidence that he had sat there for some time, probably in conversation with the person who shot him. A gold watch and \$8 in money were in his pockets. The right trousers pocket was pulled out, and some small change it contained was scattered on the sidewalk. It is the theory of the officers that Nelson himself jerked the pocket out in removing his hand when the bullet struck him.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in identifying the victim and locating his residence. Detective Captain Baty and Detective John Price, Craddock and Goltz were summoned as soon as the body was discovered and worked incessantly until late afternoon. The dead man's name was learned from the maker's identification label on an inner coat pocket. This and several telephone numbers afforded the only clues.

**Woman Friend Gives Clue.**  
From one of these telephone numbers Detective Baty and Craddock traced Mrs. Edith Hall, a former friend of Nelson's. When questioned at the Detective Bureau she said that she had known Nelson and had been friendly with him, but that she did not see him on the evening before his body was found. She had, however, been in the company of his friend, Ted Salin, of 201 Washington street, Vancouver, that evening. The search spread out for Salin, with whom Nelson came to Portland.

After her release Mrs. Hall telephoned to mutual friends at Vancouver and word was taken to Nelson's cousin, Eloy Norman, of 810 Esther street, that city, with whom he had roomed for the past year. Norman came at once to Portland and at the morgue made the first positive identification of the murdered man.

**Man's Movements Traced.**  
In the meantime City Detective Price had found that Nelson appeared in a poolroom and soft drink place conducted by Henry Swanson at 335 First street at 11 o'clock Saturday night. Swanson identified the body at the morgue as that of a late-hour customer who entered the barroom and ordered "near beer" for the loungers. He purchased two packages of cigarettes and reeled out.

Detective Captain Baty based his hopes on the finding of a woman named "Eva," whom Mrs. Hall had heard Nelson and Salin speak of, and with whom he was in company on the evening before his body was found. It was first necessary to locate the dead man's chum, Salin. He was found late in the afternoon by Detectives Goltz and Craddock and was completely unnerfed when he learned of Nelson's death. He accompanied the officers readily to the rooms of Eva Gibson, 227 Market street. Both he and the woman were taken to the police station.

**Salin Searches for Nelson.**  
Salin said that he and Nelson came over from Vancouver early in the evening.

## SEVEN FISH, LONG FROZEN, NOW SWIM

CURIOSITIES TAKEN FROM ICE BLOCK IN ALASKA.

Indian Girl of Unspellable Name Gives Them to Portland Representative of Packers.

Tennyson's story of the Sleeping Princess has nothing on the history of seven fish of a typically Alaskan variety which are now swimming about in a basin of water in the room of S. R. Brebner at the Palace Hotel. Mr. Brebner, who is connected with the Alaska-Portland Packers' Association, brought the fish back with him from Nushagak on the salmon ship Levi G. Burgess.

"The name of these fish is Chin-dagaks," said Mr. Brebner last night, with a wave of the hand, by way of introduction. "You pronounce it with a cough and a grunt."

The fish of that species, according to Mr. Brebner, inhabit lakes in the vicinity of Nushagak. They are hardy and a little thing like cold weather fails to discourage them in their determination to live.

The seven fish brought to Portland were found frozen fast in a cake of ice, where they had been for probably seven or eight months. They were thawed out by an Indian girl belonging to a tribe in that vicinity. The girl shall be "nameless here forevermore" for the reason that her name is unspellable upon an ordinary typewriter.

The fish are still very much alive, in spite of the fact that they are now 2450 miles from their original home and have just undergone a voyage of 27 days, swimming about in a small tin can.

## KING'S SON OPERATED ON

Prince Albert Invalided Home on Account of Illness.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—Prince Albert, second son of King George, has been invalided home on account of an abdominal ailment, says an official communication issued today. The communication adds that the Prince, who has undergone an operation, is doing well, but it will be some time before he is able to return to any duty.

## SEA DISASTER FORETOLD

Premonition of Fate of Congress Experienced by Girl on Board.

PORTERVILLE, Cal., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Miss Ruby Kane, daughter of Mrs. E. M. Bradford, wife of a contractor here, who was a passenger aboard the Congress which burned at the entrance of Coos Bay, had a premonition of the disaster.

Miss Kane had with her a package of valuables, including a parcel of almost priceless old lace. Feeling that something would happen aboard the boat, she sent the package to her destination by parcel post.

Miss Kane escaped from the boat only with the clothing she wore, her letter says.

## FLAG GAINS 700 VESSELS

Tonnage of More Than Million Added by Americans in Two Years.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—More than 700 vessels have been added to the fleets flying the American flag in foreign trade in the two years ended June 30, 1915.

The Department of Commerce announced today that in June, 1914, there were 2405 such vessels of 1,076,152 gross tonnage and two years later there were 3125 ships of 2,194,470 gross tonnage.

## GUITEAU'S ATTACKER DIES

"Bill Jones, the Avenger," Who Tried to Kill Assassin, Passes.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—William Jones, 65, widely known as "Bill Jones, the Avenger," because he shot at Charles J. Guiteau, assassin of President Garfield, in 1881, died here yesterday. Guiteau was being taken from the Courthouse to the district jail in a carriage when Jones rode up on a horse and fired at him.

The shot went wild and Jones was arrested. He was held for some time, but finally was released.

## GERMANS ASK WAGE RISES

Employees in Berlin Banks Find Living Cost Too Great.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 17.—The employees of all the big German banks held a special meeting yesterday to discuss the cost of living.

They adopted unanimously a resolution asking directors of all Berlin banks for an appreciable increase in salaries, that the employees may be able to make both ends meet.

## BRITONS PROPOSE TO GRADE TARIFFS

World Is Divided Into Groups for Trade.

## FOUR CLASSES PROVIDED FOR

Ally, Friendly Neutral, Neutral, Enemy, Come in Order.

## FREE TRADE IS ABANDONED

Change to Protection Expected to Yield \$375,000,000 Yearly Revenue—Difficulties to Be Put in Way of Enemies.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Division of the world into economic strata separated by tariff walls and classified as allies of the British empire, friendly neutrals, unfriendly neutrals and enemy countries, is urged by the London Chamber of Commerce. To clear the ground for this world reconstruction the Chamber concludes in a special report, a copy of which has just been received here, that abrogation of all "most-favored-nation" treaties, including that with the United States, is inevitable.

Free trade would be abandoned and a series of graded tariffs proposed in line with the present war groupings of the nations.

**Graded Tariff System Proposed.**  
All imports would be divided as follows: Wholly manufactured goods, semi-manufactured goods and articles solely used as raw material in industries, manufactured foodstuffs and raw foodstuffs. All parts of the British empire and its allies would pay minimum duties; friendly neutrals which allow the United Kingdom most favored treatment would pay twice as much; other neutrals, giving preference to other powers and including neutrals which might be swung into the economic commercial system would pay a still greater tax; and all "enemy" countries would pay the maximum duty, running up as high as 20 per cent.

Roughly it is estimated in the report that this change from free trade to protection would net a yearly revenue of about \$375,000,000.

**Trade Precautions Urged.**  
Every precaution is urged in the report to assuage neutral nations to prevent them from making commercial alliances with enemy countries after the war. The difficulties are spoken of as follows:

"It must also be remembered that our allies have tariff arrangements still in force with other foreign countries which it is assumed must be abrogated before any preferential trade arrangements can be made with the British empire as a whole."

"In addition, the United Kingdom

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## BREMEN REPORTED NEAR NEW LONDON

NEWSPAPER TUG RETURNS WITHOUT FINDING U-BOAT.

Preparations Are Made to Receive Vessel, However; Board Fence Is Floated Into Position.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 18.—A persistent report from apparently reliable sources that the German undersea merchantman Bremen was approaching this port last night lacked confirmation early this morning. The first report said that a submarine was seen off Fisher's Island in Long Island Sound at 9 o'clock last night headed for New London, a two-hour run. Credence was attached to the report when the ocean-going tug T. A. Scott, Jr., put out to sea under hurried orders.

A newspaper tug, which followed the T. A. Scott, Jr., returned just before midnight with the information that there was a heavy fog over the Sound and nothing had been seen of a submarine. At midnight the T. A. Scott, Jr., had not returned.

Another submarine was sighted late at night at Ocean Beach during a temporary lift of the fog.

The second submarine arrived in the lower harbor about 3 A. M. and anchored in a heavy fog. It is believed that she is a United States vessel of the "U" class.

The tug T. A. Scott, Jr., still remained outside the harbor. It was stated definitely that she had representatives of the Eastern Forwarding Company on board and that the German submarine was expected.

## SEID BACK IN ACCIDENT

Chinese Falls Into Elevator at Hopyard and Is Badly Hurt.

Seld Back, one of Portland's most prominent Chinese residents, was seriously injured Saturday at his large hop ranch near Independence.

He fell from the top of a kiln onto a platform below, suffering fractures of three ribs, severe internal injuries and concussion of the brain. Two physicians of Independence were immediately called.

Seld Back, Jr., of this city, son of the injured man, went to Independence with Dr. E. H. East, of Portland. Last night Dr. East made the following announcement: "Mr. Back is semi-conscious, but seems to be on the mend. Barring unforeseen developments his condition is favorable."

Mr. Back is nearly 70 years of age.

## BRITAIN SENDS MORE GOLD

Heavy Guard Placed Over Million or More From Cape Town.

BOSTON, Sept. 17.—More than \$1,000,000 in British gold arrived yesterday from Cape Town, South Africa, on the British steamer York Castle, consigned to Montreal bankers.

It was taken across the city in four motor trucks under heavy guard and placed aboard an armored car attached to the Montreal Express.

## Woman Leaps to Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—From a window ledge on the third story of the City and County Hospital, Miss Clara Bowen, aged 55, jumped today to her death on the concrete pavement below.

## REPUBLICANS FEEL SURE OF CONGRESS

House Regarded as Foregone Conclusion.

## SENATE IS FIGHTING GROUND

Election of Necessary 22 Candidates Predicted.

## WILLCOX RAPS LANSING

Answer Given to Plea That "Politics Stops at Water's Edge."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Republican campaign leaders, backed by Chairman Willcox, of the National committee, are predicting the capture of both House and Senate from the Democrats.

"The election of a Republican House is a foregone conclusion," said Mr. Willcox today. "A one hundred per cent campaign will be conducted, which will insure a Republican Senate."

"The Senate is now composed of 55 Democrats and 29 Republicans. Counting the Maine results, its composition becomes 55 Democrats and 41 Republicans. In the November election 22 Senators are to be elected to fill the places of 17 Democrats and 16 Republicans."

**Confidence Strongly Felt.**  
"To gain control, Republicans must elect 22 candidates, that is, elect all of their 15 and make an inroad of eight on the Democrats. The states now represented by the 15 Republicans are New Mexico, Minnesota, Wyoming, Delaware, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, Utah, Michigan and California. In none of these states is there any doubt of the success of the Hughes and Fairbanks ticket."

"As to the Senate, only two may be considered doubtful—Washington and Wyoming—and in these the undoubted strength of the National ticket will serve to elect the Republican Senatorial candidates."

"The states represented by Democrats are Arizona, Florida, West Virginia, Texas, Nebraska, Indiana (2), Tennessee, Maryland, New Jersey, Montana, New York, Nevada, Ohio, Missouri, Virginia and Mississippi."

**Necessary Gain Predicted.**  
"Out of these 17 places the Republicans must take eight. First let us eliminate the four certain Democratic states of Florida, Texas, Virginia, and Mississippi. This leaves the field to 12—states of Arizona, West Virginia, Nebraska, Indiana (2), Tennessee, Maryland, New Jersey, Montana, New York, Nevada, Ohio and Missouri. Of these, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Nebraska

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## POLICY OF GREECE STILL BENEVOLENT

NEW PREMIER DENIES HE IS FRIEND OF GERMANY.

Austrian Diplomat From Athens Says Rumors Constantine Will Abdicate Without Foundation.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—M. Kalogeropoulos, the new Greek Premier, declares that the new government will observe the most benevolent neutrality toward the entente, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens today.

"He repudiates allegations that he is Germanophile," adds the dispatch, "although he confesses that he is an admirer of Germany."

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 17.—Baron George Barea, attache of the Austro-Hungarian legation at Athens, who has arrived at Sofia, says a dispatch from that capital, declares that the rumors that King Constantine may abdicate are absolutely unfounded. The King, says the attache, though a sick man, intends to remain on the throne at all costs and is becoming increasingly popular with his subjects.

Baron Barea who had some difficulty in reaching Sofia after his expulsion from Greece, paints Greece as wholly shut in and without the vaguest idea of the happenings in the rest of the world. He considers the situation not hopeless, however, in view of the postponements of the elections, the strong trend for neutrality at all costs, the utter loyalty of the army to the King, and the army's weakness, even if Greece should be forced into war.

## HUGHES READY FOR TRIP

Nominee to Leave Today on Two Weeks' Speaking Tour.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Charles E. Hughes came to New York tonight from Bridgehampton, preparatory to leaving early tomorrow for the second trip of his campaign. He will deliver the first speech of his trip at Peoria, Ill., Tuesday morning.

Mr. Hughes will be gone two weeks. The trip will take him through Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin. Mrs. Hughes will accompany him. The party will travel by special train.

## ALLIES NEARLY IN SERBIA

French and Russians Close to Border South of Monastir.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—French and Russian troops advanced rapidly by the western end of the entente Macedonian front, have arrived in front of Florina, close to the Serbian border, south of Monastir, the French War Office announced in today's official bulletin.

Serbian are advancing on both sides of Lake Ostrovo, defeating Bulgarians near Kajmakalan and continuing their troops to River Brod, where Bulgarians are resisting.

## San Francisco Strike Averted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—A threatened strike of union shipwrights, caulkers, joiners and boat builders was averted here today when the men voted to accept a compromise offer of the employers. They wanted an increase from \$4 to \$5 a day and accepted \$4.50. At a previous vote the compromise was rejected.

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- The swindling coterie was taken into custody Saturday night at an apartment hotel. After a midnight hearing before United States Commissioner Foote they were held in prohibitive bonds for another hearing Tuesday.
- Victims Rich and Prominent. The powerful twinge of a guilty conscience was the lever used by the blackmailers to obtain tribute from their victims, all of whom are wealthy and most of whom are prominently known and connected. Several cities contributed to the list of victims.
- Although the warrants for the arrest of the gang members charge three separate offenses against the laws of the United States, the principal charge which will be laid against them will be that of kidnapping a Government witness.
- The persons taken into custody and now held in the county jail on Federal warrants are: Edward Donahue, alias "Doc" Donahue; Mrs. Helen Evers, alias Mrs. George W. Brown; Henry Russell, alias H. J. Russell; Mrs. Edward Donahue, James Christian, alias J. H. Grosser; George H. Allen and Mrs. Frances Allen, alias Mrs. Frances Chapman.
- Money and Reputations Saved. According to Hinton G. Clabaugh, head of the local bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, the three most important captures are Mrs. Evers, Donahue and Russell.
- The arrest of the members of the gang has, perhaps, saved the money and possibly the reputations of several wealthy Chicagoans.
- Government agents who were detailed on the case traced Russell through Jackson Park all day Saturday. He left his apartment early in the forenoon with a camera under his arm. Within a short time he had met a woman, whose name Mr. Clabaugh declined to divulge, but who is said to be prominently known in the North Side colony. They were seen walking through the park unconscious of the Federal agent in the discreet distance. It was Russell's plan, Clabaugh says, to obtain the confidence of the woman, place her in a compromising situation and then blackmail her.
- One Poses as Mayor's Brother. Another plot which was foiled was in the development. One of the members of the gang has been posing as a brother of Mayor Thompson. The intended victim had been lured to an apartment-house and lavishly entertained. The arrest nipped this plot in the bud.
- There are approximately 15 known victims of the swindling operations, many of whom live in this city, although some make their homes in New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Some, it is said, were men prominent in political life who were victimized while at the Republican convention here last June. The women of the gang, according to the authorities, are young and beautiful. The men are well groomed and of a type calculated to impress society women.
- Victims Pay High. Most of the victims paid high for their indiscretions. One man paid \$43,000 in cash. One woman paid \$35,000. Another paid \$19,000. The smallest amount obtained was from Mrs. Regina A. Kilpper, of Philadelphia, who gave \$500.
- It is Mrs. Kilpper's testimony that is counted on by the Government to send the gang to the Federal penitentiary. Mrs. Kilpper was kidnapped and spirited to Canada several weeks ago by members of the band, just before she was to appear as a witness against one of their number who had previously been arrested in an Eastern city.
- The District Attorney's office in Philadelphia notified Mrs. Kilpper over the telephone that she would be called as a witness and that a deputy United States Marshal would be sent to escort her to the Federal building.
- The wire to Mrs. Kilpper's home had been tapped and before the Marshal arrived a man had called, representing himself as a Marshal, and asked her to accompany him to a train.
- Mrs. Kilpper awoke in Montreal, where she was detained under the representation that she was being held there to prevent members of the gang from reaching her.
- A Government agent, discussing the case, said: "Their women made a practice of

