

MAN SHOTS WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF

William J. Johnston Is Near
Death—Mate May Live.

CHILD, 4, SEES TRAGEDY

Family Differences Are Believed to
Have Caused Death—Man's
Skull Is Fractured.

Mrs. William J. Johnston, seriously injured, was at Good Samaritan hospital with four bullet wounds in the body, and her husband was at St. Vincent's, perhaps fatally wounded, as the result of his attempt to slay her and then end his own life at their home, 1257 Mississippi avenue, at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

Unless complications set in, doctors said Mrs. Johnston would recover, but slight hope was entertained for Mr. Johnston's recovery. His skull was shattered by the bullet which plowed through his forehead between the eyes.

The shooting occurred in the kitchen of the little Johnston frame dwelling while Mrs. Johnston was doing the family washing. Mrs. Johnston ran screaming from the home with her little four-year-old son following her. She was assisted to the home of E. M. Ashmore, which adjoins the Johnston home, where she was attended by Dr. W. M. Killingsworth until an ambulance company arrived to take her to the hospital.

Johnston Shoots Self.
After shooting his wife, Johnston went into his bedroom, locked the door and turned his weapon on himself as he sat on the edge of his bed. He was feebly attempting to pull the trigger the second time when police detectives, headed by Captain Harms, broke through the door of his room and disarmed him. He pointed the revolver at Detective Collins, but was too weak to fire it.

According to a statement made to the police by Mrs. Johnston, family differences caused the shooting. She said her husband was of a highly jealous disposition. He also had worried considerably over the health of his oldest child, who is afflicted with epilepsy.

Johnston was employed at the Piedmont car barns, but did not go to work yesterday. He walked over to the barn early in the morning and conversed for a time with his foreman, Gus Heiber, who said he seemed to be rational and as cheerful as ever.

Work Left to Go Home.
Shortly after leaving the car barn, he returned to his home and turned the revolver upon his wife. Whether or not the shooting was preceded by quarreling is not known, but neighbors said they never heard any disturbance until the shots rang out, and Mrs. Johnston ran screaming from the house.

Evidence to the effect that Johnston on previous occasions had threatened his life was given to the police by Mrs. Johnston. She said her husband had taken a gun to her Wednesday and told her he would behave himself in the future. The police believe this meant that he had threatened her before with the revolver.

The weapon he used yesterday is another one which he had procured from some unknown source. Police believed that Mrs. Johnston's mother might be able to shed some light upon the shooting. She had been visiting the home during the week and had left earlier today, returning for her home at Albany. If the Johnstons had been quarreling during the morning she may be able to give the police information which might provide some other motive for the attempted killing and suicide.

Three Children in Family.
If both Mrs. Johnston and her husband die, three little children will be left orphans. Two children, aged 8 and 10, were in school at the time, while the baby boy saw his mother shot by her husband.

Mrs. Johnston became hysterical as she kissed the little fellow good-bye just as she was being placed in the ambulance to be taken to the hospital. Neighbors cared for the children.

At the hospital it was said Mrs. Johnston had been shot twice just above the heart, once in the back and once in the hip. One of the bullets punctured a lung, this being the most serious wound.

Johnston is 40 years old and has been employed at the Piedmont barns for several years. He owns his own home where the tragedy occurred. Mrs. Johnston is 37 years old.

CIVILIAN DOCTORS FOUGHT

Veterans Want Service Men to Take
Care of Their Cases.

That a move is on foot "to disrupt the medical service of the United States veterans' bureau by the unwarranted disengagement of reserve officers in the public health service, charged with medical treatment of disabled men," was the notice received by Harry N. Nelson, acting department adjutant of the American Legion, yesterday from John Thomas Taylor, vice-chairman of the legion's national legislative committee, at Washington, D. C.

Replacement of service physicians with civilian doctors would mean a lack of sympathy with veteran charges and seriously hamper the excellent work being done, said Mr. Nelson, who telegraphed a protest against such proposed interference with the veterans' bureau to Oregon congressmen.

MORE TAKE OUT PAPERS

Clackamas Records Show Gain in
Citizenship Over 1920.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Citizenship papers granted in Clackamas county and applications filed during 1921 showed a gain over the previous 12 months, according to figures compiled at the office of the county clerk.

During 1921 there were 53 foreigners admitted, as against 44 the year before. A total of 84 filed their declarations, or first papers, in 1921, while in 1920 but 53 signified their intention to take the examination.

The increase is attributed to the removal of the alien restrictions preceding the third examination term last year, and to the reaction due to the war.

According to the report, in 1920, the 44 applicants granted citizenship were from the following countries:

Germany 11, Austria 4, Russia 7, Switzerland 2, England 4, Sweden 2, Holland 2, Czechoslovakia 1, Den-

mark 2, Norway 5, Belgium 1, Australia 1, Italy 1.
The 53 who were granted citizenship in 1921 were from the following: Germany 14, Austria 3, Russia 2, Switzerland 1, Greece 2, England 16, Sweden 5, Denmark 1, Norway 4.
During the year of 1920 declarations, or first papers, numbered 53 and were from the following nations: Germany 18, Austria 2, Russia 5, Switzerland 2, England 16, Sweden 5, Holland 1, Denmark 2, Norway 3, Poland 2. Total 53.

Senator Holds Up Nomination.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—The nomination of Elizabeth Johnston for postmaster at Graham, Or., which has been held up by Senator Stanford for some time, will not be reported to the senate, at least until after the return of Representative McArthur, who recommended Miss Johnston's appointment. She stood at the top of the list of eligibles certified by the civil service commission, but friends of David M. Roberts, present democratic postmaster, who was second on the eligibles list, have sought to block

FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN WHO SEEKS TO KILL WIFE AND HIMSELF.



At left—William J. Johnston, dangerously wounded from self-inflicted bullet wound. At right—Mrs. Johnston, who may survive husband's attack.

her confirmation. Senator Stanford admitted that he was friendly towards Postmaster Roberts, but denied published reports that the postmaster was a relative.

Kiwanis to Receive Charter.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—February 22 has been set as the tentative date for presenting a charter to the Centralia Kiwanis club, according to an announcement at the weekly luncheon of the club by Martin Gottfeld, president of the Olympia Kiwanis club, which is sponsoring the local organization. Several members of the Olympia club were guests at the luncheon. A compliment was paid to Miss Mabel Lee, city clerk, at the luncheon by J. P. Lehigh, state superintendent of municipal examiners, who declared that "she is possessed of financial ability that isn't exceeded by any city clerk in the state."

Assessment Notices Issued.

Notification has been issued to property owners in assessment districts for three pieces of public work in districts in East Portland that the assessments have been apportioned and are ready for examination, and that objections thereto will be heard by the city council on the 15th of January 1923. They are for the improvement of Bryant street from Albina avenue to Congress street, the cost of which is \$252,223; Hudson street from Bioga to Buchanan street, costing \$106,026, and for construction of a sewer in East Eighty-third street, costing \$614.

SCOTCH MAIDS HEAD BILL AT PANTAGES THEATER.



Jessie Blair Stirling. Scotch songs and dances and the skill of the pipes are mainly in evidence at the Pantages theater, for Jessie Blair Stirling, Scotch entertainer, and her Glasgow Maids are the headline attraction this week. Miss Stirling sings a number of the most familiar Scotch ballads and her company of young girls are all good dancers and pipers. On the same bill with the Glasgow Maids are Fred and Tommy Hayden, English comedians; Zaida Stanley, in impersonations of Broadway stars; Ishikawa brothers, exceptional Japanese equilibrist; Harry La More, Europe's celebrated pantomimic comedian, and Pedrick and Devere, in an attractive singing and dancing act. The same show will continue until Sunday night.

VIGILANT BODY REDUCED

FEWER WOMEN WILL ATTEND
SECOND ARBUCKLE TRIAL.

District Attorney Declares Case
Will Be Called Next Monday
in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the women's vigilant committee Dr. Mariana Bertola, president, announced that in conformity with the suggestion of Mrs. Robert Dean, vice-president of the San Francisco Housewives' league, the committee to be named to watch the progress of Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle's second trial would be smaller than that which attended the first trial.

It was announced that an "edict" shortly would be issued barring "those not in sympathy" with the vigilant committee from its meetings. District Attorney Brady and Assistant District Attorneys U'Ren and Friedman conferred today at length today in preparation for the second trial of Arbuckle, which, it was said, without fail would begin next Monday. Nearly all of the prosecution's wit-

nesses have been subpoenaed. It is expected a jury will be completed within a week or ten days. Mr. Brady, it was stated, will take a prominent part in the prosecution.

Charles Brennan of Arbuckle's counsel returned today from Los Angeles, where he has been visiting Arbuckle.

Damages for \$28,628 Asked.

Damages of \$28,628.25 for alleged breach of contract are sought in a suit filed in the circuit court yesterday by Elbert C. Condit against the Pacific International company. Condit, representing himself, and Frank E. Short, says they entered into a contract with the defendant company to represent it in France, with headquarters at Marseille. The pair made a trip to Marseille and completed all arrangements to take over the territory, at considerable expense, when they discovered that the parent company had contracted with other persons for the same territory. It is alleged.

Honolulu Makes Building Record.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Building permits issued in Honolulu during 1921 will run well over \$5,000,000, making the year's record the largest in the history of the city by more than \$800,000. The permits in 1919 totaled \$4,400,000. The indications are that 1922 will be even a greater year than 1921 so far as building is concerned.

Improvement District Sanctioned.

KELOSO, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The Kelso city council has accepted the assessment roll of local improvement district No. 16 (the West Kelso sewer district). The total cost of the project is \$13,024, which will be assessed proportionately against each lot within the district. Bonds will be issued to retire the warrant indebtedness.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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