

WIDOW SEEKS LOVE

Without It She Prefers a Self-Imposed Death.

DIES IN FINE HOTEL SUITE

Mrs. J. W. Gray Has Companion at Hotel, but Broker She Calls "Sweetheart" Denies He Ever Knew Her.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Declaring in a letter that a telephone conversation with her lover had made her resolve to take her own life, she did not care to live without his love, Mrs. J. W. Gray, a beautiful and wealthy young widow, committed suicide in the Hotel Imperial today.

Charles H. Stoneham, a member of the brokerage firm of O. P. Jonsson & Co., 41 Broadway, the man named as "Dear Sweetheart" in the letter addressed to him, denies that he ever heard of Mrs. Gray.

Another strange feature of the case is that Miss Olivia Parker, of New Orleans, who is made the legatee of Mrs. Gray's estate, is her niece, and instead of being a colored girl, as Mrs. Gray wrote, declares she is white, without a trace of negro blood.

The letters written by Mrs. Gray, whose husband is said to have been a well-known Chicago broker, a short time before she shot herself, while alone in her elegantly furnished suite, are pathetic in the extreme. Apparently she realized that she never could marry the man her heart desired, and refused to live without his being constantly near her. She was about 23 years old.

Writes Before She Dies.

Dear Sweetheart:—When I called you up on the telephone you talked so cruelly to me that I went out and bought a revolver, intending to do it then. I was brought up in a convent, and my religious teachers in such things, but I can't stand it any longer.

Here there was a break in the letter, and when it was continued it was with different ink.

Again and again have you disappointed me, Charles. What in God's name have I done? If you were anxious to get rid of me that was easy. Why did you have me come to New York? Here I am as your wife. If you had said, "Ollie, I don't want you to return," I would never have done so. Well, Charles, this is the last. I wish you all the luck in the world.

Here the writer seemed to have paused, and no more to have been written for a while. It resumed:

How I am suffering! I cannot stand it any longer. It is now past 4 o'clock.

A fourth letter left by the woman was found, which was addressed to Charles Stoneham, and read in part as follows:

I love you better than my life. I love you so much, and in think I have to go and leave you. I hate to do this. The little I have after my bills are paid, I wish to be sent to Olivia Parker, 1923 St. Andrews street, New Orleans. I have a lot of furniture I had shipped from New Orleans. I wish also that you would send me some money to Olivia Parker, a colored girl, as I have no relatives.

This letter was signed "Mrs. Gray." Mrs. Grace Stanford, who lives at 62 West Sixty-sixth street, said she knew Mrs. Gray very well. She said that Mrs. Gray's husband, who was a wealthy Chicago man, died in May of last year in New Orleans, and that after his death Mrs. Gray came to New Orleans and took apartments with her. She stayed until some time after Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Gray met Charles Stoneham in the early fall, said Mrs. Stanford. He is a Jersey City man, married and with a family. A few days ago a little son of his was drowned, and after the son's death he determined to give up Mrs. Gray. He called her up and told her so. Mrs.

OPEN TRADE GATES

Keynote of Reciprocity Discussion at Chicago.

CUMMINS SOUNDS ALARM

Exponent of Iowa Idea Denounces Senate for Pigeonholing Treaties—Postmaster Compton on Tyranny of Trusts.

KNOW OF STONEHAM AFFAIR

Sister of Mrs. Gray Says Her Daughters Are Not Octoroons.

NEW ORLEANS, May 6.—Mrs. Angy Parker, living at 1923 St. Andrews street, admitted today that she was a sister of Mrs. J. W. Gray, the Hotel Imperial suicide. Miss Olivia Parker, a beautiful young woman, who lives with her, is the person to whom Mrs. Gray devised her personal effects. Mrs. Parker insisted that she and her daughters were not octoroons, but white.

With respect to the reference in Mrs. Gray's letter to Olivia Parker as a colored girl, and her statement that she had no relatives, Mrs. Parker said that her sister evidently desired to spare their feelings. Mrs. Parker said her sister was born in New Orleans, and of excellent parentage. About 15 years ago she was married to J. W. Gray, a wealthy Chicago man. Mrs. Parker said Mrs. Gray's husband had lavished diamonds and other jewelry on her and that she must have had many of these articles with her in New York. She said she knew Mrs. Gray's affair with Stoneham.

PLOT AGAINST BRAZIL

Spaniard's Vast Dreams of Empire Vanish Into Vapor.

MADRID, May 6.—Serrano de Herreria, former king-at-arms of the Spanish court, has been arrested at the instance of the Brazilian Minister here on the charge of conspiring with others against the government of Brazil. A search of the residence of Serrano de Herreria resulted in the discovery of a number of commissions for officers who were to organize an army in the State of Kuanai. The commissions bore the stamp of that state.

The Brazilian Minister here confirms the discovery of the plot, and states that the plot was financed by a committee having headquarters in London and which had long been working for the independence of the Kuanai territory. This territory is between the northern frontier of Brazil and French Guiana. It is stated that the committee, with a view to controlling the gold mines of Kuanai, had been organizing an insurrection and had recruited men in England, France and Spain, who were represented as colonists but who in reality were intended eventually to become soldiers.

Documents taken from De Herreria's residence show that the organization was proceeding on a vast scale, and that nearly 4000 men had already been recruited in England, 4000 in France and 4000 in Spain, among the last named being included many Spanish revolutionaries, some of whom are actually serving as active officers. An ex-revolutionary Spanish Captain holds a commission as Colonel in the future army of Kuanai, and it is stated that he is already receiving pay through an English banking-house at which funds are deposited.

The Spanish authorities were notified, and acted promptly, and the arrest of De Herreria followed.

Brann's Widow May Be Rich.

LAWTON, Okla., May 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. C. Brann, widow of the late editor of the Iconoclast, has purchased a quarter section of land in Comanche county, five miles east of Lawton. Last night a 300-foot flow of oil was struck on the quarter of land adjoining hers. Excitement is high over the strike.

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EURO, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—General Manager Worthington, of the O. R. & N.; Senator Fulton, W. W. Cotton, R. B. Miller, Tom Richardson and other members of the party who are in Eastern Oregon as the guests of Mr. Worthington, will make a tour of the interior of Umatilla County Sunday, under the escort of representatives of the Citizens' Association of Euro. The primary purpose of the trip is to acquaint the members of the party with the possibilities of the district as respects timber and development in other lines.

One of the features of the trip will be a coyote hunt, which has been arranged for the benefit of the association. A large pack of greyhounds has been gathered together and will be taken on the journey. There are many coyotes in the country, and it is thought that some exciting sport will be the result.

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Mr. Worthington and his party will return to Portland Monday morning.

HARGIS JURY DISAGREES

Impossible to Reach Verdict on Murder of Cockrill.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 6.—The jury in the murder case of Judge Hargis, this afternoon a second time reported to the court that it was hopelessly disagreed, and the jurors were then finally discharged. It is said Hargis will ask for bail.

James Hargis, County Judge of Breathitt County, was charged with having conspired with his brothers, Senator Alexander and Elbert Hargis, and Sheriff Ed Callahan, to kill James Cockrill. This was one of the many charges that have attracted wide attention because of the prominence of the defendants. Judge Hargis was the first of the four placed on trial, separate trials having been ordered.

Cockrill, who was Town Marshal, was shot in Breathitt County, and being placed immediately on a train by his friends, was brought into Fayette County, where he died.

WAS WHIPPED TOO OFTEN

French Boy Shoots Himself in Front of Schoolmates.

LONDON, May 6.—(Special.)—A telegram from Lyons gives particulars of an unexpected suicide under dramatic circumstances of a boy attending the communal school at Grigny on the Rhine.

The boy, who is 12 years of age, entered the school where he had been just sitting down to their studies. He went beside the blackboard and, after saying "Good-by" to his comrades, dropped suicide under dramatic circumstances.

"I am going to commit suicide because I am tired of life. The master punished me too much. He is right and I am wrong."

The boy was picked up by the master and carried to a hospital, where he is reported to be in a critical condition.

KEEP COAST WHEAT OUT

St. Louis Merchant Sues to Prevent Grading as No. 2.

ST. LOUIS, May 6.—Thomas Akin, a grain merchant, has filed suit in the Circuit Court against the Board of Railroad Commissioners to prevent the grading of wheat grown in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin as mostly red winter wheat, he declares.

The red winter wheat is grown on the Pacific Coast and sells for seven cents a bushel less than No. 2 red winter wheat, it is alleged.

War on in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 6.—An unusual step was taken today in the fight by prominent Kansas citizens to kill the franchise recently passed by the City Council giving Hugh McGowan and others of Indianapolis a franchise to furnish the city with municipal gas from the Kansas field, when the Missouri State Supreme Court stepped in and took the case out of the hands of the Circuit Court at Kansas City. Circuit Court Judge Gates on Wednesday last issued an injunction restraining Mayor New from signing the franchise and the City Councilmen from passing it over the Mayor's veto should he so desire.

Today the Supreme Court, upon petition of the Kansas City Councilmen and the grantors of the franchise, granted a writ of prohibition restraining Judge Gates from taking further action in the matter. The writ, which is issued upon the ground that the Circuit Court has no authority to enjoin a legislative body, takes the case out of the hands of the lower court, and is made returnable before the State Supreme Court on May 14.

China Yields to Humanity.

NEW YORK, May 6.—A recent memorial presented by Wu Tingfang, former Minister at Washington, has just been confirmed, cables the Pekin correspondent of the Herald. Whipping as a punishment is abolished, and imprisonment at hard labor is substituted for minor offenses. Young offenders will be confined separately from criminals, and will be taught some trade. Prisoners will be fed by the government. The memorial refers to American and European laws, showing the bad results of whipping and the great improvement due to lighter punishments and the employment of prisoners at useful trades.

Mrs. Leslie Carter's ankle was sprained by a fall, caused by her horse rearing as she was stepping from her carriage in New York. The Belasco Theater, where she was playing, has been closed.

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