

BOY OF 19 IS DEAD; SUICIDE INDICATED

Woman Lad Admired Sees Fatal Shot.

JEALOUSY IS GIVEN AS CAUSE

Louis Osborn Thought to Have Shot Self After Threat.

2 HELD FOR INVESTIGATION

Woman Out Walking With Harold Palmer When Youth Is Said to Have Stepped Before Them and Killed Self.

Fear that his chum, Harold Palmer, was supplanting him in the favor of Mrs. Nellie Stout, a pretty woman 30 years old, caused, it is believed, Louis Osborn, 19 years old, to shoot and kill himself in dramatic manner in the streets of Kenton shortly after 10 o'clock last night.

Although the police incline to this theory, Mrs. Stout and Mr. Palmer are held in custody pending the investigation of the shooting.

Mrs. Stout, Palmer and Osborn had been at a party at the Osborn home in the Woodward apartments in Kenton. The two men started to walk home with Mrs. Stout, who lived with her parents at 238 Hunt street.

"No Tomorrow," Says Boy.

According to evidence collected by the police, Palmer and Mrs. Stout had been teasing Osborn about his loss of the girl's affection. Suddenly, it is said, Osborn turned and started back. "Good-bye, I will see you tomorrow," Mrs. Stout is said to have called after him.

"There won't be any tomorrow," Osborn is said to have retorted.

Then, according to Mrs. Stout and Palmer, Osborn drew his revolver and fired a bullet into his head. He fell on the muddy road, and died in a few minutes. The shooting occurred at a dark place on White boulevard, and Mrs. Stout and Palmer could not see Osborn draw the revolver.

Shot Fired From Left Side.

The only point in the story not quite clear to the police is that Osborn was shot in the left side of the head. He was, the officers are informed, a right-handed man, and would naturally have lifted the weapon to the right side of his head.

Mrs. Stout became acquainted with the two boys at the Kenton Kitchens, a restaurant where her mother was employed. Mrs. Stout is married, and has a child 13 months old. She has separated from her husband and has applied for a divorce.

Both boys are about 19 years old and have always been chums. Mrs. Loree, Mrs. Stout's mother, told the girl not to walk home alone at night. Since that time, the mother says, either Palmer or Stout has usually escorted the girl home.

Threats of Suicide Reported.

The police say they have information to the effect that Osborn threatened to kill himself if Mrs. Stout did not stop going home with Palmer. The girl's mother says that Palmer seldom paid attention to Mrs. Stout, although he often teased his chum about her.

The shooting last night occurred on White boulevard, two blocks from the center of Kenton. The street is dark and gloomy and has no pavement. Both sides are lined with underbrush.

The police found Osborn lying on his back, stretched out across the road. He died instantly, for the bullet passed clear through his head.

Two automobiles loads of police, under (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.)

BABY IS LEFT ON WOMAN'S DOORSTEP

CHILD'S CRY ATTRACTS MAN TO TINY BUNDLE.

Foundling Is Taken in Charge by Police—Eye-Witness Sees Empty Buggy Wheeled Away.

"Lady, did you forget and leave your baby outside?" asked a kindly disposed man of Mrs. Will Wurzwiler, 621 Lovejoy street, about 7:30 o'clock last night. "No, we have no babies here," replied the surprised Mrs. Wurzwiler, whereupon the man pointed to a bundle on the doorstep.

"I heard it crying and thought you forgot it," he answered, and gave the information that he had seen a woman walking down the street wheeling a baby buggy.

Mrs. Wurzwiler called her son, Nathan, and they investigated.

Wrapped in good, but modest, clothes and scantily covered with a light shawl, they found a boy about a month old. He had been crying lustily. "It is very pretty," Mrs. Wurzwiler said.

The police were informed and they sent the baby to the baby home, at 1644 Woodward avenue.

LIQUOR MEN GET READY

License for Place Near Oregon State Line Is Asked.

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The board of supervisors has received an application from the Astor Wine Company, of Hornbrook, seeking a license to conduct a wholesale liquor house.

Hornbrook being near the state line, the wholesale liquor houses are counting on a large business when Oregon and Washington become dry.

The names of 250,000 tipplers in Oregon are catalogued and indexed by another mail order liquor house that is preparing to open in Hornbrook.

BREWERY MEN TO STAY

Clam Cannery and Natorium Will Hold Aberdeen Workers.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Yesterday's decision of the Supreme Court upholding the dry law will result in the closing here on January 1 of a brewery and 25 saloons. The machinery of the Aberdeen Brewery Company, valued at \$200,000, will be shipped to California.

Most of the 49 employees of the company will stay here. Several of the office men are interested in a clam cannery and others will become interested in a natorium, to be erected at a cost of \$15,000.

BANKERS GET FIVE YEARS

Three ex-Officials Sentenced in Federal Court in Iowa.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 11.—Joseph Harrison, ex-vice-president; George Homan, ex-cashier, and Charles Sings, ex-teller in the Dubuque National Bank, were sentenced today in the United States district court to five years each in the Federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth.

The three former bank officials pleaded guilty to charges of having made false entries on the books of the bank and misappropriating funds approximating \$11,000.

ALBANIANS ARE STARVING

Weakest Succumb to Cold Because of Intense Hunger.

ROME, Dec. 11.—Reports from Albania indicate that conditions there are most distressing, the people being on the point of starvation, the weakest being unable to resist the cold on account of hunger.

Mr. Edward W. Ryan, representing the American Red Cross, is studying the situation to arrange for the sending of supplies into Albania, which it seems advisable to concentrate at Durazzo.

AMERICA LACKING NAVAL ESSENTIALS

Lessons Drawn From European War.

IMPORTANT ACTIONS CITED

Outdated Warships Superior to Those of United States.

FAST CRUISER FEATURE

Speed, Gun Power and Range Secrets of British Domination, Says Frederick Palmer, and We Fall Short in All.

Since the beginning of the great war Frederick Palmer has been the only official representative of the entire American press with the Allies and England and France selected him for this important post because of his intimate knowledge of the science of war. Beginning with the Greek war of 1897 Mr. Palmer has been at the front of every important war waged since then. He has reported and studied them all, and has seen more of modern warfare than any American officer or soldier.

So great is British confidence in Mr. Palmer that he was the first civilian allowed to visit the British grand fleet, "somewhere in the North Sea," and to observe and study the great collection of floating fighting fortresses that give England her control of the seas.

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We need not theorize. The open book of experience of the greatest war in all history is before us to profit by. Every arm by land and sea has been tried out by the foremost military nations of the world. The lessons I bring are those of practice in Europe as applied to our country.

First, the Navy, which is our prime defense, because we shall never be attacked by Canada or Mexico, and therefore never attacked by land until our Navy loses command of the seas. Every naval recruiting poster that is put up, whether in Kansas or Maine, every best of a riveter on the plates of a battleship, every gun drill, has only one object, the test of a decisive battle which may last only half an hour. To win we must have everything a modern navy requires, for we face navies which are prepared in every detail.

Three Elements Essential.

Gun power, speed and range have won every naval action fought so far. They have kept the command of the seas for England.

Gun power means the destruction of your enemy when you have him within reach of your guns. Speed means that you can overtake him if you are stronger than he and escape from him if he is stronger than you. Range means the same thing as a reach to a boxer—that you can land a blow when the enemy's falls short. If your shells carry 20,000 yards and his only 10,000, and you have the speed of him, you stand off out of danger and batter his ships into the sea.

When this war began two European forces, the British navy and German army, were certainly prepared. Mark the result: British soil and German soil are free of the invader's heel.

British Sure of Superiority.

The British navy has stuck to three essentials—speed, gun power and range. We have not. The British admiralty indulged in no illusions and no extravagance of construction. It did not simply build a navy; it made sure of its superiority in speed, gun power and range. Such is the tradition of the British navy and such was ours until recently.

If, for the last 10 years, the British navy had followed the naval policy of the United States in its building and organization, despite Britain's superiority, Germany, not England, would (Continued on Page 16, Column 3.)

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2 STORMS BATTLE FOR RIGHT OF WAY

Ensuing Blizzard Covers Middle West.

HEAVY DAMAGE IS REPORTED

Sleet Carries Down Wires, Delays Traffic.

WABASH TRAIN IS LOST

Chicago Shoppers Meet Accidents Braving Weather—Hundreds of Young Orchards in Indiana Reported Ruined.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Winter, long overdue, descended on the Middle Western states today in the form of a furious blizzard, which is increasing in intensity.

The snow storm, originating yesterday in Kansas and sweeping up through Iowa, struck Illinois, Indiana, Lower Wisconsin and fringes of Michigan early today and was met by a northeast gale. The result was a battle for supremacy and a blinding blizzard, which tore down telegraph and telephone wires, stalled trains, put fire alarm systems out of commission and caused many accidents in the dark and stormy streets of the cities.

Wabash Crack Train Lost.

One of the chief sufferers by the storm was the Wabash Railroad, which lost its crack train from St. Louis between Springfield and Decatur. All wires were down and it was impossible to trace the derelict train, except by sending out track walkers. Heavy sleet had knocked down the wires and covered the rails.

The Illinois Central and Chicago & Alton systems, traversing the same region, reported unusually heavy sleet storms, but all their trains, while badly delayed, were accounted for.

Chicago's great army of shoppers felt the full fury of the storm. They were out early, regardless of the weather, taking their chances. Many women were thrown down by the swirling winds, others were struck by automobiles in the blinding snow.

Deaths Reported in Chicago.

The police report many cases of injury from slipping on icy pavements. One man died from a fractured skull from this cause. Two persons struck by automobiles will probably die. The procession of hats, both men's and women's, torn off and scattered by the gale would have stocked a large-sized shop.

Forecasters said the crest of the storm would pass by noon tomorrow and that no extreme weather would follow. Temperatures sank tonight to 28 above zero. The storm center to date was over Central Missouri. Southern Illinois and Indiana hit hard and wire service was demoralized in those districts all day. Northern Indiana was more fortunate, as it was sheltered by the northeast gale, which shifted the Missouri storm over the Lake. In Northern Illinois the snowfall was heavy, but in the southern tiers of counties of Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and parts of Iowa sleet was responsible for most of the damage.

Young Orchards Badly Damaged.

Dispatches tonight from Southern Indiana districts say great damage has been done to young orchards. The heavy sleet loaded down the trees and the gale which followed the sleet storm, snapped off the branches, hundreds of orchards are reported to be ruined.

Along the Monon Railway the Sleet and High Winds Broke Down Telegraph

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AIGRETTES SNIPPED OFF PRETTY HATS

WOMAN DEPUTY ON STREETS CONFISCATES FINERY.

Feathers Valued at \$50 Taken From Pedestrian, Who Hides Identity. Tears Accompany Loss.

Uneasy lies the head that wears an aigrette! The potency of that statement is quite clear to two more Portland women today. For yesterday morning as Miss Adah Hubert, of 374 Third street, and a Mrs. Raymond, who cared not to divulge either her address or her husband's name, were mingling in the Washington street throngs, they were accosted and their new Winter hats divested of the finery that the law has said shall not be worn.

Mrs. J. C. Murray, a deputy game warden, was responsible for the confiscation. She took from the hat of Mrs. Raymond, while the latter was standing in the entrance to the Morgan building, a blazed aigrette composed of 50 strands that Mrs. Murray appraised at \$50. Miss Hubert was taken to the office of the State Game Warden in the Pittock building, and there saw, tearfully, her Winter hat stripped of its distinctive beauty.

CHRISTMAS MAIL SAILS

Money Orders to Europe Show Increase of \$1,569,930.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—American Christmas mail to Europe, the last of which was dispatched today, consisted of 8550 sacks.

The sacks carried, in addition to ordinary letters, 90,000 registered articles, 24,800 parcel post packages and 28,457 money orders.

The money orders represented \$3,158,797, an increase over the Christmas mail for 1914 of \$1,467,704.

The largest amount to go to any individual country was \$1,569,930, to Great Britain. Germany will receive \$228,323.

3 CUTTERS RECOMMENDED

Coast Guard Asks Vessels for San Francisco and Alaskan Waters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Two cutters for work on the Pacific Coast and in Alaskan waters, one for the harbor of New York and another for San Francisco harbor are recommended in the annual report of the Coast Guard sent today to Congress.

The cost of all these vessels is not definitely given, but apparently would be more than \$500,000. The report favors early rebuilding of the 279 stations of the Coast Guard.

LIEUT. MARBURG IS SHOT

Ex-Minister to Belgium Hastens to Wounded Son's Side.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 11.—Theodore Marburg, ex-United States Minister to Belgium, has been notified by the British War Office that his son, Lieutenant Theodore Marburg, of the Royal Flying Corps of the British army, was wounded in the head and leg in an engagement on the French battle line December 7.

Mr. Marburg left for New York today and will sail on the steamship Lafayette to join his son.

SCULPTOR KILLS HIMSELF

War Stops Orders for Work, So Paul Meriot Seeks Death.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 11.—Paul Meriot, a New York sculptor, committed suicide today at the home of Luvian V. Bruno, of Metuchen. Before shooting himself with a shotgun, he placed a deed for a cemetery lot on a table in his room.

Meriot's failure to procure orders on account of the war was attributed by his friends as the motive for the suicide.

EMBEZZLER'S JOY TRIP IS CHECKED

Absconding Easterner Is Jailed Here.

CAREER ON COAST IS GAY

Pennsylvania Borough Short Thousands in Tax Money.

PRISONER ADMITS CHARGES

Nation-Wide Search Ends With Arrest in Portland—San Francisco Detectives Are Eluded, but Remark Betrays Plans.

"Though I have no knowledge of the actual amounts, my accounts were short probably between \$15,000 and \$18,000, but I only took \$2000 when I left, when I might have absconded with \$45,000 of state, county, school and borough tax money deposited to my personal credit. I think this fact will help me to prove that I fled from the fear of facing the disgrace of recovery and not because I wished to rob the taxpayers."

Clinton E. Sittler, who, as tax collector of the Borough of Tamaqua, Pa., embezzled a sum reaching into five figures, did not attempt to deny his guilt when arrested in Portland yesterday by Francis S. Aikins, manager of the local Burns International Detective Agency, after a Nation-wide search beginning September 24, when Sittler disappeared.

Sittler had arranged for quarters at a fashionable Portland hotel, his trunk and six suitcases had been delivered to his room and his valet was busy unpacking the 15 suits of clothes, silken shirts, underwear and fine linen, which his employer carried with him, when the arrest was made.

Identify Readily Admitted.

"Sure I'm the man you want. I'll go with you, and the sooner I get back to Tamaqua the happier I'll be. I want to see my baby," was Sittler's greeting to the detective. He was turned over to Detectives Hoyle and Cahill and taken to the City Jail.

Sittler is a diminutive, dapper young man, 29 years old, dresses in the very finest fashionable clothing, carries jewelry worth many hundreds of dollars, and his whole atmosphere breathes of money and disregard for expense. His traveling funds, however, were low when he arrived in Portland, on his way, so he said, to Wrangell, Alaska. The millionaire's recklessness with which the young man spent money is shown by the purchase of an automobile for \$1800 in Los Angeles, and its sale several days later for \$800 when he was leaving the city. He has taken in the fair and has been living, to make his word for it, a gay and glorious life since breaking from Tamaqua.

Remarks Betray Man.

In San Francisco, Sittler gave detectives the slip as they were waiting to arrest him at the Atworth Hotel, and with trunk, suitcases and newly acquired valet, Danny Cook, ex-bellboy, left for Portland. His destination was guessed by detectives from unwise remarks let slip a few nights previous, and the local Burns Agency was telegraphed, and the train yesterday morning was met at Oregon City.

"It's those that tipped me," said Sittler yesterday. "If I had not become drunk on several occasions I wouldn't have tipped my hand and would have been going yet. Yet, frankly, I was considering seriously giving up the worry and nervous strain of dodging detectives (Continued on Page 15, Column 2.)

GLIMPSES OF SOME NEWS EVENTS OF PAST WEEK AS CARTOONIST REYNOLDS CAUGHT THEM.

