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WOMAN'S VICTIM NOW HOVERING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

Chas. Murray Has Slight Chance of Recovering From Pistol Wound.

LIKELY TO BE PARALYTIC EVEN IF LIFE IS SAVED

Goldie Bestcott in Jail and Says That Jealousy Prompted Crime.

With his spinal cord severed by the bullet from Goldie Bestcott's revolver, Chas. Murray, who was shot on North Front street yesterday afternoon, lies in a precarious condition at Mercy hospital.

The chances are against his recovery and unless an operation to be performed this afternoon succeeds, he will be a life-long paralytic even if he escapes death now.

Goldie Bestcott, his assailant, is confined in the Marshfield city jail and has little to say.

The date of her arraignment will probably be postponed until it is definitely known whether Murray is a recoverer.

Last night, owing to the Marshfield jail being crowded with "jags," he was placed under the guard of Walter Richardson, a special officer, outside of the jail. Besides the crowded condition of the jail necessitating this, it was feared that she might become desperate and attempt to end her life.

She has little to say about the case. To one, she said she did not intend to discharge the revolver but merely intended to frighten Murray who is alleged to have been a frequenter at the resort on North Front street of which she has been the mistress.

"Jealousy" is the latest cause that she ascribes for the crime. There has been many rumors of previous trouble between her and Murray but this is merely gossip.

The true version of the affair will probably not be known until the hearing. C. F. McKnight has been retained to defend her.

Murray has talked very little about the case although he has been conscious most of the time. This afternoon, he will be told how badly he is injured and will be given his choice of taking the additional chances of operation in his serious condition, or of becoming a hopeless paralytic if his life is spared.

The bullet struck him in the back, at below the shoulder blade. Its course in the body has not been determined.

This afternoon, Coroner Fred. Williams went to Mercy hospital to take an ante-mortem statement from Murray so that in case his wound should prove fatal soon, his evidence will be in possession of the state for the prosecution of the Bestcott woman.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Lillqvist was expected here at noon to look into the case but he was unable to leave Coquille owing to thearrison trial not having reached the stage where he could leave. It is expected that he will be over tomorrow.

Someone sent word to District Attorney Geo. Brown at Coquille last night that Goldie Bestcott had not been placed under arrest but that the officers were waiting for the issuance of a warrant. He telephoned her to have her arrested at once. The information was erroneous as the marshal, Walter Richardson, had her in his custody a few minutes before the shooting occurred.

To Clean Town. As a result of yesterday's shooting, it is expected that Mayor Straw and Marshal Carter, as soon as the latter returns from Coquille where he has been a witness in the Garrison murder case, will take steps to clean up the town of the undesirable who have been congregating there the past month. There is said to be a greater number of them in Marshfield now than in many months and many business men and citizens are protesting against their being allowed to remain.

RIGHT-OF-WAY CLASH. The Eugene Register says: "The Pacific Great Western Railway company has filed a motion to intervene as defendant in the condemnation suit of the Willamette Pacific company vs. the Oregon & California road. In anticipation of the court granting their request they have filed an answer in said case. They desire a right-of-way across defendant's land in the western part of the county. As the Southern Pacific and the Willamette Pacific are both owned by the same interests, and the former owns the O. & C. land grant, the condemnation proceeding is only technical but the purpose is to hold the right-of-way."

Company Returns.—The Raymond Teal Comedy company returned today from the Coquille Valley where they have been playing to big houses. They will play at North Bend and reopen here December 26 for a three nights stand at the Masonic Opera House.

STEAMER ARRIVES FROM EUREKA AND SAILS FOR PORTLAND FEW HOURS LATER.

The Alliance arrived in early this morning from Eureka and sailed a few hours later for Portland. She had a large number of through passengers for Portland from Eureka and a big cargo of freight.

Among those sailing from here for Portland on her were the following: C. P. Keating, L. Y. Keating, A. Hill, J. M. Bowen, J. S. Putnam, J. Salvage, J. D. Mann, J. Busby, C. S. Barnes, F. S. Wilson, R. L. Murr, E. W. Berman, W. H. Lilly, J. Maucar, James Stuvor, Mrs. E. Bushy, Mrs. H. P. Drollinger, F. D. Layton, Claud Nasburg, A. J. Ness, Tom Graham.

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BUTTER AND EGGS DEAR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Butter and eggs are selling in New York at the highest prices registered in 10 years. Dealers and warehousemen point to the prices as a justification of the cold-storage system, contending that the threatened legislation affecting cold storage is one of the principal causes for the high prices. Retail price of eggs range from 48 to 75 cents, and butter is sold at from 40 to 50 cents.

BIG SLUMP IN IMMIGRATION

Fewer People Coming to America From Foreign Lands Than Last Year.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A tremendous slump in European immigration will be recorded at Ellis Island this year, and the departures will greatly exceed last year's figures. The arrival of third-class passengers to December 1, 1911, totaled 781,058 compared with 1,102,939 and the departures this year were 486,794 compared with 359,574 last year.

JACK JOHNSON RETURNS HOME

"Big Smoke" Says He Is In Fine Condition, Well-to-Do and Ready to Fight.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Jack Johnson, the champion heavy-weight pugilist of the world, returned to American soil today after an extended trip abroad. The champion appeared hale and hearty. He denied he was broke, as was reported, saying he had more money than when he left here. To disprove the statements that he was "hogfat" and weighed over 300 pounds, the champion jumped on the scales and tipped the beam at 233. "All I want is my price," said Jack, "and I will fight any living man. I am afraid of no one. Let some club hang up \$30,000 and I'll fight. That's my price."

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POSTPONE ACTION IN RATE CASE

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FORTY HURT IN TRAIN WRECK

Twelve Seriously Injured When Passengers Meet Head-on in Texas Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) TEXARKANA, Ark., Dec. 22.—Thirty to forty were injured in a wreck on the Texas and Pacific at Kildare south of here early today. Two passenger trains met in a head-on collision. Twelve of the injured required medical attention.

REPUBLIC ONLY PEACE BASIS

Representative of Imperial Government at Conference Hopes For Settlement.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 22.—Tang Shao Yi, representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the imperial government at the peace conference of the imperial and revolutionary delegates now being held here, authorizes the Associated Press to say that he still hopes the premier will agree with his views and accept the republic as the only means of securing peace.

FATAL DAY TO NOTED ONES

Margaret Potter-Black, Novelist, Succumbs—Several Others Die.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 22.—Margaret Horton Potter-Black, the novelist, died here today of heart disease.

ACTOR IS A SUICIDE. Wright Lorimer Ends His Life in New York Today.

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A letter addressed to friends made mention of William A. Brady, the theatrical manager, against whom there is pending a suit filed by Lorimer for \$98,000 for alleged breach of contract. The letter reads, "I would not have done this if there had been one ray of hope. My blood will be on your head, William A. Brady. How different would have been my leave taking if you had been half a man. But you will know what it is to suffer and even at that I am sorry for you. I am full of suffering. My love to my friends."

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