



MURDER AND SUICIDE

Remented Woman Shoots Her Friend.

WELLESLEY GRADUATES

Both Were Teachers and Last Fall Decided to Open Finishing School for Girls.

DEED DONE AFTER RETIRING

The Young Woman Who Did the Shooting Had Been at a Sanitarium as the Result of Overwork—Both Dead When Found.

BOSTON, March 11.—A murder and suicide at the Laurens School, an exclusive finishing school for young women, was reported to the police today. The dead women are Miss Sarah Chamberlain Weed of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, and Miss Elizabeth Bailey Hardee, of East Savannah, Ga.

Each was about 35 years of age and they had been intimate friends since their graduation from Wellesley College, Miss Hardee receiving her diploma in 1894, while Miss Weed received hers a year later. Miss Hardee was an instructor in mathematics at Wellesley in 1899 and 1900, and since that time had been teaching in Vermont. Miss Weed had been teaching in various sections of the country. Last summer the two women decided to open a boarding school for girls on Audubon Road in the Fenway. On October 1, the day upon which the Laurens School, as they called it, was opened, Miss Weed broke down as the result of overwork and was taken to a sanitarium in West Newton, where she had since been under treatment for nervous prostration. While at the sanitarium Miss Weed had been subject to severe attacks of melancholia.

Last night she escaped from the sanitarium and made her way to the Laurens School. Miss Hardee volunteered to care for her during the night, pending her return to the sanitarium.

Miss Weed behaved in a peculiar manner, according to the teachers, wandering aimlessly about the school building and occasionally making some strange or incoherent remarks. At length, Miss Hardee persuaded Miss Weed to retire, and the demented woman followed her to her own chamber on the third floor of the school. When Miss Page, the matron of the school, went to Miss Hardee's room this morning to awaken her, she found both women dead in bed. Miss Hardee had been shot through the base of the brain and there was a bullet wound in Miss Weed's right temple. A revolver, with two chambers empty, was lying on Miss Weed's breast.

Medical Examiner Stedman, after viewing the bodies, declared that Miss Weed had committed suicide after having killed Miss Hardee. The pupils at the school, about 40 in number, are daughters of wealthy parents from all sections of the country.

JURY NOT COMPLETED.

NEW YORK, March 11.—When court adjourned today eleven jurors had been selected in the trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, who is being tried on charges preferred by a 15-year-old girl.

BOBS UP AGAIN.

Brownsville Episode is Again Under Discussion in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—A message from the President and the report of the committee on military affairs on the Brownsville affair consumed the time of the Senate during the early part of the session today. A brief debate brought out the statement by Warren, chairman of the committee on military affairs, that a bill will soon be introduced for the reinstatement of the discharged soldiers of the 25th regiment under certain conditions.

The pending currency bill was discussed by Clark of Arkansas, who declared he would vote for neither the Aldrich bill nor the Bailey substitute.

Consideration on the Panama transportation bill which was to have proceeded today, went over until tomorrow.

ANNA GOULD COMING HOME.

CHERBOURG, France, March 11.—Madame Anna Gould, accompanied by her three children sailed for America today on the steamer Adriatic.

PARIS, March 11.—It is reported here that Prince Helie de Sagan also sailed for the United States today but confirmation is lacking. It is known he took out a passport for America on Monday, but this is not significant, as a passport is one of the best evidences of identity for legal documents.

A LONG FIGHT WON

Letter Carriers Win Out for an Increase.

TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

An Amendment Was Introduced by Gobel Granting the Increase Was Adopted—House Also Allowed \$25,000 for Clerk in Third-class.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The determined and persistent assaults on the postoffice appropriation bill in the House today resulted in the amplification of that measure in many important parts, despite the protests of Chairman Overstreet and the committee. The letter carriers finally won their long fight for \$1200 salaries when an amendment was introduced by Gobel granting the same and was adopted. The House also allowed an additional \$25,000 for clerks in third-class offices where the salaries of postmasters range from one thousand to \$1200, and \$15,000 additional for contract stations. The prohibitionists also had their innings when through an amendment by Houston of Tennessee there was incorporated in the bill a provision prohibiting the transmission through the mails of intoxicating liquors which was later modified so as to include cocains and its derivatives. Altogether the appropriations carried by the bill were increased \$1,335,000. Consideration of the measure had not been concluded when the House adjourned.

SCHOOL ROOMS CLOSED.

CHICAGO, Mar. 11.—Because of violation of the fire ordinances the two upper floors of the St. Agnes School were closed summarily yesterday by order of Acting Building Commissioner Robert Knight.

Three other buildings out of the fifty or more inspected during the day were declared by members of the fire department to be in a condition which menaced the safety of their occupants. Two of these were public schools which have been reported as safe by school officials.

"PUBLIC WILL NEVER KNOW"

Cause Which Led to Estrangement.

MRS. THAW DEFENDANT

Not Necessary to go to the Court to Get Fees for the Counsel.

WELL SUPPLIED WITH MONEY

The Papers Served Today Briefly Recite That When the Couple Were Married That the Defendant Was a Lunatic.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Daniel O'Reilly, Evelyn Thaw's counsel, explained that the elder Mrs. Thaw was made a co-defendant because being next to kin she is technically the real defendant. The law presumes her son to be insane, and is therefore legally dead. As Mrs. Evelyn Thaw was leaving O'Reilly's office after attached her signature to the papers she was asked if she had made public the cause of the estrangement which led to the suit and she replied "No one will ever know." The papers served today briefly recite that when the couple were married on April 4, 1906, that the defendant was a lunatic and incapable of making a marriage contract. O'Reilly said he did not anticipate any trouble in obtaining from the defendant's counsel fees and alimony. A Russell Peabody, Thaw's counsel said it would not be necessary for Mrs. Thaw to go to court to get fees for counsel and alimony while the suit was pending. He said she had been getting money from Peabody since Harry had been confined and that she will continue to do so during the pendency of the suit. Peabody said he should fight the case upon instructions from his client. Peabody said the matter of a cash settlement had not been taken up.

An attempt was made tonight to serve Harry Thaw at the Mattewan Asylum with a copy of a summons and complaint in the action brought by Evelyn Thaw to annul their marriage. The messenger was admitted to the asylum with the documents but late tonight it became known that owing to a technicality the service was not completed. Dr. Lamb, superintendent of the institution, being Thaw's guardian, must also be served, it was explained. Learning this Thaw refused to accept the service and the process server returned to New York when another set of papers will be prepared and the service will be made upon Dr. Lamb and Thaw tomorrow. Late today Mrs. William Thaw, who is named as the co-defendant, was served at her hotel in this city.

FIREMEN INJURED.

CHICAGO, Mar. 11.—Fire, following an explosion in a building at 189 Fifth Avenue last night for a time threatened neighboring buildings and tied up several street car lines for two hours. It resulted in injury to several firemen from showers of falling glass and stone coping from the roof. Loss was \$50,000.

ITALIAN CAR TIED UP.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Mar. 11.—The sprint which the Italian car has been making to overcome the lead of the American car in the New York to Paris race ended a short distance

west of Paxton, Neb., 194 miles east of here last night, when the Italian racer dropped into a mud hole and broke a jack shaft.

A duplicate shaft should have been in the shipment awaiting the car here, but it could not be found, having been left out of the shipment. When the supplies here were being overhauled at the Union Pacific held a fast passenger train ten minutes expecting to have to carry the duplicate to the disabled car. Unless the duplicate shaft can be located the Italian car will be tied up at Paxton Nebraska, indefinitely. It was 48 miles behind the American car when the accident occurred.

PERMISSIVE BILL KILLED.

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 11.—The bill providing for the permissive system of direct nominating primaries, in accordance with the message of Gov. Hughes was practically killed last night when the assembly judiciary committee in executive session voted not to report it.

The permissive direct nominations bill embodied one of the recommendations upon which Gov. Hughes has been most insistent. He recommended it last year and the senate passed it, but it failed of passage in the assembly. The governor this year renewed his recommendation.

The action has revived the talk of an extra session, the general impression being that Gov. Hughes regards the proposition of sufficient importance to press its enactment by every constitutional means within his power.

PUTS UP BIG BAIL

Schmitz Has Thirty-Nine More Indictments to Answer.

HAD TO GIVE \$345,000 BAIL

District Attorney Langdon Would Not Say What Steps Would be Taken to Bring the Extortion Matter to the Present Grand Jury.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 11.—Eugene E. Schmitz, former mayor of this city, was released from jail here. He had been confined for the past ten months. He will be a free man until he again comes to bar of justice to face the 39 indictments which are still pending against him and upon which he had to furnish \$345,000 bail before being released from custody.

Pursuant to the order of the higher tribunal Judge Dunne of the superior court before whom Schmitz was tried and convicted, dismissed the indictment on the extortion cases and ordered Schmitz discharged, but at the same time he directed that the extortion cases be submitted to the new grand jury for the purpose of having a new indictment found.

District Attorney Langdon would not say last night what steps would be taken to bring the extortion matter to the attention of the present grand jury but it is possible after the court's suggestion that it will be laid before the inquisitorial body without loss of time.

KING GOES HOME.

BARCELONA, March 11.—After a two days' visit to this city King Alfonso tonight went from here to Madrid. Great crowds gathered on the streets and at the station to bid him farewell. No untoward incident marked the king's visit in Barcelona.

HOPPE DEFEATED.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Jacob Schaeffer tonight successfully defended his championship title as a billiard player at 18-inch balk line game, one shot in, defeating Willie Hoppe, 500 to 423.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Man Entangled in Barb Wire Fence.

HEAD NEARLY SEVERED

How He Got There or Who He Is Has Not Yet Been Ascertained.

HAD A TICKET TO DALLAS

Unknown Man Got Off Train at This Station Last Night, After Wandering Around he Disappeared—Found by Railroad Employees Barely Alive.

RENO, March 11.—A special to the Gazette from Imley, Nev., says with his head nearly severed from his body as the result of an entanglement with a barb wire fence, but still alive, the body of an unknown man was found this morning by the railroad employees. He was naked, covered with blood and unconscious. The man got off a train last night. He had a ticket for Dallas, Texas. He wandered around the station house some time and then disappeared.

CONTESTING THE WILL.

NEW YORK, Mar. 11.—Coming as a possible witness in the contest of the \$1,000,000 Colten estate Helen Margaret Beatrice Sacher, seven years old, in whose behalf the efforts to break the will of her great grandmother, Mrs. D. D. Colton, of Washington, are being made, arrived here from Europe yesterday on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie of the North German Lloyd Line. The Colton will, after bequeathing \$1,000 to the child, divided the remainder of the estate to Mrs. Caroline Dahlgren, the testatrix, only surviving daughter. The child claims one half of the estate. Her mother, who was the daughter of Miss Helen Thornton, a sister of Mrs. Dahlgren, died about three years ago.

SIGSBEE AND TESLA GUESTS.

NEW YORK, Mar. 11.—Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, retired and Nicholo Tesla were guests of honor at a dinner and reception given by the Entertainment Club last night. Nikola Tesla spoke on the future of warfare. He said:

"Mankind will eventually harness the waterfalls and transform this enormous pressure to energy and this will simplify warfare. Aerial vessels of war will be used to the exclusion of ships and with 10,000,000 tons of energy this country will be equipped to rout the civilized world. "I consider the greatest achievement of humanity will be wireless telephony, which may be operated throughout the globe."

OKLAHOMA FOR TAFT.

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 11.—Instructing them to "vote for any proposition favorable to the candidacy of Secretary Taft for presidency," the Republican state convention today elected four delegates at large to the Chicago convention.

PUNISHMENT ABOLISHED.

COLUMBUS, March 11.—The Senate today passed a bill abolishing capital punishment.

DRUNKEN BRUTE.

Poured Boiling Water Over Wife And Children.

CHICAGO, Mar. 11.—A band of farmers residing along the lake shore between Wintrop Harbor, Ill., and Kenosha, Wis., armed themselves with shotguns, revolvers and corn knives and patrolled the lake shore yesterday searching from Christian Rasmussen, a farmer of the town of Pleasant Prairie, Wis., who is charged with schalding his wife and children.

Rasmussen is reported to have gone home in a drunken frenzy Monday night and heating a large kettle of water to have gone to the room occupied by his son, four years of age, and his daughter nine years old, and deliberately poured the boiling water over the children.

FRISCO SHORT LINE.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 11.—Articles of incorporation of the Los Angeles & San Francisco Short Line R. R. Company, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000 of which about 20 per cent. is secured, were filed here yesterday. The purpose of the company is to build a line to San Francisco, cutting off almost 100 miles from the distance covered by any of the roads now constructed between here and Northern city. The line has already been surveyed. It is said that eastern capitalists are behind the proposition. The incorporation deny all connection with the Western Pacific.

CATHLAMET HORROR

Columbia Hotel Burns With Two of Its Guests.

S. MCCOY AND J. L. SHEETS

Fire Developed in Early Morning Hours and Was Too Fierce for Successful Handling—Loss About \$5000—Details Are Lacking.

This city was shocked yesterday morning by the intelligence that the cozy little city of Cathlamet, on the Washington shore of the Columbia, had been visited by a fire in which two lives were sacrificed; and eager inquiry during the day developed the truth to a point that excited the deepest interest and sympathy here. It seems that the leading hotel of the place, the Columbia, caught fire in the basement a little after 1 o'clock yesterday morning, just when the house and town were in the depths of quietude and least likely to discovery or successful subjugation, and before the inmates could be aroused, had gained a headway that nearly baffled the entire group in the rush for safety.

It was a frame structure three stories in height and 50 by 100 in dimensions and burned like tinder until the last fragment of it was in cinders, and from the best sources of information was caused by a defective flue, the original spark having ignited material that smoldered until the unpropitious moment of its ruinous expansion and dreadful results. There were in the neighborhood of 21 guests in the house aside from the family of the proprietor, William Oxman (who had but recently purchased the property), and all succeeded in making their escape, minus everything but what they slept in, and glad even of that issue from an appalling danger, except two men, Col. J. L. Sheets, a well known citizen of the lower Columbia, and Sidney McCoy, a drummer, both of whom were asleep on the second floor of the building and who it is thought, were overcome by smoke while they slept, or at least too late to make a successful struggle against