

BERT IS SHOT BY WHOM? USED CAT TO KILL WIFE

President of the Pacific Baseball League Seriously Wounded in Doorway With His Own Revolver.

SEVERAL STORIES TOLD BY DIFFERENT PERSONS

Wife Says as He Opened the Door Some One Pressed Pistol Against Him and Fired—Old Friend Ventures Opinion and Hints at Possibility of Attempted Suicide.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) San Francisco, July 15.—About 7:30 o'clock this morning Eugene F. Bert, the well known attorney, ex-state senator and president of the Pacific Coast Baseball league, while standing on the sun porch of his residence at 1223 1/2 California street, received a gunshot wound which the police believe was self-inflicted with suicidal intent.

He now lies in a precarious condition. The bullet entered the left breast and perforated the lungs, passed through the body to the small of the back. It has been extracted. Tonight the sufferer was resting easily, but his physicians do not disguise their opinion that his case is critical.

Considerable mystery surrounds the shooting. On Friday night Bert went home about midnight, and, according to his wife's statement, said something about two men having followed him home and standing outside the house.

Revolver Lay Near Him. He then retired. About 7:30 o'clock in the morning he rose and, coming from his room in his night garb, said he had heard a noise at the back porch and was going to see what was up. A few minutes later he sat on a chair in the kitchen with the blood flowing from a wound in his throat. A few feet from the chair lay a .25-caliber pistol with the chamber discharged. Shortly afterward he fainted from loss of blood, and though during the day he rallied sufficiently to talk to his wife and friends, he could give no very coherent account of what had occurred.

The affair was rendered all the more mysterious by the attitude taken by Mrs. Bert, who, although she had been present at the shooting, did her best to hush up the matter; so that the day was far advanced before any information concerning the shooting reached police headquarters. Detective Gilbert was sent at once to the house, and at first Mrs. Bert denied that there had been any shooting at all. Later she admitted what had taken place and told the story to the detectives and the newspaper men.

And here comes further mystery. (Continued on Page Six.)

Police Theory is That Frederick Carlton Secured Tetanus Serum From Animal and Injected It into Wife.

MATRIMONIAL BROKER IS HELD FOR TWO MURDERS

Got Rich Girls to Marry Him, Insured Their Lives, After Which They Died of Tetanus—Needle in Wife's Slipper May Explain Cause of One Death.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) New York, July 15.—The whole machinery of the country was put to work today in the efforts to find out the true operations of Frederick Carlton, who, although suspected of having murdered two wives, is being held in the Raymond Street jail, Brooklyn, in default of a bond of \$1,500, upon the purely nominal charge that he swindled a companion out of \$195.

Captain Condon of the Fulton street police station, who has in his possession three trunks and valises and a medicine case belonging to the prisoner, is prepared to rearrest him on more serious charges if he secures a bondsman. Developments today were of such a sensational nature that Inspector Cross assigned 16 detectives to work upon the case.

Letters and pictures found in Carlton's trunk are said to have furnished the information that gave basis for a rigid investigation into the suspicions of murder. The addresses of 39 New York women who have been in confidential correspondence with Carlton are in the possession of Inspector Cross and detectives were sent out tonight to secure interviews with them.

Coroner Fishery issued 26 blank subpoenas for possible witnesses. It is said Inspector Cross sent 50 telegrams to other cities, thus putting into operation the concerted effort of the whole country in the efforts to verify the suspicions entertained against Carlton.

In Matrimonial Business. From the contents of his trunk it was learned that Carlton was affiliated in one way or another with at least 15 matrimonial agencies scattered all over the country. In this connection he has received scores of pictures of marriageable young women and widows, and a peculiar part of the correspondence is that Carlton retained only those letters from women with money.

His alleged affiliations with matrimonial get-rich-quick schemes in New York, Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco are being investigated. Albert Maguire, who introduced Carlton to the latter's first known wife, a Miss Smyth of Cypress Hills, and

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THEY'VE GOT TO GO AT LAST.

LIGHT TURNED ON FRAUD

District Attorney Haney Gives Glimpse of Revelations to Come in Blue Mountain Conspiracy Cases.

EVIDENCE EXCLUDED FROM PRESENT TRIAL

Gesner and Biggs Under Briak Fire on the Witness Stand Contradict Flatly Much of the Prosecution's Witnesses—Deny Wrong Intent.

Like a flash of a searchlight came developments yesterday in the trial of Congressman Williamson and his co-defendants in the federal court, which indicate the extent of the land frauds in Oregon and the intimate connection between the revelations already made and those which are to come. Cross-examination of the defendants in the pending trial by the prosecuting attorney, F. J. Haney, gave unmistakable suggestion that the government is in possession of evidence indicating that the Crook county timber deals of Congressman Williamson and his partner, Dr. Van Gesner, were but a small part of their land operations and that both of them were interested in the school land speculations within the Blue mountain reserve.

The first definite knowledge of the huge scope of the frauds by which timber and land speculators have stolen immense areas of public land in Oregon was afforded by the investigation of the federal grand jury which have held sessions in Portland within the past year. This knowledge was supplemented by the grand jury of Marion county which concluded its work about two months ago, and which brought in several indictments for frauds in connection with the state school lands.

From the evidence that has been made public it appears that in 1902, while Biggs, Hornum and Gesner were commissioners of the general land office, a number of land speculators gained advance information in regard to the withdrawal of lands embraced within the proposed Blue mountain reserve. This information was supposed to be rigidly guarded, secret of the land department. The news that the reserve was to be created was not made public until July 25, 1902, but a day or two before that date many thousands of acres of school lands within the boundaries of the proposed reserve were suddenly taken up by speculators under circumstances strongly suggesting that they had received a secret tip as to the withdrawal of the lands.

The Go-Getter. As the result of the information received by the federal grand jury, an indictment was returned charging Senator Mitchell, Congressman Williamson and Hornum, S. A. D. Futer, State Senator Mays, Horace McKinley and others with conspiracy to defraud the government of land within the reserve. Evidence has been secured by the Marion county grand jury that a lawyer named Boggs, who was in the office of United States Commissioner Giesler at Prineville, was instrumental in making many of these purchases of school lands within the reserve and it is the theory of the government officials that he was the secret agent of Williamson and Gesner.

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FAIR GATES TO OPEN AT TEN O'CLOCK TODAY

An order was issued by President Goode of the Lewis and Clark Exposition corporation last night directing the opening of ticket selling booths today at 10 a. m. instead of 1 p. m. as on previous Sundays. The order of the day follows: 11 a. m.—Exhibit buildings, except government buildings and Trail open. 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.—Concert by Liberati's band, bandstand, Gray boulevard. 3 p. m.—Sermon in Auditorium by Rev. James W. Lee, D. D., of St. Louis. 1:30 to 3 p. m.—Concert by Sherman Institute band, Centennial park. 4:30 to 6 p. m.—Concert by Sherman Institute band, California building. 6 p. m.—Exhibit buildings close. 10 to 10 p. m.—Grand concert by Liberati's band, bandstand, Gray boulevard. 8 p. m.—Grand electrical illumination.

RIPARIA LINE WILL BE BUILT

Contracts Let by the O. R. & N. Company for Extension to Lewiston, Idaho. Two Hundred Miles of Work Laid Out. As Much More Projected by Various Lines in Oregon—Elgin-Joseph Extension to Tap Wallawa Country is Announced.

Including the Riparia-Lewiston-Grangeville extension into Idaho, the region of which is directly tributary to Portland, Oregon has a total of about 400 miles of new railroad under construction or officially announced for this year, as follows: Elgin to Joseph, announced, 64 miles, by O. R. & N.; Arlington to Coon, 25 miles, just being completed by the same company; Great Southern, from The Dalles to Dufur, 34 miles, under construction; The Weed road into Klamath county, 60 miles, announced; Medford & Crater Lake railroad, 23 miles under construction from Medford to Eagle Point; Oregon Water Power & Railway company extension to Troutdale, 7 1/2 miles, announced; Portage road, 8 1/2 miles, to Big Eddy, completed, and 2 1/2 miles extension to The Dalles, announced; Portland to Forest Grove, 25 miles, under construction by Oregon Traction company; Riparia-Lewiston-Grangeville extension of the O. R. & N. and the Northern Pacific, 55 miles, contracts being let; extension of Columbia Valley Railway company, five miles, under construction; Lewiston to Grangeville, electric, 90 miles, announced.

The Harriman people, in the construction work they are completing and beginning this year, add about \$3,000,000 to their railroad investment in Oregon. In addition nearly \$4,000,000 will be spent in construction of lines now assured in this state and Idaho. This is not counting the proposed extension of the Columbia Southern to Shaniko, 80 miles, to which the Harriman people have been considered infirm miraculously recovered their motive power. The Southern California hospital also received a severe shaking up.

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Locomotive Explodes. (Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) San Bernardino, Cal., July 15.—Engine No. 962 exploded near McCannico, Arizona, east of Needles, at 4 o'clock this morning, and the crew, Engineer F. C. Copeland and Fireman C. E. Bryant, were killed. No cause is assigned. (Continued on Page Seven.)

BOXES TORN FROM CONCERT HALLS

Women Performers Given Notice That Services Are No Longer Required. SALOONMEN TOO BOW DOWN TO THE NEW LAW. Latter, However, Surrender With Bad Grace and Declare Ordinance Will Be Made So Obnoxious as to Force Its Repeal by Council.

Saloon and concert hall men have thrown up their hands and surrendered. Tonight not a box will be seen at any concert hall in the city and not a performance at any except the Orpheum, where in future only soft drinks are to be sold. August Erickson took out all his boxes several days ago. The female orchestra only has been retained, as Erickson says that it will not be a violation of the law to keep women in his concert hall for such a purpose if no performance is given by women.

Fritz Drops Vandeville. "No more performances will be given by us after 1 o'clock this morning," said Fritz. "A number of performers have just arrived here from San Francisco and we had to turn them down." Blasier Brothers have removed the boxes at both their Burnside and First street establishments. Every woman performing for them was notified last night that her engagement would cease at 1 o'clock this morning.

At the Mace cafe, conducted by Shapiro & Lake, all the boxes in the rear have been closed. It was announced last night that no more performances are to be given. Carpenters were busy at the Orpheum theatre all day yesterday. The door from the saloon downstairs into the auditorium has been closed and fastened with wooden cleats. A side entrance was cut into the auditorium through a brick wall on Stark street.

Only Soft Drinks. "After 1 o'clock this morning," said Manager Simons, "the saloon and theatre will be located in the same building, and that is all. Not a drink will be sold from the saloon to anybody in the theatre. At the bar upstairs only soft drinks will be served. This arrangement will allow us to continue our performances. If we find it a losing game we will either turn the theatre into a so-called legitimate house or go out of business."

GENERAL BLACKMAR'S RECOVERY IMPOSSIBLE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal) Boise, Idaho, July 15.—Doctors Maxwell and Springer, who held a consultation over General Blackmar, grand commander of the G. A. R., state the disease is chronic intestinal nephritis, a form of Bright's disease of the kidneys, which is the cause of his present prostration. They doubt if the general will ever arise from his sickbed. Recovery is thought to be impossible, and his family has been informed. General Blackmar was on his way to Portland on a tour of inspection of the Grand Army posts of the northwest, which was to include a trip to Alaska. He was suddenly stricken while in this city, and although it was thought he would recover in time to sail north on the date scheduled, subsequent developments in his condition caused the cancellation of the Alaskan trip. Hopes of his early recovery were entertained until today.

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WILD HORSES ON FRENZIED RAMPAGE WRECK HOUSE AND INJURE MANY

Men Caught by Violous Animals and Tossed, Children Pursued and Baby Nearly Killed—Beast Climbs Stairs and Smashes Everything in Sight.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) New York, July 15.—Two wild horses completely wrecked a Brooklyn house today, after nearly killing a baby and wounding several other children. After the animals had been on the loose for an hour it took the residents of the lower Fulton street street, a group of carpenters, 100 feet of plank, truck, hundreds of yards of rope and stokes and two truck horses to remove one of the horses from the scene. That no one was killed outright by the ferocious beasts, who bit and kicked and smashed floors, ceilings and windows, was the marvel of the strange affair. When they got through with their work they looked as if some one had exploded a dynamite bomb under it. The two horses, Bob and Tim, as the pair of coal blacks as ever came from the west, were in a consignment of horses received a week ago. Robert Fenter, a stable hand, took the new horses out to accustom them to the noise of the city. A trolley car was along with its bell clanging, and that was too much for the horses.

Threw Driver Twisting Neck. Bob, with a mighty swing of his head, flung Fenter bodily and threw him 25 feet across the street, landing him on his head. He was found later unconscious with his neck and shoulders badly bruised. The animal made a bee line for 214 York street, where Nicholas Lisle, a cooper, has a store, and lives with his wife and baby. There are two entrances, one leading into the main building and another side entrance leading to the back of the house. In the rear entrance Little Marietta, the 23-month-old baby, was lying in a baby carriage. As the horses reached the house Tim broke away and entered the side door, landed on the baby carriage, upsetting it and smashing it to pieces. The next then deliberately jumped up and down on the wreck, breaking the child's head, and cutting his head in a dozen places as he injured his back. Tim then kicked in the side of the house, and

SEISMIC DISTURBANCES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Houses Crack Open, Buildings Sway and People Panic-Stricken at San Bernardino

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) San Bernardino, Cal., July 15.—The heaviest earthquake shock in years occurred here this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Buildings shook and swayed as though made of pasteboard, brick and stone walls were cracked, pictures on the walls were loosened and came clattering to the floors and dishes in china closets were scattered and broken.

The people were frightened from their houses and poured into the yards and streets. Three distinct shocks following rapidly one after the other were felt, each lasting two to three seconds. At the county hospital the pictures were dislodged and some of the inmates who have been considered infirm miraculously recovered their motive power. The Southern California hospital also received a severe shaking up.

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