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## ATLANTIC MURDERERS COMMIT SUICIDE

### GERMANY WILL STAND BY AMERICAN POLICY

#### Kaiser Said to Have Had Understanding With President Roosevelt Relative to Far Eastern Situation—Sensational Charges Against Great Britain

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Nov. 20.—Another sensation has been created here by the publication of what purports to be the exact interview secured by Dr. William Bayard Hale, the distinguished clergyman, traveler and writer, from Kaiser William, on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern at Bergen, Norway, July 19, and which was announced to appear in the December number of the Century Magazine, but was later suppressed through the efforts of the German government.

The story printed here says the emperor talked with Dr. Hale several hours and that he was very bitter against England and full of the "yellow peril."

Traitor to White Men.

The synopsis of the interview printed here says that the kaiser declared England was traitor to the white man's cause and predicted that she would ultimately lose some of her colonies through her treaty with Japan.

The invitation to the American fleet of battleships to visit New Zealand and Australia was intended to serve notice on England that those colonies were with the white man and not with the renegade mother country. The British colonies would show by the ardor of their reception that they understood the situation. The emperor declared that Japan was even then fomenting insurrection in India. This insurrection might break out within six months. Germany and the United States would, however, find a solution of the eastern question.

There was a complete understanding between Emperor William and President Roosevelt on this point, the kaiser said. They intended to divide the east against itself by becoming the recognized friends of China. Negotiations had been progressing favorably for months.

Guarantee Protection. A very high Chinese official, the emperor said, would soon visit Germany and America. Later, terms would be made known guaranteeing the protection and integrity of China and the open door.

Every statesman now realized, the emperor declared, that Russia in her great struggle with Japan was really fighting the white man's cause—fighting it miserably. The emperor expressed sympathy with Russia, remarking how different the result would have been if the burden of carrying the

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### JUDGE VAN ZANTE TO MARRY

#### Goes to Iowa to Wed Boyhood Sweetheart Who Has Waited for Many Years.

John Van Zante, police judge, a supposedly confirmed bachelor, who recently announced he would perform no more marriage ceremonies, left Portland last night for Pella, Iowa, where—

He is to be married!

The marriage of John Van Zante, farmer, carpenter, mill hand, little of everything, lawyer and judge, is as romantic a story as ever finds its way into a novel. Away back on the farm in Iowa, 30 years ago, John Van Zante, then a boy of 13, working on his father's farm, walked to and from the country school, by the side of Rachael Van Domselaar, the pride of the village. Not long afterwards Mr. Van Zante was under his arm. It was then that the first ties of friendship began to form. Finally, the boy, dissatisfied with the opportunities of farm life at Pella, and determined to provide a home fit for his bride to be, came west and went to work in a sawmill, laboring from early morning till 6 in the evening and studying law in his room at night.

Recognition Comes at Last.

At last the dreams of his boyhood began to materialize. He was admitted to the Oregon bar and began practicing law with a partner and hanging out the shingle, Johnson & Van Zante. Not long afterwards Mr. Van Zante was chosen county chairman of the local Democratic forces and it was while acting in that capacity that he first became known to the citizens of Portland. During all this time his aim was to make of himself a man of sufficient means and prominence to entitle him to become the husband of his loved one back in Iowa. Now and then he returned to visit the old folks at home and it was just after his last trip, when the final arrangements were made, more than two years ago, that he ran for county judge against J. R. Webster and came dangerously near being elected.

Mr. Van Zante was appointed judge of the municipal court by Mayor Lane last July when Judge George J. Cameron assumed the office of district attorney and has acted in that position since then, until today, when it was

### SEVEN KILLED IN COLLISION

#### Suburban Train on C. B. & Q. Strikes Handcar Full of Workmen.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Seven section hands on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad were killed today when a suburban train collided with a handcar 17 miles west of here. The officials of the railroad say the handcar was on the wrong track. The train rounded a curve and came upon the handcar so suddenly that the engineer did not have time to slow up or the section hands to jump in time to save their lives. When the women passengers saw the

### BRISTOL WILL BE AGAINST LATHAN

#### Requisition Matter at Salem Awaits Arrival of Former Federal Prosecutor, Who Will Urge Return of Chauffeur to California.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Salem, Or., Nov. 20.—Detective Charles Goff of San Francisco arrived on the morning overland train with a requisition from the governor of California for the extradition of Alexander S. Lathan, Abe Ruef's chauffeur, charged with bribery, and an important witness in the graft prosecution. Lathan is under arrest at Portland.

Though anxious to go on to Portland for his prisoner, Goff has not yet presented his papers to Governor Chamberlain.

Word was received from Dan R. Murphy that he would like to be heard on behalf of Lathan.

W. C. Bristol, former federal prosecuting attorney at Portland, and L. H. McMahon of Salem will represent the state of California and incidentally the graft prosecution. As Bristol cannot leave for Salem before noon, the hearing before the governor cannot be had until late this afternoon. Meanwhile Goff retains the papers.

It is doubtful if the requisition will be honored unless it is clearly shown that Lathan is charged legally with a crime, for the extradition of a witness merely is not provided for by law.

There is no appeal from the governor's decision, in any event. Goff states that the charge against Lathan is for a bonafide felony under the California law. Bribery is the crime alleged.

approaching accident, many of them fainting. The engine hit the handcar squarely, throwing it high into the air. Three of the section hands were killed instantly. The others were thrown high into the air and were dead when they hit the ground.

### Be Loyal to Community Interests

"The Journal's efforts toward arousing enthusiastic push by Oregon people for home products is a move in that direction which makes for prosperity of the individual, community and territory," said G. M. Brown, president of the Hazelwood Cream company.

"An individual loyal to his own community means a desirable citizen. It means more. It means an upbuilder and inducer of prosperity. But many of the outside produced necessities are accepted by the most loyal through ignorance of identifying names of local production; therefore, a generous advertising, calling attention to home lines, is as incumbent on the manufacturer, as that the 'home-made' shall have the preference of the purchaser.

"Loyalty to community interests is but a broader phase of that sentiment known as 'love of family.'"

### PINCHOT FOR WILSON'S JOB



#### Taft Said to Have Offered to Make Forester a Secretary.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Nov. 20.—It is stated here today on apparently good authority that Forester Gifford Pinchot has been offered the post of secretary of agriculture in President Taft's cabinet and that it is almost certain he will accept. It is stated also that Overton W. Price, at present assistant forester, has been selected as Pinchot's successor in the office of forester.

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### JILTED LOVER USES AX AS WEAPON

#### Will Grandjean Attacks and Wounds Carrie Swofford With Cleaver and Then Drinks Carbohic Acid, Believing Himself Murderer.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Inflamed by jealousy and whiskey, Will Grandjean this morning attempted to murder his sweetheart, Carrie Swofford, with a meatax, then believing that he had accomplished his terrible purpose, rushed upstairs to his room and committed suicide by drinking carbohic acid.

The woman, though suffering from a fearful gash in the head, and with her ring driven so deeply into her finger that it was necessary to cut the gold band off, is not dangerously wounded. Dr. George W. Fausch, who was called to attend her, says there is nothing to fear.

The crime was evidently premeditated. Grandjean having threatened to kill the woman. A man whose name the police have not yet been able to learn, who was with Grandjean at his yesterday and early this morning made the statement that the suicide told him this morning, "I'm going to kill that red-headed devil before he gets before night."

Grandjean, before committing the crime, stole from the woman he tried to kill the carbohic acid with which he afterward killed himself.

It was the old story of love, jealousy and whiskey. Grandjean had been going to work in the lumbering business for six months, but he evidently tired of him and of late has been going about with another man. Grandjean brooded over this and working himself up to the state of rage which resulted in his attempt to kill his sweetheart.

Woman Is a Cook. Carrie Swofford, the injured woman, is the cook at the Terminal hotel, 36 Knott street, where the tragedy occurred. Grandjean was a painter, but had been out of work for some time. She had evidently encouraged him in his love for her, as a letter found among his effects and signed "Carrie," written from Seaside on July 26, calls him "My loved one" and closes with "love and kisses from your own Carrie."

It is probable that only the heroism of another woman, Mrs. Shepherd, dining-room girl at the hotel, prevented Grandjean from finishing his work and murdering Carrie Swofford. Mrs. Shepherd rushed up to the struggling pair and seized the hatchet and endeavored to wrest it from Grandjean's grasp, saying as she did so, "If you do again, I'll use the hatchet on you." Her bravery calmed the crazed man to relinquish his grasp on the weapon and flee.

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### AUTO PLUNGES; TWO DROWNED

#### Man and Woman Victims of Accident at Chicago; Six Survive.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Racing along at terrific speed, an automobile containing four men and four women plunged into the Calumet river today. Joseph Meyer, 22 years of age, the chauffeur, and Margaret Atkins, 20 years of age, were drowned.

The accident occurred in a remote section of the city. The auto, with four chauffeurs and four women they had invited for a ride, plunged from a 25-foot embankment into the river, after the car had swerved as it neared a bridge. The six survivors were rescued with difficulty.

### BANK PRESIDENT YIELDS FORTUNE

#### Kansas Man Volunteers Depositors' Guarantee Act of His Own.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Fort Scott, Kan., Nov. 20.—The First National bank of this city closed its doors today on the order of President Grant Hornaday and the Washington authorities have been requested to appoint a receiver. The liabilities are stated to be \$662,000 and the books report the assets to be worth \$789,000. The capital stock is \$100,000.

President Hornaday is reputed to be a millionaire. He has declared that his whole private fortune will be used to protect the bank depositors from loss.

### PLAN TO BUY BACK WASTED TIMBER LANDS

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### THREE SHAPES OF DEATH AT ONCE

#### Fifteen Workmen Perish at Brooklyn as Explosion, Fire and Avalanche Combine at Bottom of 25-Foot Pit in the Street.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 20.—Fifteen persons were killed and hundreds of others were imperiled today when a gas main exploded 25 feet beneath the level of the street where workmen were engaged in the construction of a sewer. A great hole was torn in the street. A mass of heavy planking caught fire and the earth that fell away from the sides of the sewer ditch carried several victims down into the flames before they could be rescued.

A water main in the lower levels of the excavation broke and the seepage loosened the earth from under the timbers on both sides of the street until the houses tottered on the edge of the pit of fire.

Twenty-one workmen were in the sewer ditch when the explosion occurred. The hole was 25 feet wide and 25 feet deep.

A considerable portion of the lower levels of the ditch had evidently been filled with gas from a leaking gas main and it is thought a spark from a workman's pipe ignited the gas.

There was a flash and the foremost workman, who was the only one to escape, was blown to atoms. The heavy planking, used to bolster up the earth on the sides of the excavation, caught fire immediately, the flames being fanned by the gas from the broken gas main.

Then the water main broke and the seepage carried down the sides of the excavation and raised the street for nearly a block sank into the trench, hurling tons of debris onto the workmen, who were struggling to get out, crushing them. Earth and solid rock slid forward from the foundations of the houses lining the street, leaving them tottering on the edge.

There was a panic in every house on the block, most of which were tenements, thickly crowded. The police in the neighborhood hurried the tenants out and a hurry call brought more police and firemen.

Rescues Brought to Death. Samuel Prout while passing the block saw a woman and her child sliding into the burning abyss just after the explosion and rushed to save the lives. He slipped and fell into the flames and was roasted to a crisp before the eyes of hundreds of persons. Prout was the only body recovered. The woman and her child clung to the charred end of a plank and were rescued by firemen.

Prout's wife was with him at the time he gave his life trying to save the woman and child, and it was with difficulty that the police were able to restrain her from leaping into the fire after him. She is in a state of complete collapse.

Saved by Way of Sewer. Four workmen in a tiny compartment of the excavation had a miraculous escape from death. They were saved, when the explosion brought timbers hurtling into the hole, by a girder that fell crosswise just above them. Just before the fire reached them they managed to burrow into the completed sewer and waded and swam four blocks to the river, where they escaped, unhurt but nearly dead from inhaling vile gases.

### COSGROVE NOT DOING SO WELL

#### Friends and Attendants Under Apprehension as to the Outcome.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paso Robles Hot Springs, Cal., Nov. 20.—The condition of Governor-elect S. G. Cosgrove of Washington is the cause of some apprehension today, as he is showing practically no improvement. He is suffering from Bright's disease, and it is believed his condition is serious. He showed signs of improvement when he first arrived here, but the case is not so satisfactory, as it was hoped it might soon become.

### FRENCH CRUISER GOES AGROUND

#### Conde Strikes Off Coast of Corsica During Maneuvers—Situation Is Critical.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, Nov. 20.—The French cruiser Conde was grounded off Jania, Corsica, today during the naval maneuvers. Her condition is reported as critical, and it is doubtful if she can be saved.

### OREGONIAN'S SCATHING COMMENT ON MEN WHO BROKE THEIR WORD

Legislators' pledges to their constituents were regarded by the Oregonian in 1895 as sacred and binding. Two members of the Multnomah delegation gave verbal promises in advance of their nomination and election that they would vote for J. N. Dolph for United States senator. These promises they did not keep. Following is the comment of the Oregonian, in an editorial published February 1, 1895:

"Of all the cheap, stinking creatures who ever entered the legislative body through false pretenses and base lies, they are easily chief. These creatures never had any consideration before, never will have again; they eagerly embrace the only opportunity of their lives to be infamous through misrepresentation of those who elected them. The cheap varieties, base creatures, they cannot even live in Multnomah county hereafter, because nobody will trust them. Those who now applaud their course and approve their treason and infamy voted against them to the last man. Multnomah will not be betrayed again."