

# BRITONS RAGE OVER RUIZ MYSTERY

## American Money Flowed, Maybe, to Seal Lips That Law Says Shall Be Open—Withering Publicity Impends Over Scandal.

(Herald News by Longest Leased Wire.) London, June 12.—The Ruiz mystery has assumed a graver phase than being the theme of a newspaper sensation; it has risen to the level of a matter of state. The English government cares nothing about the life of Mary Agnes O'Brien Ruiz, daughter of a St. Agnes hotelmaker, some time wife of a Cuban diplomat and supposed cause of the Alfred G. Vanderbilt divorce, but it cares a great deal about the death of Mrs. Ruiz, connected with the death of Mrs. Ruiz. It wants to know why the fact that Mrs. Ruiz died by her own hand in a splendid house in Grosvenor street was concealed, why the report of the coroner's inquest was kept out of the papers, why the funeral was a strange and secret ceremonial and why all those connected with the affair make a mystery out of what was only a plain, ordinary tragedy.

Moreover, the British government wants to know whether it is the fact that some very rich outsider—some very rich American—has interfered with British institutions and has suppressed the reports of officials by the plain process of bribery.

**Right to Be Let in Everywhere.**  
So serious does the government consider the situation that the question of criminal suppression of facts will in all probability be brought, by interpellation, before the house of commons.

When this is done this astonishing thing will happen, that instead of concealing the tragic death of Mrs. Ruiz, those who thought to do so will find themselves in the glare of an international publicity which will reveal not only everything which interested parties sought to hide, but which will bring into the limelight many other things that never would have been known. It will be the upset of a plan so complete as to be historical.

**Mr. Williamson, Factotum.**  
This evening the Herald news service correspondent found Charles Francis Williamson, the Paris-American who has been acting throughout the Ruiz mystery for his unknown principal. Williamson is the man who engaged the Grosvenor street mansion for Mrs. Ruiz, the house of tragedy, rearing it from Grosvenor & Boyd, the real estate agents, who have an office in Piccadilly, opposite Gloucester house, where A. G. Vanderbilt has palatial apartments. It was Williamson who arranged all the funeral details, and who, it is suspected, arranged the elaborate hall of scenery which was drawn over the tragedy after Mrs. Ruiz's suicide.

Williamson was found by the reporter at a fashionable London hotel. He is a fragile American, who has lived in Paris long enough to have acquired a slight French accent. When the Herald news service reporter approached him he seemed elated to see a fellow-American, but when the reporter said: "You are the Mr. Williamson who attended to all of Mrs. Ruiz's affairs in London," Mr. Williamson perceptibly stiffened.

**Interested in the Weather.**  
"I beg your pardon," he said. "We believe," said the reporter, "that you are the man who arranged all the details of the funeral, are you not," asked the reporter.  
"I don't know what you are talking about. It is wonderfully rainy weather here, is it not?"  
"To all further questions Mr. Williamson replied with remarks about the weather and the horse show."

Williamson as a Handy Man.  
Later the reporter telephoned the Vanderbilt flat.  
"Has Mr. Williamson called on Mr. Vanderbilt today?"  
"No," the servant replied. "Mr. Williamson has not been in yet."  
"Do you expect him soon?"  
"I don't know when Mr. Williamson will be in."  
It was apparent from this that the servants of Mr. Vanderbilt's house knew who Mr. Williamson was. The Herald news service learns tonight from Paris that Mr. Williamson is

well known there as the confidential agent of many American millionaire art buyers, including James Hazen Hyde. It was also stated in Paris, after the newspapers had published the details of the Ruiz mystery, that Mr. Williamson left Paris for London immediately.

A story obtains in London to the effect that another woman was the cause of the final quarrel which led to the Ruiz suicide. She is said to be a French woman, but all efforts today to discover her identity with precision failed.

The further investigations are carried into this mysterious affair the more it is apparent that some expert hand with an abundance of money at command is at work to prevent all the details of the tragedy becoming public. All efforts to preserve this secrecy may fail, however, because, as has been stated, it is probable the question will be asked in the house of commons on Monday by a member who will want to know how it is possible for any person to prevent publicity of the verdict of a coroner's jury.

Apart from the coming legislative inquiry the London newspapers are beginning to ask how it is possible for a wealthy man to shroud the result of a coroner's verdict with secrecy.

The Herald News Service secured tonight from a witness of the lonely funeral in Kendal Green cemetery, the following details of the sad ceremony: At 10 o'clock on a dismal Friday morning two taxicabs drove up to the undertaker's and from them alighted three men and a woman, the latter being undoubtedly Miss Caney, Mrs. Ruiz's companion. They brought with them magnificent wreaths and crosses of orchids and other costly flowers. Three minutes later the coffin was lowered and the hearse, but one was dismissed.

**FIRST INQUEST NEWS PRINTED IN LLOYD'S NEWS THIS SUUNDAY**  
(United Press Leased Wire.) London, June 12.—(Sunday)—The first details published here of the coroner's inquest into the death of Mrs. Ruiz mysteriously at her fashionable home here on May 16, are printed in Lloyd's this morning. The details establish the suicide of Mrs. Ruiz beyond a doubt, and relate the circumstances of her death. That Mrs. Ruiz's mind was deranged by her affection for an American millionaire is the suggestion carried throughout the Lloyd story of the inquest.

Charles F. Williamson, an agent who resides in Paris, testified that he saw the body of the dead woman for some time. He said Mrs. Ruiz had lately suffered much from ill health, and had been taken to a sanatorium for some time. He said her entire mental attitude had become depressed and that she complained of inability to sleep.

Elizabeth Caney, companion of Mrs. Ruiz, corroborated the testimony of Williamson regarding Mrs. Ruiz's depression and her habit of staying in bed for some time before getting up. She said she had been taking tablets to overcome her sleeplessness.

On the day of her death, Mrs. Caney said, Mrs. Ruiz seemed extraordinarily depressed. She did not leave her bed but had a cup of tea brought to her room. Later when Mrs. Caney answered the bell in her room Mrs. Ruiz looked pale and ill. Mrs. Caney became alarmed and summoned a physician, who said that at that time she did not know that Mrs. Ruiz had shot herself.

Dr. J. B. Langston testified that he had found a revolver lying beside the woman on the bed and a bullet wound in her breast. The revolver shot, although several of the witnesses testified that she was undoubtedly self-inflicted. He asked Mrs. Ruiz why she had shot herself, but she received no reply. The doctor said Mrs. Ruiz lived for four hours after he was called in.

Servants who testified said they heard no revolver shot, although several of them were in rooms near the bedroom of their mistress.

# THREE CANOES 3 RECEIVERS IN 8 DAYS AT COLTAX

## Lionel Rathbone, Sailor Apprentice, Drowns in River When Rescue Is Near—Accident Witnessed From the Morrison Bridge.

At a moment when rescue was close at hand, Lionel Rathbone, an English sailor apprentice, sank into the depths of the Willamette near the Morrison bridge, at about 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon. While Rathbone was struggling for his life, two other canoes tipped over in the same vicinity, but their occupants were rescued without difficulty.

The river steamer Hustler, towing a barge, was proceeding up the river when Rathbone with Eugene Hemeiryk, an apprentice from the British ship Glenalvon, were paddling the canoe that capsized. Hemeiryk clung to the bottom of the canoe, but Rathbone decided to swim to shore. The swell from the steamer caused the frail craft to tilt.

E. von der Werth set out in a launch from the east end of the bridge only to throw out a life buoy, but it did not reach him.

**Diver Goes to Rescue.**  
A Lowry, a professional diver, who saw the accident from the west end of the bridge, hurried out in a canoe. It too capsized near the bridge, and Hemeiryk and he were rescued by von der Werth.

Rathbone, who was 21 years old and had been out of the city for some time, was living with Rev. E. H. Roper, chaplain of the Portland Seaman's Friend society, at 226 McMillan street.

**Should Have Clung to Canoe.**  
"We were clinging to the bottom of the canoe," said Hemeiryk last night, "when Rathbone shouted that he was going to swim to the shore. I told him he had better not, but he started out anyway."

There seemed to be no reason for his giving up, he said, until he saw his life buoy. He was trying to swim on his back.

The third canoe tipped over near the Morrison bridge. The occupant of it was picked up by S. Hamlin of the launch Farragut.

# 3 RECEIVERS IN 8 DAYS AT COLTAX

## Depositors of Defunct Bank Oppose Appointment of Judge Canfield.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Colfax, Wash., June 12.—Three receivers in the last eight days have been appointed for the defunct Palouse State bank by Judge H. W. Canfield, who today named C. W. Waters of Palouse to succeed W. L. Ettinger of Colfax, who was appointed June 8 and resigned this morning.

At the time the bank closed its doors May 21, J. K. McCormack, president of the Security State bank, the only other bank in Palouse, was placed in charge and on June 4 his appointment as permanent receiver was confirmed by Judge Canfield, owing to creditors for the defunct institution claiming to believe that McCormack had conspired with others to force the bank to the wall. He resigned and Ettinger, who had been his attorney, was selected to succeed him.

Ettinger took charge June 10 and after an examination of the books and a stormy session with a number of the depositors, sent a delegation to Colfax to demand his removal by Judge Canfield, who refused to comply with their request. He returned to Colfax today and resigned.

While the depositors opposed to Ettinger claimed that they did not want him to resign, the bank officials in connection with McCormack, Ettinger in his resignation stated that at the time he accepted the appointment he thought the business for the bank out of closing up in a few months, but after examining the books he decided that it was impossible, utterly unable to remember what had happened since he was copying a letter in his office down town Thursday night. He was suffering from terrible bruises about the head and had a rash several inches in length in his throat. He will recover, the doctors say.

Smith went into his office, which is over the Baker-Hoyer bank, about a week ago and saw a man trying to force an entrance. Smith drove him away and he went muttering threats of violence. Thursday night Smith was working in his office with letter press and that is the last he remembered until he awoke this morning in bed.

**TAFT AND PARTNER VICTORS AT GOLF**  
(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, June 12.—President Taft and C. Allen Lord ate up champion Walter J. Travis and Vice President Sherman at golf this afternoon. When they plodded back to the home green and Lord made the eighth hole in two, the score was six up and five to play. A large crowd had gathered at the home green to view the finish, and Lord's established lead was the signal for a rousing cheer.

The president and vice president each took five to make the last hole and Travis' score was 78 for the round. Lord's was about 80 and the president's about 100. Under the scheme of adding the total of each side to figure the result, Travis' good work counted for little, for Sherman's count was in the neighborhood of 120.

**ALONG THE WATERFRONT**  
As the painting on the J. N. Teal has not been finished yet, and would not be dry in time for her regular trip, she will not leave for Seattle until Wednesday.



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# BERT DINGLEY WINS MAIN EVENT

(Continued From Page One.) collision with the other Chalmers-Detroit car.

Murray Page was picked as a favorite before the racers started and on the first two laps he made a good showing. He had trouble with his engine on the third lap, but he was able to make the Chalmers-Detroit get the lead. Page entered a vigorous protest against the awarding of the race, but the cup was given to Dingley pending a decision.

**Lake Streak of Lightning.**  
It was a great race and one that had the spectators continually aroused to the highest point of their enthusiasm. The racers were started a half minute apart and thus were kept cutting past the stand in quick succession. Several times the machines passed one another in full view of the spectators, the Stouard-Duxton passing the Pope Hartford entry directly in front of the grand stand once with a beautiful spurt.

This particular piece of work gave the spectators a touch of excitement that they will never forget. As the racers tore down the hill into the stretch before the grandstand Arnold had his Pope well in the lead, and was swinging along at a lively pace. Seifert was driving the faster, however, and by the time the railroad was reached was just behind the flying Pope.

At the beginning of the race the grandstand Seifert swung into the side of the road and with Arnold crowding him to keep him from passing if possible the two tore in front of the stands. Seifert's car was bobbing from side to side from the swaying of the car at one time dangerous near the wheel of his competitor and the next breath almost hitting the crowd that pressed eagerly near a get a glimpse of the most exciting moment of the whole race.

Finally the big car straightened up and with a beautiful spurt sprang into the lead. It was a magnificent piece of work on the part of both the driver and the car.

a good 10 seconds ahead of the time made by the Chalmers-Detroit car which had been leading since the start of the race. The Chalmers-Detroit responded nobly to the last lap, however, and beat Seifert's time on this lap 23 seconds. The first quarter was covered by the big blue Chalmers in 14.45, the second in 14.29, the third in 13.67, the fourth in 13.99, the fifth in 15.40, the sixth in 15.29 and the last lap in 14.18, the fastest of them all. Page's Leamobile was a rather poor third.

Where Dingley's great driving won him the big event, C. O. Arnold and Covey both won their races through the same great work. Arnold in the class B 43.8 miles event drove a race seldom equaled. Never a smile crossed his face in all the times he passed the grandstand until when on the last lap he came back to the stand to find his employer, H. L. Keats, fairly in ecstasies of delight over his success. Then he fairly lolled and nodded affectionately at the dust begrimed and smoke blackened car and said: "It was the car, not me."

**Arnold Never Wavered.**  
Arnold sat as a man of stone in his car and drove as one as well, the car kept straight to the course where other cars were bobbing from one side of the track to the other when they hit the rough spots in the road. Clad in a big brown coat, his face and hands black from the smoke if his engine, he was a sight to remember as he came down the stretch.

**Covey Shows Good Work.**  
Howard M. Covey in his little Cadillac 39 simply ran away with the first race. He was better by two minutes and a half than any of his competitors. Covey captured the same event last year and was the only one of last year's winners to show any class today. Both Studabaker and White car winners last year were outdistanced.

An unfortunate car was the Auburn, which, after making a good start, was knocked out in almost every race. When Cuthbert managed to land the car in third place in the class C event, but were forced to stop for repairs. Murray broke a wheel making the Russellville turn, the first turn in the race, while Cuthbert was in a collision with the Studabaker car on the bank stretch in the big race. The Franklin car made great speed on the straight away but had trouble on the turns.

The motor cycle event proved to be fast too, and the little fellows made the course in much better time than was expected of them. J. J. Pittenger

# CONDENN LAND FOR DRAINAGE

Parkersville Drainage District Would Take 2800 Acres by Action at Law.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.) Salem, Ore., June 12.—Action was started in the circuit court for this county today to condemn over 2800 acres of land lying southeast of Gervais, for drainage ditches. The Parkersville Drainage District is bringing the suit. Defendants are Josephine Holland, Sylvia McTavis and William, Francis, Valter and Barbara Watter.

**Clubs Get Them, Too.**  
Following the purchase of genuine pianola pianos at Eilers Piano house by the Washington state college, by the state university of Idaho, and the Washington State Normal at Ellensburg, the Lewiston State Normal at Lewiston, Idaho, has also secured a pianola piano in one of the new French Circassian walnut cases.

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