

SHOOTING FOLLOWED GARRREL WITH WOMAN CONTRACTOR WILL DIE OF WOUNDS MYSTERIOUSLY INFLICTED

RAE F BRACKETT SHOT DOWN AFTER ALLEGED MEETING WITH WOMAN

Midnight Shooting of Electrical Contractor May End With His Death, and Police Are Looking For Two Men Who May Be Concerned in Murder.

Walla Walla, Wash., July 15.—R. F. Brackett has been a resident of this city about 15 years. For 12 years he was chief electrician of the Northwestern Gas & Electric company. He married Bertha Hill, daughter of the former cashier of the Baker-Boyer bank. The family is one of the best known in the valley.

The report of the shooting came as a shock to this city and the woman feature of the trouble is given little credence. Brackett had a faultless reputation.

He severed his connection with the Northwestern company here a few months ago and went to Portland. His wife and children live here. His wife left for Portland this morning.

Rae Fillmore Brackett, an electrical engineer, is gasping out his life at Good Samaritan hospital, his abdomen fearfully torn by a bullet fired at close range. While detectives search the city for the two men who, it is believed will prove to be murderers, Brackett, in his infrequent moments of consciousness, refuses steadfastly to reveal their identity, or even to tell who is the woman, who, the police are assured, caused all the trouble.

The affair occurred at 12:30 last night on Yamhill near Fourteenth street. The exact details of the shooting are shrouded in mystery. Yet, this much is positively known.

In the thick darkness caused by the overhanging trees at Fourteenth and Yamhill, Brackett met a good looking woman, dressed in black. R. E. Dent, stableman at the O. R. C. livery barn just across the street heard Brackett speak earnestly to the woman, and heard her reply:

"No, I just won't do it. You don't need to talk to me that way, for I won't, and that is all there is to it."

This was about 10:30 o'clock. Brackett crossed the street and later appealed to the stable man for aid, in a dark suit and derby hat.

After the woman refused to consider the matter, Brackett was forced to make her, they walked on up Fourteenth street and then together, said Dent, this morning. But from this point the story of the strange midnight episode is shrouded in mystery.

Ward's Story.

"I was coming home a little after 11 last night, said Ward, and saw the woman backed up against the wall there, and Brackett was standing in front of her, talking to her very earnestly, so low that I couldn't hear what he was saying. The woman as I saw her then seemed to be not more than five feet tall, and she was dressed in black.

"Of course, I didn't know at the time who either one of them was, but the woman was talking to her made me remember him when I saw him a little later lying on the pavement. I am sure I could not be mistaken."

The uncertainty begins again. No one was found able to say what became of the woman after the shooting. It is not possible to find out who she is, or what she is doing. She lives at the rear of 175 Fourteenth street, says the best account, although her story is verified in every detail by S. Trarowski, a mail carrier, who was putting his horse away at a barn on Fifteenth street near Yamhill when the shot was fired.

Heard Brackett Speak.

"I had only been in bed a little while when I heard the shot," Ward related. "I got out of bed and ran to the window. Just across the street I distinctly saw the man lying on the ground and two men standing over him. It was the other 'Don't kill me or you have killed me' that I heard him say, as though he was scared to death. I got my clothes on as quick as I could and ran out to the street. I saw then the



Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Brackett.

JULY WHEAT'S NEW RECORD

Goes to \$1.29—Patten Said to Be Framing Up Coup—Flour Advances.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, July 15.—July wheat reached a new record for the crop today, when it went to \$1.29, but it declined again suddenly this afternoon. It is current report that James Patten holds 4,000,000 bushels of July wheat, and is attempting to repeat his coup of a few weeks ago. July wheat closed at \$1.23 1/2. The reaction is attributed partially to reports of conditions of the Russian crop. This report caused a number of bakers to dump wheat suddenly and smashed the price.

Minneapolis, July 15.—Flour is quoted from \$5.45 to \$5.60, 5 cents under the price during Patten's May deal f. o. b. here today. The advance in price is the result of the advance in the wheat market.

WOMAN RUNS FOR BOAT; HEART FAILS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, July 15.—Mrs. Katherine H. May, 67 years of age, is dead from the exertion of running to catch the steamer Monticello, which left Tacoma for Seattle yesterday afternoon. She caught the boat just as it was leaving the wharf but died before the steamer reached Seattle. Her son met the boat, but found her dead when the steamer docked. Mrs. May was a very large woman and her heart could not stand the strain of the extra exertion caused by running to the boat.

MURGATROYD CLERKS MUST WORK OR BE DISCHARGED WOMAN'S VICTIM

Real Murderer of Livingstone Remains at Large While Accused Man Faces Trial as Result of Plot, Asserts Defense.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)
St. Helens, Or., July 15.—If George Murgatroyd hangs for the murder of Robert Livingstone, whose body was found in Livingstone's isolated cabin at Goble on the morning of December 11, 1908, with the skull crushed, a woman's plot will have been successful and an innocent man will have expiated another's crime. This is the contention of the defense in a murder case teeming with remarkable features and involving a combination, the defense asserts, determined to railroad Murgatroyd to the gallows that the real murderer, a member of the combination, may go free.

This afternoon Mrs. Fannie Richmond of Junction City, Or., will testify that Murgatroyd, confessed, to her that she killed Livingstone. Mrs. Richmond was recently granted a divorce at Eugene, on the grounds that her husband accused her of improper relations with other men. Mrs. Richmond, was, it is said, on intimate terms with Murgatroyd. This morning James Kelly testified that Murgatroyd, in a row at a Junction City hotel, said to a cook: "I killed one man at Goble with an ax and would just as soon chop another to pieces." James Kelly was last winter convicted of robbing a house at Eugene. An attempt by the defense to show that he had spent nine years in the Oklahoma state prison was ruled out by Judge Campbell.

Will Defense Bare Plot?
Whether the defense will succeed in having the alleged plot against Murgatroyd—a plot involving a band of venal and undesirable citizens, according to the defense, which first planned and executed the murder of Robert Livingstone in a futile attempt to obtain his hoard; then hatched the scheme that has resulted in George Murgatroyd being charged with the crime—whether this gruesome creation of a woman's brain will be brought to light is a mooted question. Should success crown the defense's efforts the state, it is pointed out, will be held up to public ridicule as the dupe of this combination.

An inkling of what may develop occurred yesterday afternoon when Roy Malone, star witness for the state, broke down under the relentless volleys of questions from Murgatroyd's attorney. Able and contradictory his first story—which implicated Murgatroyd as Livingstone's slayer—countless times during the trial, he was yesterday accused of the killing of Robert Livingstone. Malone was not put on the stand by the state this morning, as was anticipated yesterday.

Why is not Malone arrested? How much does Mrs. Katherine Zigler of Goble, the woman whom Malone accused in his signed statement of "putting this awful task before me," know? These are questions that the defense is seeking answers to.

Following is Malone's statement:

Statement by Roy Malone.
"I arrived at Goble about December 1, 1908, and on arriving there I encountered Mrs. Zigler. If I had only known what kind of a woman she was I would have been glad to have kept moving. When I went there I was as good as anybody could be. Well, I am good yet, but she tried her best to lead me astray. I kept on the right path to keep out of jail, but she lured me there just the same, and it was only for the dirty work which Mrs. Zigler wanted me to do.

"The first Sunday after I was at Mrs. Zigler's at the breakfast table she put this awful task before me, and I couldn't imagine what in the world she meant. To be very frank with her, which I thought the best, and after she showed me the head of the man, I gave her the answer, 'No, which made her a little hostile, but that all grew over in a short time, and then she told me to call three men she had seen walking

guaranteed protection and allowed to join the forces of the new government when it is established.

St. Petersburg, July 15.—The foreign office today sent orders to the Russian troops stationed in Persia to arrange for the safe removal of the shah across the frontier. This order is inferred to mean that the shah is about to be forced to abdicate and flee.

CLERKS MUST WORK OR BE DISCHARGED

Two officials who are investigating bureau of commerce and labor clerks.



Washington, D. C., July 15.—A sweeping investigation of the clerks in the department of commerce and labor is to bear results this week. Secretary Nagel and his able assistant, Ormsby McHarg, have been working quietly, endeavoring to find out if the government is getting its full value out of its employees, and the results have proven conclusively that it is not.

Must Not Drop Pen.
Under Secretary Nagel's instructions, Mr. McHarg has investigated the case of each individual clerk in the department, and has reported those whom he classed as "mechanical" clerks to his superior. By the term "mechanical" he means "the man who drops his pen in the middle of a letter at quitting time, who takes no pains to inform himself as to the proper performance of his duties, who chafes at his work, who is not what he is doing, but what he has done in days gone by, or whose nerves need alcoholic stimulant to stimulate him for his daily task."

Mr. McHarg is known in his department as a strict disciplinarian. A hard worker himself at all times, he insists that his employees shall likewise render a fair equivalent for the money paid them.

Since Mr. McHarg has taken hold of the department of commerce and labor the output of work has been increased, he says, fully 30 per cent. "I would swear it has been increased 25 per cent," he exclaimed; "and it is simply the result of making the men just do their plain duty. No one is asked or expected to work himself to death or make a phenomenal record. It is simply a case of doing what he is paid for; that is all there is to it."

Nothing Definite.
"No one can say at this time just who or what percentage of clerks in the department of commerce and labor is to go this month," said Secretary Nagel this morning. "I generally do things first and talk of them afterwards."

"I propose that the employees of this department shall render a fair equivalent for the salaries paid them, and those who do not must get out," continued the secretary. "It is purely a question of putting the department on a business basis. I am less disposed to be exacting with a man who has grown gray in the service after years of faithful performance of duty than with the young fellows who have come into it to be supported. The fellows who observe office hours because they are compelled to, who drop their pens at the hour for quitting, no matter what the condition of their work or

SUBMARINE GOES DOWN; THIRTEEN LIVES LOST

Sheerness, England, July 15.—One British submarine was wrecked and sunk to the bottom of the English channel, causing the loss of 13 lives, and another was seriously damaged in a collision today between three vessels, according to wireless dispatches received here.

The submarine C-11, with 13 men aboard, is at the bottom of the channel. The C-17, with which the wrecked vessel is reported to have collided, is hurrying to Yarmouth to have serious damages attended to.

An official statement given out by the authorities this afternoon says Lieutenants Vrode and Watkins and Seaman Stripes were rescued from the C-11 when she sank and that 13 seamen were drowned.

It is believed the freight steamer Eddystone caused the disaster by crossing the line of the flotilla as the submarines were aligning to enter the Thames. All other vessels in the flotilla have been accounted for.

UNCLE SAM, DUPES MAN TAKES BAD BOY BACK OUT OF WIFE AND MONEY

Government officials have run to ground what appears to be one of the most flagrant cases of duplicity ever played by a woman upon her husband. He dupes the authorities and stands quite alone in his class.

The principal characters in this drama of life were lodged in the county jail last night and the authorities are now busy gathering additional evidence by which it is believed the principals will be convicted without much difficulty.

French E. Dodge, a middle aged man of the desperate type, is the man in the case and Mrs. Orvil Connor, wife of a farmer and rural mail carrier of Shedd's Station, Or., is the woman. They were brought into jail late last night from a rooming house after the arrest there by Deputy Marshal William Griffith, the old government sleuth; Andy Nichols, special agent engaged as Francis J. Henry's bodyguard during the late fraud trials here some time ago, and Constable Henry Gulickson of the Greenfield station, who with Nichols arrested Dodge and Constable Gulickson, accompanied by Nichols, arrested the woman.

Orvil Connor, the farmer who has been mugged out of a sum running close to \$1000 and lost the affections of his wife, was brought to the attention of the statement made to the government officials, it has been ascertained, is a highly respected resident of his district and has the sympathy of the entire neighborhood. He admits that but for their friendly advice he would probably still be playing the short end of a game in which he had been selected as an easy victim from the start.

Land Fraud Dodge.
The facts as laid before the authorities by Farmer Connor are that October 14, last year, French E. Dodge came to Connor's farm near Shedd's Station, and presented himself as a special agent of the government working on the Oregon land frauds and that he was also in the government secret service. He told Connor that he had come to the notice of the government that Mrs. Connor had been located on a homestead at Ukiah, in eastern Oregon, by a man named Marsden, and who was now under indictment and under \$2500 bonds, and that Mrs. Connor had perjured herself by stating that she was the widow of a man that she was a widow, and furthermore had never lived on it.

Dodge said that his position in the government service made it possible to shield the woman and save her from going to McNellie's island, providing Connor would look up the homestead put up for bonds. He said he would save the family from disgrace he would arrange to have the government provide her with transportation to Canada, where it would be impossible to molest her in the future.

To save the family from disgrace, as he stated to Special Agent Nichols, Connor mortgaged his farm for \$600

SNAKE BRIDGE IN HOUSE BILL

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.)
Washington, July 15.—The omnibus bridge bill, introduced in the house today, authorizes the construction of a bridge over the Snake river at the town of Ontario, Or. Authority is granted the county commissioners of Malheur county, the chamber of commerce of the town of Ontario, Or., and the county commissioners of Canyon county, Idaho.

ELKS IN SPLENDID ARRAY PARADE IN CITY OF ANGELS

Los Angeles, July 15.—With the exception of the brief meeting of the members of the grand lodge of Elks in the afternoon ceremonies, the parade of the visiting and local lodges of visitors here today. The program for the day comprised a morning parade of the visiting and local lodges of Elks, visits to surrounding beaches in the afternoon and an evening parade of electrical and musical floats.

The morning parade comprised 13 divisions. Grand Equine Raymond Benjamin acted as grand marshal and his chief of staff was Brigadier-General Robert Wankowatz. At the head of the column rode the grand lodge officers in carriages, followed by the drill companies of the local lodges.

Cincinnati lodge No. 2 and the Sacramento lodge formed the third division.

SHAH SURRENDERS AND NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE ESTABLISHED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Teheran, Persia, July 15.—Ordering the Cossacks to cease firing about noon today, Colonel Liakhoff, commander of the forces which have been defending the city, indicated that he would surrender to the nationalists. This means the overthrow of Shah Mohammed Ali and the establishment of a new Persian government under a constitution.

At daybreak today the nationalist rebels, who invested the city two days ago and have been fighting their way toward the shah's palace, renewed their furious attack upon the barricades held by the loyal Cossacks. The firing continued for several hours before Liakhoff ordered his men to cease.

The commander of the shah's forces, it is understood, is now dealing with the leaders of the rebels, agreeing to surrender if his men are

ORCHARD TO BE UPROOTED

County Fruit Inspector Fones Will Cut Down 250 Trees Near Portsmouth Because of Incurable Disease—Serves Notice That Law Will Be Enforced.

County Fruit Inspector L. C. Fones has notified the owners of 250 trees in an old mixed orchard of about 250 trees near Portsmouth on the Lower Peninsula. These trees are badly infected with San Jose scale, a pest which is a pie canker and are so badly diseased, in the opinion of the inspector that spraying will not save them and that they will be uprooted.

Inspector Fones is determined to get rid of fruit tree pests in Multnomah county if a liberal wielding of the ax will accomplish it. He has notified a number of owners of infected trees that they must eradicate the disease in their orchards either by spraying or destroying the trees, and in event of their failure to do either, he intends to follow the law to the letter and destroy the diseased trees.

"I am willing to help the orchardists of Multnomah county save their diseased trees," said Mr. Fones, "and will go when called upon to any part of the county, examine the orchards and confer with the owners as to the best means to pursue to get rid of the pest."

"I also will have owners of infected trees call at my office and I will advise with them about the proper treatment for the disease and will extend any assistance in my power."

Inspector Fones has had 15 years experience in fruit culture in this county and is entirely familiar with the diseases that attack trees in this part of the state.