

# ANOTHER WOMAN'S BRIGHT IN BRACKET CASE

## MRS. BROWN AND MRS. BEE OF SALT LAKE WERE WITH BRACKETT AND QUIMBY ON CAR TRIP

### NEITHER MAIN NOR QUIMBY IN TOWN

Both Prove Alibis and Police Have Two Theories; One That Old Enemy Shot Rae Brackett, Other That Was Mistaken Identity.

Louis Quimby and J. M. Main have been completely vindicated of conspiracy in the shooting of Rae F. Brackett, the electrical engineer, shot down Wednesday night by an unknown enemy who was accompanied by a confederate. The police have two theories upon which they are working, one that Brackett was shot by an old time enemy and another that his assailant mistook him for another man, firing upon him in the dark and on discovering his mistake fled after having ascertained that a grave error had been made and an innocent man mortally wounded.

Last night at 10:30 a mysterious person called on The Journal office and said: "In that Brackett shooting it was all a mistake. The man they should have got was three blocks away." This information was turned over to the police and Detective Day and Snow are inclined to believe that there may be something in it.

Both Main and Quimby have proved conclusively that they were not in the city at the time of the shooting and this further complicates the case. The information is that some light has been thrown on the subject by the police in that there was a second woman, a friend of Mrs. Brown who gave the name of Mrs. Bee, who had met Brackett and Quimby on one occasion. The four went for a ride to Council Crest. Main was on his way to Portland from Ashland the night of the shooting and Quimby was in Victoria with Mr. Webster, his employer. Main said that he had met Mrs. Brown once after she had worked at his house for his wife and that on this one occasion, about three weeks ago, he had bought her a drink of beer at the hotel where she was. This was the last time he had seen or heard of her until the shooting occurred.

Left Ashland Wednesday. Without difficulty Mr. Main established the fact he left Portland Tuesday night for Ashland, Or., arriving Wednesday morning. Registering at the Oregon Hotel, Ashland, he told the clerk he might not be compelled to remain all night and hoped to return to Portland on the train leaving about 8 o'clock in the evening.

During the afternoon he talked over a business deal with H. C. Sparr, a contractor engaged in the work of erecting the Elks new temple. With L. A. Angle of 191 Oak street, Ashland, Mr. Main made arrangements to have a timber claim which he owned, sold. Later he quoted prices on boilers and engines to several prospective buyers, all of whose names he has.

Story of Trip. Finishing his business, Mr. Main left Ashland on the 6 o'clock train Wednesday night. The night of the shooting was spent in upper berth No. 8 in Pullman sleeping car Wentworth. He remembers the name of the conductor and commented upon the queerness of some of the names of the coaches. Mr. Main stated he had a berth check. Arriving in Portland shortly after 8 o'clock Thursday morning, Mr. Main

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### THEIR'S FLEECE HOMESEEKERS

At Coeur d'Alene City Especially Operations Are Flagrant.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, July 16.—Pickpockets, log rollers and diamond nippers, three of the most troublesome kinds of thieves, are busy here and at Coeur d'Alene City during the rush of home-seekers. Despite special precautions taken by the police of both cities, a number of robberies are reported today. A. H. Holter of Hoquiam, Wash., was robbed of a \$150 diamond stud while getting on a train at Coeur d'Alene City. The stone was cut from its mounting with nippers. Neils Peterson of Tacoma was robbed of a watch and a gold watch chain at Coeur d'Alene City last night, and another man was robbed of a purse containing \$300. C. H. Koenig and Henry Laclair, both of Spokane, were robbed of \$8 and \$5, respectively, by pickpockets. Laclair had no more money and was compelled to return without registering. The police are preparing to make wholesale arrests of suspicious characters.

There is a greater rush here today than yesterday, when over 25,000 people registered.

### QUIMBY PROVES ALIBI

Seattle, July 16.—Louis Quimby was registered at the Hotel Washington and gave up his room there early Wednesday morning. This is authoritative upon word of the management and as shown by the change slips of the rooms. Some one else was occupying his room, 1216, on Wednesday afternoon. Fred L. Webster, manager of Allis, Chalmers & Co., which employs Quimby, denied Quimby was mixed up in the shooting today; said the reports connecting him with it were a tissue of lies. "I was with Quimby on Wednesday," said Webster. "We were registered in the Essex hotel, in Victoria, B. C., Wednesday night, so it was a physical impossibility for him to be in Portland. I wish you would give my statement as wide publicity as have been the reports concerning Quimby's alleged connection with the shooting. I went to Victoria with him." Quimby is in Seattle today. He is at the exposition grounds and could not be located this morning.

### QUELLE AND HOF BRAU WERE MEETING PLACES

Shaken and almost hysterical, Mrs. R. M. Brown, over whom it has been supposed Rae F. Brackett, electrical engineer, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded Wednesday night, broke down and tearfully pleaded with Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald and assistant district attorney Fitzgerald that she be compelled to answer the grilling questions fired at her. Thereafter she refused to answer any but the most leading questions and those only in monosyllables. The most important admissions made by Mrs. Brown were that she had been three times at the Quelle and once at the Hof Brau, both cafes, in a period of 10 days time about five weeks ago, in company with Quimby, Brackett and a Mrs. Ella Bonenberg. All appointments were made over the telephone by Quimby, according to her statements. "Mr. Brackett," declared Mrs. Brown, "was first introduced to me by Mr. Quimby at the Hotel Washington in Seattle. Tuesday night he told me his real name and at the same time told me he had separated from his wife, and that at the present time she was living in Seattle." Mrs. Brown also declared that upon that occasion Brackett told her that Quimby's wife was not in the east, as Quimby is declared to have told her, but that Quimby's wife was living in Seattle together in Portland.

She vehemently denied that she had any words with Brackett late Wednesday night, indicating that he was trying to induce her to go with him to do something very much against her will. "I went to Council Crest on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights with Mr. Brackett," Mrs. Brown told the authorities, "and was out until almost midnight both days." Mrs. Brown protested that at no time did either Quimby or Brackett make improper proposals to her and that their conduct had always been that of perfect gentlemen. She stumbled, however, when asked why she was out at dinner with Quimby, Brackett and Mrs. Bonenberg four times within little more than a week.

Mrs. Brown declared that she knew Mr. Main but slightly and had not seen him for weeks, even on the street. She, however, advised that Quimby was bringing in his invitations to dine at two or three fashionable grills and upon two occasions sent a carriage for herself and Mrs. Bonenberg and once they all

### SHAH A REFUGEE; MEMBERS ASK HELD BY RUSSA SPECIAL FAVORS

General Liakhoff Negotiating Surrender With the Nationalists.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Terehran, July 16.—The Shah of Persia has taken refuge to the Russian legation, where he is hiding while General Liakhoff, military governor of Terehran, is negotiating terms which a surrender will be made, according to the most reliable information obtainable. Large forces of nationalists today made a successful attack on the two south gates of the city and are now in full possession.

Vienna, July 16.—Messages received here from Terehran today declare there is no possible chance of the Shah's retaining the throne.

### MURDERER CARRIES KNIFE INTO COURT

San Francisco, Cal., July 16.—When James Cunningham, charged slayer of Caroline Brasch, entered court this morning, Bailiff Al Williams sprang a trap and searched the murderer for an open jackknife with a very sharp 3-inch blade, which the prisoner held in his hand. Cunningham explained that he borrowed it from a fellow-prisoner for the purpose of cleaning his finger nails. He declared it was not his intention to either harm any one or commit suicide. Policemen J. J. Clancy, whose duty it is to search prisoners before they enter court, will be asked for an explanation.

Tramp Stabbed by Negroes. Walls, Wala, Wash., July 16.—While beating his way from the Dalles to this city on the train carrying the Hagenbeck and Wallace circus, James Murphy last evening was attacked by three negroes and stabbed in the back. His recovery is doubtful.

### RAE BRACKETT ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

Physicians Say Man Mysteriously Shot Will Live in Spite of Terrible Wounds—Mystery of Case Baffles Police Investigators.

"Rae Brackett will get well. A splendid constitution and remarkable freedom from bad habits makes possible recovery from the bullet wound received Wednesday night."

This statement was made positively this morning by Dr. A. E. Rockey, who with Dr. Hegely has been attending Brackett at Good Samaritan hospital where the injured man is being cared for. But the mere fact that Brackett will get well adds to the complexity of one of the most puzzling cases ever given to local police for solution.

Brackett yesterday evening under inquiry by Assistant District Attorney Fitzgerald and Detective Snow, indefinitely placed the responsibility for his attempted murder on J. M. Main and Louis Quimby. Quimby is agent for the Allis-Chalmers company, with offices at 94 First street. Since Brackett's accusation both men have been proved to be out of the city, Quimby in Victoria, and Main on the way to Portland from Ashland at the time the shooting occurred.

Brackett Changes Story. Brackett in the face of the proved alibis of the men he tried to implicate in the attempted murder, was inclined to deny statements made yesterday evening by him to the police. He said that he hardly knew what he was doing yesterday, that he possessed a revolver, from the police the injury and loss of blood, and that it had been running through his mind that Main and Quimby were the two men who shot him near Fourteenth street on Yamhill Wednesday night.

It might not have been them, I don't know," Brackett repeated, evidently presuming on his condition of weakness to hide something that he is keeping away from the police, from the police from the district attorney and from his physicians. Police Detectives Snow and Day are confident that the man who shot him will never tell all the details of the shooting.

"That is true," my family's sake, don't ask me to tell," he begged of the officers who quizzed him yesterday. The detectives had assurance that if Brackett was convinced he had no chance for recovery he would make a clean breast of the whole affair.

Had Mrs. Brown Out. Brackett confessed yesterday evening that he was out with Mrs. E. M. Brown, who keeps a boarding house at 533 Yamhill street. "I was with him Wednesday night," said Mrs. Brown this morning. "But I know nothing of the shooting. I was out with him, but I don't know he was shot until I read it in yesterday evening's paper. It was a terrible shock to me."

That is true," she said, "but she was a nice appearing man, but that was all, until I met him Tuesday evening, when I was lonely and sprang my indignity. He asked me to go to Council Crest with him, and I did.

Visited Council Crest. "Next day he called me up, said he was lonely and sprang my indignity. I said to go up on Council Crest again. I said of course, for I had nothing else to do. But he came almost straight home from Council Crest.

"No, I didn't know Brackett was married. Neither did I know Quimby or Main. She might have been a very casual acquaintance, speaking or stopping for a little chat when we met on the street. I thought I was acquainted with her to make this explanation, yet she hesitated as she uttered the name of Mrs. Selka. It was later explained when Main declared that Mrs. Brown had done work at his home during the summer and had become acquainted with all the members of the family. This one weak point in her explanations serves, in the eyes of the detectives, to throw doubt on other portions of her story.

Mrs. Brown Is Evasive. Especially as to dates she was evasive. She did not want to tell how long she had been divorced from her first husband, whom she says is happily married again, and has disturbed her in no way. She did not want to tell how long she had lived in the neighborhood where she is now, but reiterated her decision that she should not get into the attempted murder and had nothing to do with it.

With eyes flashing, yet at the same time her voice quivering, a little Mrs. Brackett, who came in from Walls, Wala, in the side of her husband on the first train, repudiated the suggestion that she was a prostitute.

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### EVELYN THAW AT HER BEST



The picture shows Evelyn Thaw from a recent photograph. Mrs. Thaw declares that Harry Thaw at one time threatened to kill her. This testimony was made public yesterday.

### SELKA WILL NOT PROSECUTE WIFE ON AT COLFAX

Arrested on Bigamy Charge—Clatsop's Attorney Says Efforts to Recover \$2000 Will Dismiss Case.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, July 16.—Mrs. Anna Selka, wife of an Astoria jeweler, was arrested here yesterday and is held awaiting extradition on a charge of bigamy. When 12 years ago she is said to have married E. P. Durand, an employee of the Southern Pacific, who, it is alleged, put her upon a vaudeville circuit, taking the money she had earned. Eight years ago she married Selka, supporting a family of a husband and child, which she obtained a month ago. She arrived in this city a week ago on the steamer State of California, accompanied by her young daughter and son and her brother.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., July 16.—Mrs. Agnes Selka, the woman who was arrested at San Francisco yesterday on a charge of bigamy, came to Astoria with her second husband only a few months ago. He opened a jewelry store on Commercial street. But little was known of the couple. According to the statements made by Selka, she had married another man about this morning it was stated by District Attorney Brownell that Selka today had made up his mind not to prosecute. Selka apparently firm in his determination not to prosecute, though whether he will undertake to live with her again or not, or what the reasons are for his sudden change of attitude, one of sympathy for her can not be ascertained.

District Attorney Brownell said he would dismiss the complaint made here, and would not ask for extradition papers because of the fact that Selka did not want to prosecute. Selka says she married the woman at Little Rock, Ark., eight years ago, but it is claimed she had a husband at that time in the person of E. P. Durand, an engineer in the employ of the Southern Pacific in Mexico. It is also said she secured a divorce from Durand at St. Helens, Or., about six weeks ago.

Durand wrote to her last November, and the letter was full of affection. He said he hoped they would soon be united. Mrs. Selka left Astoria by steamer last week she left a letter for Selka, telling him of her departure, and making sarcastic references to him, it is said, hence the suit.

### Taft MAY VISIT THE TWIN CITIES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Kennewick, Wash., July 16.—If the plans of the Commercial clubs of Kennewick and Pasco materialize, these twin cities will be among those favored with a visit from President Taft when he comes west in September. An invitation has been prepared and signed by the presidents of the clubs and will be sent to the chief executive tomorrow. It is thought probable that the request may be granted from the fact that some of the largest reclamation projects that have been undertaken in recent years are either now in course of construction or contemplated in the Columbia river fruit belt.

### WATER WASTE MUST BE ENDED

Mayor Simon Finds Many Factors in Favor of Water Meters on Further Investigation of the Subject—Check on Big Consumers.

Mayor Simon has not yet fully made up his mind as to the desirability of extending the water meter system. Conceding that there is an argument on both sides he says he has not made up his mind as to a policy, further than that the waste of water should be checked wherever it is found and that meters should be maintained on manufacturing establishments and other large consumers. At the same time he admits that the argument in favor of meters is stronger than he at first believed.

"At first I was not much impressed by the meter system," said the mayor this morning, "and I cannot say that I am particularly impressed with it yet, but on going into the subject further and further I find that there are many factors in its favor. But there are two sides to the question, and men who are equally honest are found on both sides. I suppose the ideal system would be to have a meter in every house, but I do not feel prepared to say that every family should pay just the same as any other family. Some may find it desirable to use more than others, and I want to see liberal but reasonable use."

"The use of water should be regulated. Wherever it is found that people are extravagant and are wasting water, there should be a meter attached. Do you think this can be adequately regulated without the use of meters to detect the waste?" was asked. "That is a disputed question," replied the mayor. "Some say it can be regulated by inspection, there claim that it is not necessary for the purpose. There are both sides to the question, and I have not made up my mind just what the water department should do to chase no more meters for the present."

The action of the water board a few days ago in purchasing only 2000 meters after having advertised for the purchase of 5000 has been taken to mean that a halt will be called in the extension of the meter system. The city saving money, confirmed by the announcement of the mayor. Not being fully convinced as to the desirability of going further with the meters, the water board has determined to go slow.

Evidence continues to accumulate from the experience of "the average consumer" that the meter system should be extended. And in many cases the experience goes to show, paradoxical as it may seem, that the meter frequently saves money for the city by stopping an immense waste of water. The experience of one saloon man is a case in point. Before a meter was installed in his place of business he paid a flat rate of \$5.00 per month for water. After a meter he received a bill for \$14. The water department notified him that as this was the first month it would not include on the payment of the bill in full, but cautioned him that in future he would have to pay what the meter showed he used and that he probably could greatly decrease his bill by preventing the waste of water.

Cuts Down His Bill. The next month the saloon man gave the meter a good trial. He shut off the faucets when not using them. Before he had allowed them to run nearly all day. Yet he used all the water he needed. A surprise awaited him at the end of the month, for his bill fell to \$1. Variations of this experience could be multiplied. The city saving money, in such cases, by furnishing the water he actually needs at a low rate, instead of allowing him to waste it under a flat rate. The water he formerly wasted is passed on to some other consumer who needs it.

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### VAST MERGED OF RAIL EMPLOYEES

Two and a Half Millions of Men Unite Under Federation of Labor. (United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, July 16.—Organization of a railroad employees' department of the American Federation of Labor has been completed by the merger of 25 unions of American, Canadian and Mexican railroad men or unions affiliated with railway employees. The new department embraces 2,500,000 men employed on 70,000 miles of railway. The new department will be conducted by a separate governing body from the American Federation of Labor. The railway officers selected are: H. B. Parsons, president, and D. W. Anderson, secretary. Embracing the various departments of railway employes the new organization includes clerks, telegraphers, and blacksmiths.

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