

THE SUNDAY JOURNAL

OAK CREEK IS SCENE OF TRAGEDY

His Attention Repulsed by Cousin, Charles Hendrickson Takes Girl's Life With Revolver, Then Commits Suicide.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Oak Creek, Or., Aug. 7.—Believing his love unrequited, Charles Hendrickson, 25 years old, this morning shot and killed his cousin, Miss Iga Erickson, 20 years old, then turned the .38 caliber revolver upon himself, the bullet entering just below the heart, in the same place where he had shot his cousin. The murderer and his victim died without regaining consciousness. Eighteen-year-old Lena Erickson and Johnny, 9 years old, sister and brother of the murdered girl, were the only persons in the vicinity of the scene of the tragedy, which was enacted at the home of the girl's father, Charles Erickson, at Oak Creek, 12 miles from Roseburg.

Waiting until Iga Erickson's father and brother Otto, had gone into the harvest field for the day, Hendrickson made his appearance. His cousin was alone in the house. The arrival, about 7:30 o'clock, a shot rang out and Lena, running into the house found her sister lying on the floor with a bullet through the back of the head. She died within a few minutes. Hendrickson walked out the back door of the house to an open space and fired a shot and a bullet crashing into his own head.

Passionately in love, Hendrickson, it is said, was passionately in love with Miss Erickson. His attentions were unwelcome to the girl, however, and her father, too, disliked Hendrickson. The latter resented his suit, despite these odds. It is stated that one day this week he made his second or third proposal to Miss Erickson, which was rejected. Following this circumstance he hired a horse and buggy at Roseburg Friday evening and drove out to the Erickson home, though he did not call at the house. It is reported that he was then seeking an opportunity to either shoot the girl or marry her or kill her.

He returned to Roseburg Friday evening and started on foot to Oak Creek, waiting until the men had departed from the house this morning before putting in his appearance. Hendrickson was of Swedish descent and had been in the Oak Creek neighborhood, at intervals, for three or four years. He left there early last winter and had not been seen again until the past week.

The Erickson family are highly esteemed. Immediately upon receiving the report of the murder, Sheriff Porter and Marshal Huffman left for Oak Creek in search of the murderer. Before they had been gone ten minutes, news was received here of Hendrickson's suicide.

JEROME PLIES LASH ON THAWS

Reviews Testimony in Murder Trials in Terms Uncomplimentary to Harry's Endowment and Rearing—Thaws Play Deaf.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
White Plains, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Immediately after the opening of court today in the inquest into the state of mind of Harry K. Thaw, District Attorney Jerome began a speech reviewing the two trials in which Thaw was charged with the murder of Stanford White, and said all the witnesses in both trials, with the exception of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, appeared to have tried to tell the truth. He endeavored, through analyzing the testimony, to show that Thaw is a paranoiac.

While Jerome outlined what he termed Thaw's "tainted mental heredity" and his alleged "imperfect childhood," Mrs. Thaw sat quietly reading a magazine.

Harry conferred with his counsel and the whole Thaw party took the attitude of paying no attention to Jerome's remarks.

M. D. Ferguson, Hunter, Killed Yoncalla Farmer, Crawling Through Brush Mistaken for Deer by Companion.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Roseburg, Or., Aug. 7.—The first fatality of the season in this region due to a hunter's mistaking a man for a deer occurred yesterday morning at 3 o'clock, when M. D. Ferguson, a Yoncalla farmer, was shot and almost instantly killed in Elk Head canyon, near Yoncalla, by a companion named Bacon, of Cottage Grove.

Ferguson was killed just eight miles east of the place where Herman Westheimer was killed by the accidental discharge of his own rifle June 15. Ferguson and Bacon were hunting together on their hunting expedition by two men, Lafleur and Brunfield, of Cottage Grove. When they reached the canyon where the other hunter was killed, they began to beat the brush, where deer are apt to be concealed. While making his way down the opposite side of the canyon, Bacon saw Ferguson crawling through the brush, taking deliberate aim, he sent a bullet through Ferguson's body. He hastened across the canyon to secure his supposed game and found his companion lying on his back. Ferguson died a few minutes later. He was a middle-aged man and was married and had six children.

MAORIS MAY YET BE PERMITTED TO LAND

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—The 17 Maoris, whom the local immigration authorities have adjudged to be undesirable, remain in San Francisco, where they are being held in the city hall. The natives had been ordered to leave again for New Zealand, but the immigration department has decided to place them on the vessel when the message was received from the capital. The Maoris will be forwarded to New York for exhibition purposes and some influence has been brought to bear at Washington.

UNIONS WILL NOT ACT IN HASTE

Car Company Officials Make Concessions and Outlook in Chicago Is More Peaceful—Conference During Day Partly Successful.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chicago, Aug. 7.—Following a conference between representatives of the street railway men's unions and heads of two of the big traction companies this morning, it is understood that President Mitten of the Chicago City Railways company has agreed to accede to the demand of 30 cents an hour if they will sign a contract for three years. If these terms are accepted it is declared that the same offer will be made by the North and West side line, which will virtually end all danger of a strike.

After the union men had conferred with their leaders for several hours it was decided that President Mitten and President Rosell of the Chicago Railways company should hear them again and be asked to reconsider their demands. A conference was asked and the two traction officials agreed to meet the union men at 10 o'clock.

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Weyerhaeuser Interests Prepare to Give Employment to a Thousand Men.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 7.—The Weyerhaeuser logging camps in the Yaacolt district of this county, which have been idle for some time, partially it is said because of the unsettled condition of the tariff, will be in operation within the next 60 days. This will give employment to upward of 1000 men.

Preparations are now being made to open the camps. Supplies are being ordered in excess of \$100,000 worth of timber belt and within a week or so it is expected a part of the camps will see activity. According to semi-official information, all the company's camps in this county will be opened.

NO WIRELESS FOR RUSSIAN HILL FOLKS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Aug. 7.—Signed by the majority of residents of Russian hill, which includes a number of the leading men of the city, a petition is to be presented to the board of education asking that the wireless station at Taylor and Vallejo streets be ordered to vacate the property, which belongs to the public schools. Those living in the vicinity of the wireless station complain that the crash of electricity when a message is being sent and the flashes from the wireless disturb them.

BATTLE OVER BALDINGER'S DECISION

Annual Academic Contest Between Rival Reclamation Interests Has Real Interest This Year in View of Crisis.

(By Samuel M. Evans, Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)
Spokane, Wash., Aug. 7.—Delegates to the national irrigation congress from every part of the country are gathered in groups today in the lobbies of the local hotels discussing the coming battle over the reclamation policy of Secretary Baldwin, which gives promise of being the hottest topic of the approaching sessions.

"We want the secretary of the interior to state positively what he intends to do," declared a prominent Coloradan, commenting on the subject this morning.

There is no doubt that the keenest interest will be manifested by the delegates when Baldwin takes the rostrum.

Frederick H. Newell, director of the reclamation service, is expected to arrive tonight.

Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry bureau, will be here Monday morning and Secretary Baldwin is expected later in the day.

The board of governors of the irrigation congress at a meeting this morning ratified a tentative program arranged by the committee.

Word was received from W. A. Beard of Sacramento, chairman of the executive committee, regarding the inability of the delegates to attend the congress, because of illness.

Senator Carter of Montana also is unable to be present, but the rest of the program will be put through as arranged, according to today's plans.

Speeches by the delegates, the greatest interest will be shown in the address of Gifford Pinchot, Tuesday morning.

The executive committee is scheduled to meet this afternoon to consider the program formulated by the board of governors.

The committee will also recommend an amendment to the constitution of the congress, designed to give permanency to the organization and to perpetuate the work between the sessions of the congress.

MRS. KATE COLLINS



Snapshot of Mrs. Collins by Journal Staff Photographer.

DRUGGIST TRIES HIGH FINANCE

Alleged to Have Floated Worthless Checks Aggregating Over \$1000.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 7.—Alleged to have floated worthless checks aggregating a sum in excess of \$1000, W. J. Gessinger, former drug clerk in Berkeley, is detained in the city jail. Gessinger was captured in Galveston and returned to this city by Deputy United States Marshal B. H. Franklin, after a chase that led half way across the continent and over a greater part of Texas.

Three checks, aggregating \$335, drawn on the First National bank of Berkeley, and passed at a local bank, are attributed to Gessinger. A woman employee said the bank, who had seen the man cash large checks in Berkeley, complied when he appealed to her for identification.

These alleged operations occurred about six months ago. In January Gessinger, leaving a wife and baby, it was reported by the police, fled to Texas. Deputy Franklin captured him at San Antonio, but the prisoner escaped. He was recaptured at Galveston.

Chief Wollmer of the Berkeley police department has been notified of Gessinger's capture by the local authorities.

FRENCHMAN WINS FLYING RECORD

Roger Somer Keeps Aeroplane in Air 8 Minutes Longer Than Wrights.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Paris, Aug. 7.—The aeroplane record for sustained flight was won today by Roger Somer, a Frenchman, if the flight credited him at Mourmelon Legend proves authentic. It is reported that he remained in the air two hours, 27 minutes and 15 seconds. This is eight minutes longer than the best official flight of Wilbur Wright, made at Lemans, France, January 1, this year.

Somer maintained a height ranging from 60 to 100 feet above the ground during his flight.

During the early part of the aerial voyage his speed was much retarded by the sagging of a linen underplane. This was finally cut by the propeller, and the speed increased.

The machine with which the aviator made his record is of the Voisin type and is one of the best aeroplanes yet seen in France.

ONE OFFICER ACCUSED OF MURDER

Sutton Case Narrows to Direct Charge of Mrs. Sutton Against Party Not Yet Named—Secret Session; Letters Read.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Annapolis, Md., Aug. 7.—It is understood here today that a direct charge of murder has been placed against one of the officers engaged in the brawl which resulted in the death of Lieutenant James N. Sutton of the marine corps. At present all the officers who were with him at the time have been co-defendants in the investigation into his death, but without any specific charge against them.

When court convened this morning a secret session was ordered immediately, in order that letters written by Mrs. Sutton, mother of the dead lieutenant, to the authorities at Annapolis soon after the death of her son, might be read.

In one of these letters, it is understood, Mrs. Sutton makes grave charges against one of the officers, naming him, and giving specific allegations.

It was thought yesterday that the incidents of the day might cause strained relations between Mrs. Parker, sister of Lieutenant Sutton, and Major Leonard, but they chatted pleasantly at the hotel last night, and there was no sign of feeling when the case was opened this morning.

BEGGAR RETURNS FIVE DOLLARS TO ASTONISHED MAN

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—When a beggar returned a \$5 gold piece to Reuben Kallsky, a clerk who a few minutes before had handed him two nickels as he supposed the amount of Kallsky's change, the beggar came to an end on Fillmore street, San Francisco.

Kallsky was walking down the thoroughfare when an unkempt and ragged fellow asked for 10 cents "to buy some coffee and doughnuts."

The clerk gave the beggar two coins and passed on.

He had traversed a block when the hobo ran up behind him and tapped him on the shoulder.

"Didn't you make a mistake, mister?" said he, extending a grimace. "One of these nickels is a gold piece."

Kallsky grasped an awning rod to support himself. When he had recovered from the shock he took back his gold and rewarded the man with a silver dollar.

ESCAPE FROM A SUBMARINE

With Boat Disabled a Get-away Can Be Made Via the Torpedo Tube.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Middletown Kenneth Whiting, in command of the United States submarine Porpoise, now stationed at Manila, has demonstrated that sailors imprisoned beneath the surface of the sea in submarine vessels may escape through a torpedo tube, according to advice in possession of the navy department.

To demonstrate the feasibility of this mode of escape, Whiting risked his life. He caused his vessel to be submerged near Cavite, and when the great hull lay on the bottom, under 60 feet of water, he ordered a torpedo tube, closing the breach behind him.

Acting on his orders, other officers manipulated the controlling mechanism, and the young midshipman was hurled through the water to the surface, where he was picked up by a waiting boat.

Whiting's experiment may result in the construction of a safety apparatus modeled on the regulation torpedo tube that will make less hazardous submarine experiments.

JAPANESE WILL REBUILD ROAD

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Aug. 7.—The foreign office today received advice from Tokyo saying that the Japanese this morning began work on the reconstruction of the Atsumi-Mekura railroad, in accordance with the ultimatum sent to China yesterday.

Japanese military forces, previously dispatched to the scene, are guarding the work and are prepared to meet any attempt to interfere on the part of the Chinese.

THE SUNDAY JOURNAL IS THE NEWSPAPER FOR THE HOME

The magazine section tomorrow will contain three special coast feature stories illustrated with line and halftone pictures. The first of the three is—
"HOW ONE PARTNER RAISED A GRUBSTAKE," a story of the days of mining cleverly told by Chauncey L. Canfield.
The second is "THE MAN BEHIND THE STEERING WHEEL," a story by a coast character who tells something about how to run a machine and avoid accidents.
The third is "SEATTLE'S PAIR AND HOW IT DIFFERS FROM OTHER EXPOSITIONS," written for The Sunday Morning Journal by Anne Shannon Monroe.
Another big feature is the story of how Mrs. Gridley, mother of Captain Gridley, who was Admiral Dewey's captain on the Olympia, has struggled for years to obtain a fitting memorial for her son.
In addition the Sunday Journal tomorrow will contain a special page concerning women who can row and the benefits of boating.
Besides these special feature stories there will be news from all parts of the world and departments devoted to Sporting, Dramas, Society, Books, Women's Clubs and the children.
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