

DOUBLE MURDER MYSTERY BARES ILLICIT ROMANCE

Chicago, March 8.—(I. N. S.)—The pick of Chicago's detective force was engaged today in endeavoring to solve the mysterious double killing of Captain Clifford Bleyer, president of a large advertising concern and member of several exclusive clubs, and Mrs. Ruth Randall, a beautiful divorcee, found dead together in the latter's apartment late Monday night, each shot in the right temple and with a revolver lying between them.

MURDER THEORY DISCUSSED While their deaths appeared to be the result of a suicide pact and while this was borne out by evidence that Bleyer had been a visitor at the apartment for a long time, the fact that no powder marks were discovered led to a theory that the two may have been murdered.

A "poem of death" written in a woman's hand, was found on a desk in the room where the bodies were found. This read: "Bless! For my hand is sure, The cold steel bright and pure Shines bright, my heart and mine, Shedding our blood like wine."

WIFE IS PROSTRATED Mrs. Bleyer, the wife of the slain man, is at home with two little daughters, prostrated with grief. She said that she never had the faintest suspicion that her husband was leading a double life.

Mrs. Bleyer's maiden name was Anne Ganseria. She lived with her father and mother in Paris, France, and was married to Bleyer in that city 12 years ago. Bleyer served during the war as a captain in the army.

CITED FOR GOOD WORK Bleyer was born in Chicago in 1883. At the outbreak of the war he joined the aviation section of the signal reserve corps. He was discharged April 16, 1918. Immediately after his discharge Bleyer went to France as first lieutenant, ordnance department, engineering division, motor equipment section.

On November 3, three days before the armistice was signed, the Belgian minister of war, in a special citation, transmitted by Secretary of War Baker, commended Bleyer for his aid to Belgium and for his help to the Belgian war mission.

A few weeks later Secretary Baker promoted Bleyer to a captaincy.

U. of C. Gym Class Work to Be Shown By Young Women University of Oregon, Eugene, March 8.—An exhibition by the women's gymnasium department of the university will be held Thursday evening, March 18, according to Miss Mabel Cummings, director of this work.

The program will consist of floor work and military drill by representatives from the high schools, athletic and folk dancing classes, under Miss Catherine Winslow, will contribute to the program.

Negro Sentenced to Jail for Furnishing Drug to White Girl "He sold narcotics to a white girl who had quit the drug habit." Assistant United States Attorney Flegel told the court Monday when Alfred Ballard Johnson, colored, pleaded guilty and awaited sentence.

Savage Is Elected To Presidency of State Fair Board

Salem, March 8.—W. H. Savage, of Corvallis, will succeed M. L. Jones of Brooks as president of the State Fair board when the latter's term expires April 1. Savage was elected president at a meeting of the board here Monday.

Plans for the improvement of the fair grounds by the construction of cement walks and driveways at a cost of between \$10,000 and \$15,000 and the construction of a livestock judging arena at a cost of \$8000 were approved by the board.

Increases in premiums on all classes of exhibition amounting to approximately 10 per cent over the list of last year were approved.

PIPER TO BE CHIEF SPEAKER AT LEAGUE FOR WOMEN VOTERS At the luncheon to be given Wednesday noon at the Portland hotel by the Republican League for Women Voters, the principal address will be delivered by Edgar B. Piper, who has chosen for his subject "The Republican Party and its Principles."

Arrangements for the luncheon have been perfected by a special committee consisting of Mrs. George L. Williams, member of the women's division of the Republican national committee, will preside and discuss the objects for which the league was founded.

Irate Husband Fires 5 Times in Jealous Rage; No One Hurt Louis Goedek, One Hundred and Ninth street and Gilbert road, fired a revolver five times Monday evening at Claude Dann, One Hundred and Fifteenth street and Gilbert road, after he heard his wife had written to Dann.

Narrow Escape for College Girls; Fire Destroys Big Hall South Hadley, Mass., March 8.—(I. N. S.)—Several girl students at Mount Holyoke college had narrow escapes this morning when Stafford hall, a dormitory, was destroyed by fire.

Insurance After Death The Mercantile Trust Company of New York challenges the thought of business men by a recent advertisement with this announcement—"I do hereby bequeath to my heirs my business ability."

Butterick—Publisher The Delineator Everybody's Magazine Two dollars the Year, each

AMERICAN TANKER IS STRENGTHENED BY EAR-RETRAINED

New York, March 8.—(U. P.)—The mystery of the disappearance of the American tanker Cubadist, which sailed from Havana February 26, grew today when naval radio stations on the Atlantic seaboard continued to report no word from the missing vessel.

REUNCIATION OF WRONG It must not be forgotten, Senator, that this article constitutes a renunciation of wrong ambition on the part of power-crazed men who have been associated in the war. It is by no means certain that without this article any such conspiracy would have taken place.

LEAGUE AS IT IS OR NONE, WILSON HOLDS In his judgment the paper would not change the situation. BORAH REJOICES The Republican side, the "bitterness" pleaded, is not the president who wanted the issue as clear-cut as they want it, Borah said.

GIAD TO REPLY My Dear Senator Hitchcock: I understand one or two of your colleagues do me the honor of desiring to know what my position is with reference to Article X of the League of Nations and the effect upon the league of the adoption of the proposed reservations to that article.

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"Impatience and intolerance on the part of lately returned soldiers, injured to the slight and thoughtless death, may bring about the restoration of the capital punishment code in Oregon laws."

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