

JURY SAYS WOOD SHOT HIMSELF IN BLUFF, ACCIDENT

Decision of the coroner's jury that John Wood, 19, was "bluffing" when he fatally shot himself in the presence of his sweetheart, Mrs. Barbara Whitney, and that therefore his death was accidental, and Mrs. Whitney's account of her seeing Wood that she could not marry him, thus supplying the motive for the tragic affair in the girl's apartment Saturday night, are the most developments in the police investigation of the killing.

The jury Monday night, after hearing numerous witnesses, found that when Wood pulled the gun from his pocket as he stood beside the girl in a bathroom at the Chetopa apartment house, he did so in a spirit of heroics, with no actual intention of killing himself. He was drunk and dramatic. The gun went off and he fell.

The actual reason for the shooting appears to have come out Monday evening in Mrs. Whitney's exclusive statement to a Journal reporter. Another woman, with whom Wood is alleged to have kept company, on the eve, and the young man's craze for drink, were responsible for her telling him Saturday night, a few minutes before he pulled the pistol, that she would not marry him until he was reformed.

Mrs. Whitney said she had often been told that Wood had been seen out with other girls, but she had paid no heed, attributing the stories to jealous gossip. On Friday night, however, he was two hours late in keeping an appointment at her apartment. She asked him why he was late and he told her he was not intending to come back, but he laughed and assured her he would return immediately.

Death Held Accidental



John Wood, 19-year-old youth, who shot himself in the apartment of Mrs. Barbara Whitney Sunday morning. The coroner's jury held that the fatal shot was fired accidentally during a struggle between the boy and Mrs. Whitney for the revolver he was carrying. In his dying statement young Wood said he alone was responsible.

In a low voice, sometimes faltering, Mrs. Whitney, the only witness of the shooting, told of the events just prior to the tragedy. "He acted strangely all evening," she said. "When he went into the bathroom I followed him. I asked him where the flask was, and he reached for his inside coat pocket. The gun was there. The district attorney urged her to continue.

"Well," she continued, "he looked me squarely in the eye and never said a word. 'What does this mean, Jack?' I asked him. He stepped away from me and thrust the pistol inside his shirt. I tried to get it from him, but he pulled away from me—and shot."

WOMAN INJURED; AUTO DRIVER HELD

Oregon City, June 5.—Pleading "not guilty" to a technical charge of reckless driving, John McHollock, a local contractor, is being held in jail to await a trial June 13, while Mrs. Mary Rutkowski, injured while riding in his machine, is in St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, with a fractured hip and possible internal injuries.

Mrs. Rutkowski, according to local officials, who investigated yesterday, was taken to Monitor after the accident on the 5th street road, near Clackamas, Sunday morning. Here, the sheriff said, she was kept in McHollock's shack, where he is living during his activities on the market roads under county contract. It was not until the injured woman's groans attracted the attention of other men in the vicinity that a doctor was summoned and advised the victim's speedy removal to hospital. The first medical attention she received was 24 hours after the accident.

The prosecution of the case, the officials here state, may bring to light other "parties" said to have been held in that vicinity during recent months. The car, the sheriff believes, must have been going at excessive speed when it hit a woodpile off the road near the Carver railroad crossing. Fragments of a woman's dress and hat were found nearby.

The driver was brought here after he was arrested at No. 214 North Summit, Sunday morning. Deputy Sheriff Long of Clackamas and Inspector Pat Moloney of Portland. He was arraigned here and held in default of \$500 bail.

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290,182 MEN ARE AFFECTED BY ORDER

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The minority report attacks the present decision on the ground that it cuts under the scale of a "living wage" for railway employes.

Backers of Olcott Spent \$1847 in the Primary Campaign

Salem, June 5.—Not a cent was spent by Governor Olcott in securing the Republican gubernatorial nomination during the recent primary campaign, according to his expense statement, filed with Secretary of State Koser. A total of \$1847.54, however, was spent by the Olcott-for-Governor club in behalf of Olcott, according to a statement filed by George E. Walters, treasurer.

Statements filed by Charles Hall and by R. R. Coster, treasurer of the Hall-for-Governor club, show that a total of \$2676.38 was spent in behalf of Hall's nomination. Of this amount Hall himself takes credit for the expenditures of \$1099.95, while \$1676.43 was spent by the club.

George A. White's statement shows expenditures of \$4670 in his race for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. Other expense statements were filed, as follows: W. C. Hawley, Republican, congress, \$1124.88; Earl E. Fisher, Republican, congress, \$64.76; J. A. Eakin, Republican, circuit judge, \$28.48.

W. J. Keartz, secretary-treasurer of the Marion county branch of the American Patriotic Societies, Inc., in behalf of candidates endorsed by the societies, spent \$153.15.

School Principal of Oakville Is Held On Girl's Charges

Albany, Or., June 5.—C. A. Sloat, principal of the Oakville school, was bound over to the grand jury Monday on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of the 8-year-old daughter of A. L. Rogers of Albany. He is in jail in default of a \$1000 bond. He waived a preliminary hearing, denying that he had ever seen the girl or that he is in any way implicated, and also denying an alleged intended attack on the 9-year-old daughter of Clarence Wagers, who identified him, officials say, as the man who accosted her two weeks ago in the same vicinity, attempting to induce her to accompany him.

When arrested Sloat had been talking to a third young girl, Maxine Howard, according to City Marshal John Catlin. Sloat has been teaching school for several years in various parts of Lane county. He is unmarried. His sister and mother live in Oakville.

Man Fines Himself \$100 for Driving While Intoxicated

Cliff Johnson passed sentence on himself this morning in municipal court. It was a \$100 fine for driving while intoxicated. It was a question whether he should pay \$100 or \$50 and spend 5 days in jail. Judge Edwal gave him his choice. At first he took the latter alternative, but after consultation with his friends he decided his freedom was worth \$10 a day. "I'll pay the \$100," he agreed.

Explosions Cause Fire; Loss Is \$1800

Fire, believed to have been caused by two small explosions, damaged a structure at No. 245 Grand avenue late last night to the extent of about \$1800. The building, owned by George Heitkemper, was damaged to about \$700, according to estimates of the fire department. The spraying machine factory owned by A. E. Brandt, which occupied the building, suffered a loss of about \$1100, it was stated.

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Man Thrown From Runaway Wagon Is Dead From Injuries

White Salmon, Wash., June 5.—Edward Wolfe, rancher of Huson, was thrown from his wagon and fatally injured Monday afternoon while on the Hill road near Gilmer. He died four hours later at the home of his nephew, Fred Wolfe, manager of the Pacific Power and Light company at Gilmer. The team which Wolfe was driving became frightened and started to run away, throwing the driver to the road. His leg was broken and he was internally injured.

PROGRESSIVE MAN SWEEPS IOWA VOTE

(Continued From Page One) state, the reports are indicated. Consternation spread in the camp of the conservatives. Old guard leaders had confidently expected that with six candidates in the field they could easily keep Brookhart's plurality below the 35 per cent mark and thus throw the nomination into convention where they would control.

This political argument, it appeared today, had backfired in Brookhart's favor. It was Brookhart against the field, and when the field split up the splinters were found in the old guard camp and Brookhart was riding safely to victory.

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Numerous other reductions have been announced on commodities by the company, including the rates on caskets and coffins, eastbound; carload shipments of confectionery, westbound; office equipment, westbound; road making materials, westbound; and on lumber moving to Belleville, Ill.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF OAKVILLE IS HELD ON GIRL'S CHARGES

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