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SALEM MAN KILLS WOMAN COMPANION

Arthur A. Meyers, Brother of Henry W., and Milton; Attempts Suicide

HISTORY IS REPEATED

Crime Recalls Slaying of Police-man by George Meyers, Who Also Killed Woman and Then Self

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press)—A second attempt to end his life was made at a hospital here today by Arthur A. Meyers, who was in a critical condition after shooting to death Mrs. Betty Candler and then wounding himself. The man leaped from his bed and attempted to batter his head with a pitcher. The nurse called for help and he was overpowered. The couple were found 17 hours after the next neighbors heard shots fired at Mrs. Candler's home.

Meyers was employed as a room clerk at the Savoy hotel and the woman was a bookkeeper. The shooting occurred in a house in Harlandale, a suburb of San Antonio. Notes found requested that he be buried in Salem, Or., beside his mother, and to the dead woman's sister, saying: "I would rather see Betty dead than untrue to me. I love her." Another note said: "Betty is teasing me and saying I am a coward. But she also says if I kill myself she too wants to go with me." Several sealed letters were found.

The self-wounded murderer is a brother of Henry W. Meyers and Milton Meyers, both of Salem, and recalls a killing in 1909 when a third brother, George Meyers, shot Tom Eckhart, a local police officer. For this crime he was convicted of murder in the second degree and upon appeal had the verdict reversed. He was then convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to serve from one to 15 years in the penitentiary. He was later paroled, went to eastern Oregon and later to San Francisco where he is said to have killed a woman companion and then committed suicide.

After killing Eckhart, Meyers fled to the woods and wandered aimlessly for several days. A reward of \$1,000 was offered for his apprehension by Governor Frank W. Benson. Meyers gave himself up to Mr. Lederer, an ex-preacher living in the Pratum district, who received the reward. After the conviction of his brother, Arthur Meyers, who bore the nickname of "Moley," he went to Toppenish, Wash., and later to La Grande, where he engaged in the motion picture business. Later he was a hospital attendant in the Leadbetter hospital at San Francisco. A few years ago he is reported to have been traveling with a carnival company making the Willamette valley, but his travels since leaving Salem have been rather obscure, and he has not kept in touch with his brothers. His father, Joseph Meyers, was at one time one of the leading merchants here and owned what is now known as the Miller Mercantile company store.

OLLIVER IS HONORED

ALUMNUS NEW VICE PRESIDENT AT WILLAMETTE

G. O. Oliver has been elected vice president of Willamette university, according to an announcement by President Carl G. Doney. He arrived Thursday from Chicago where for five years he has been connected with the financial department of the educational board of Methodist schools.

Mr. Oliver is an alumnus of Willamette, and a member of the class of 1909. He got his degree at the Kimball school of theology, and later won the degree of master of arts at Willamette.

For a number of years he served as a pastor in the Oregon conference and when the war broke out he was in the service of the Y. M. C. A. over seas. He is forty-five years of age.

Mr. Oliver is married and has three daughters. His family is now living at Corvallis, but as he expects to make his home in Salem, they will join him here in the near future. This is the first time in three years that Willamette has had a vice president.

BABY IS DESERTED

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press)—Arthur Rice and wife of Myrtle Point last night became the parents of a lusty week-old son, brought to their domiciliary by a courteous man who said he was leaving them a package.

CAPITAL CITY LODGE WINS PRIZE OF IOOF

LADIES' AUXILIARY PB DEGREE TEAM IS SECOND

Ratings Are Made by Sovereign Grand Lodge; Temple Cornerstone Is Laid

PORLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press)—The grand lodge of Australasia has the right, under its charter as a quasi-independent jurisdiction of Odd Fellows, to legislate for its own subordinate divisions, it was decided today by the sovereign grand lodge in session here. The supreme body adopted a report submitted by the judiciary committee, which upheld the stand taken by Carl F. S. Glasgow of Sydney, N. S. W. grand sire for Australasia.

Rebekah assemblies have not the right to secede from the association of Rebekah assemblies without the sanction of the sovereign grand lodge, it was decided. H. Shanks, on behalf of his wife, president of the Manitoba assembly and others, sought a ruling on action taken some years ago, when the Manitoba assembly selected for a cause not made public.

Herbert A. Thompson of Detroit, grand sire, officiated late in the day at the laying of the cornerstone for the Odd Fellows temple being erected at East Nineteenth and Alberta streets by Alberta Lodge No. 233. A good sized crowd witnessed the ceremony.

The prize awards announced today were:

For Patriarchs Militant: Department having the largest number of men in full dress uniform in line—first prize, \$300, Washington State; second, \$150, Oregon, outside of Portland.

Regulation canteen traveling the longest distance—first, \$150, Pottstown, Pa.; second, \$100, Sacramento, Cal.

Subordinate lodge coming the greatest distance with not less than 25 members; \$100 prize to Imperial Lodge, Spokane, Wash.

Patriarchs Militant degree team, the prize to Sacramento canteon No. 1, \$250.

Ladies auxiliary PM degrees: First prize, \$200, Capital City Lodge, No. 6, Seattle; second \$150, Capital City Lodge, No. 3, Salem, Ore.

DEMOLAYS HOLD RITES

OFFICERS FOR YEAR INSTALL-ED LAST NIGHT

At the meeting of the De Molas Thursday night officers for the coming term were installed. The following were placed into office:

Leroy Grate, Master councilor; Earl Douglas, senior councilor; Willard Brown, junior councilor; Jack Minto, senior deacon; Bill Siperall, junior deacon; Kenneth Schellburg, senior steward; Horner Richards, junior steward; Cecil Edwards, chaplain; Elmer Klien, scribe; Elmer Hansen, treasurer; Ezra Webb, sentinel; Jack Spong, standard bearer; Walter Simpson, marshal; Albert Arpke, almoner; and Francis Lutz, Deryl Myers, Gordon Barker, Harold Tomison, Robert Scott, Bert Hoffman, and Kenneth Webb preceptors. Hem Sun was elected orator.

JEWELERS ARE GULLIBLE

10 SEATTLE MEN ARE VICTIMS OF GOLD BRICK GAME

SPOKANE, Sept. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—The gold brick game still is profitable here, the police reported today. And the victims are not the traditional rustics, new to city ways, but sophisticated jewelers.

More than 10 jewelers have complained to the police that they purchased, at from \$10 to \$30, gold bricks, encrusted with nuggets and bearing a Chinese gold figure on one side. Their genuineness was not questioned until one jeweler sawed one in halves. He found the inside was of lead.

COUNCIL LEADER DIES

JAPANESE HIGH OFFICIAL SUCCUMBS TO BURNS

TOKYO, Sept. 25.—(By Associated Press)—Viscount A. Hamao, president of the privy council, who was severely burned yesterday when his clothing caught fire from a bonfire in his garden, died at 4 p. m. today as a result of his injuries.

TODD BOUND OVER

LONGVIEW, Wash., Sept. 24.—A. Rur Todd, deposed Kelso mayor and accuser of George Norris, today was bound over to the superior court on a charge of malicious prosecution, preferred by Judge Poland in a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Kerr of his city.

LOANS TO EUROPEAN POWERS INCREASING

New Flood of Demands Expected to Follow Settlement of French Debt

YEAR'S ADVANCES LARGE

Over One Billion Dollars Loaned to European Countries During 1925; Huge Sums Are Pending

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press)—Opening of the French debt funding negotiations, with a prospective settlement likely to pave the way for a fresh flood of European loans has directed attention to America's growing prestige as banker to the world. Loans to foreign countries and industries, including private bank credits and advances, so far this year have exceeded \$1,000,000,000 and with negotiations pending for an additional billion dollars, 1925 promises to set a new high record in foreign financing.

Fortified by the possession of almost one-half the world's supply of gold, the United States has not found it difficult to extend its credit to the rest of the world. Yet in the space of three months, its investors are sending the foreign nations more money than it took to build the Panama canal.

The total of private American investments abroad, exceeding \$10,000,000,000 or approximately \$90 per capita, approaches the assessed valuation of the world's richest city—New York—and is more than double the currency in actual circulation in the United States.

Since the world war, foreign loans offered publicly in this country have totaled approximately \$5,000,000,000. In 1924 alone the total was \$1,243,185,000, exclusive of countless private banking operations which are not pub-

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DISH WASHING TAUGHT

HUSBAND IN JAIL, WIFE URGES DUTY IN KITCHEN

YAKIMA, Sept. 24.—Yakima county jailers have been called upon to teach dish washing as a sideline to their sterner duties. A comely Italian woman, whose husband is serving a sentence, called at the jail today during visiting hours and urged the jailers to assign her husband to kitchen duty so that when his term expires he may spend part of his time in her kitchen washing dishes. She left with the promise that at least a short course would be given her help-mate. Strange to say, kitchen duty, according to Sheriff L. D. Luce, is one of the most sought jobs around the jail.

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COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND INCREASED BY TURNOVER

MARION'S SHARE FROM LI-CENSES \$3,992.91

Receipts for Six Months Period \$1,201,183.88; Counties Will Receive \$267,500

Joint Meeting Is Called for Today; Commissions Are Guests of President

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KAY NAMED HEAD OF LINEN MILLS

Livesley Vice-President and Snelling Secretary-Treasurer of Concern

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

Chamber of Commerce Auditorium Packed for Election; Call Issued for 10 Per Cent of Subscription

Affairs were attended to with gusto at the meeting of the stockholders of the new Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., held Thursday in the chamber of commerce auditorium. Officers were elected, by-laws adopted and the board of directors was named.

T. B. Kay was elected president; T. A. Livesley, vice-president, and R. O. Snelling secretary-treasurer.

T. A. Livesley of Salem, James Riddle of Monmouth, Col. W. B. Bartram of Salem, T. B. Kay of Salem, M. G. Gunderson of Silverton, Julius L. Meier of Portland, and John H. McNary of Salem were named on the board of directors.

A director representing the Canadian interests in the mills and one to act as manager of the plant are yet to be named.

Ten per cent of the subscriptions was called for as one of the first official acts of the new board of directors.

The suddenness of the French offer was forecast, however, in M. Caillaux's statement in greeting the American commission, that the French were ready as practical men to go to work on the problem.

Secretary Mellon, chairman of the American commission, welcomed the visitors with the declaration that "it is our duty to reach with you a conclusion, in the estimation of each of our peoples, fair and in the practical test of time, workable."

Immediately after the meeting

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PACIFIC FLIERS GIVEN OVATION UPON RETURN

SAN FRANCISCO TURNS OUT FOR HEARTY WELCOME

Gifts and Medals Presented Entire Crew of PN-9 No. 1 by Mayor Ralph

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press)—The crew of the PN-9 No. 1 which survived the hazards of a nine-day ocean drift while on an attempted non-stop flight to the Hawaiian islands, came back to the starting point of their historic adventure today, wind and sun tanned, buoyant and ready to do it all over again.

Smilingly they received the cheer-punctuated homage of a great city after disembarking from the battleship Idaho which brought them here from Honolulu. They were placed at the head of a military procession up Market street to the city hall while lusty voiced, hat-waving thousands along the thoroughfare gave them a stirring welcome.