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SUNNYSIDE MAN ATTEMPTS TO SLAY WIFE AND SUICIDES

USES HATCHET; JUMPS IN WELL

Woman Saves Life by Wrenching Weapon From Hand of Assailant.

HAD BEEN MARRIED ONLY ONE MONTH

Fellow Was Religious Fanatic and Believed to Have Lost Reason Following Illness—Coroner Folsom Takes Charge of Remains.

After failing in an attempt to murder his wife and kill himself with a hatchet, Fred Gelsler, a resident of Sunnyside near Milton, last night dove head first down a thirty foot well, breaking his neck in the plunge. This is the substance of a communication received last night by Coroner Ralph Folsom, who left for the scene of the tragedy on the early train this morning.

According to telephonic advices from Milton, Gelsler, who is about sixty years old and an old resident of that section of the county, has recently become a religious fanatic and it is believed by many that ill health of body had affected his mind. He has been married to his wife barely over a month. Last night about 9 o'clock, without any warning, he seized a hatchet and attempted to strike her, but his purpose was thwarted by his intended victim, who grappled with her husband and wrenched the weapon from his hands. When thus deprived of his instrument of destruction, he ducked his head between his hands and ran for the well, diving head foremost into its opening. His head struck against the solid side and his neck was broken before he fell into the ten feet of water. His body was recovered and the coroner notified but upon his arrival at the scene decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Gelsler was well known in the east end of the county where he has made his home for a good many years. Recently he had become morose and discontented, but so far as known, had had no trouble with his wife of such a short period. The only explanation of his attempted homicide and his suicide is that they were the results of a temporary derangement.

YANKEE SCRIBES IN CONVENTION TODAY

Detroit, Mich., July 18.—"Welcome to our fair city," was the slogan sounded today by representatives of the municipal and state governments, the Board of Commerce and the newspapers of Detroit at the opening session of the twenty-sixth annual convention of the National Editorial Association. The welcome mat was displayed at the door of the Hotel Pontchartrain, the official headquarters of the gathering of the nation's scribes, and Edgar A. Guest, poet laureate of Detroit, sang his sweetest in honor of the visiting editors.

The National Editorial Association was founded in 1885 by Col. B. B. Herbert, editor of the National Printer-Journalist of Chicago. It has met only once before in Detroit and that was twenty-two years ago. Sixty-four state and sectional editorial associations are affiliated with the national body and all have sent delegates to the meeting convened today. The membership includes editors of metropolitan dailies and country weeklies.

The closing session will be held on Thursday and afterward many of the delegates will go on an excursion to Quebec and intermediate points in Canada. The trip will afford an opportunity to investigate the reciprocal question from the Canadian viewpoint. Between sessions in Detroit there will be motor rides about Detroit, visits to the great automobile factories, and a steamer trip.

Strikers Return to Work. Vancouver, B. C. July 18.—The stevedores, structural iron workers and sheet metal workers who have been on strike since June 5, have agreed to return to work. Other unions are negotiating for terms with their former employers.

WAR CLOUD THICKENS OVER FOUR NATIONS

ENGLAND AND FRANCE VS. GERMANY AND SPAIN

Arrest of French Consul by Spanish Troops in Morocco Follows Secret Meeting Between Spanish King and German Diplomat.

London, July 18.—That the Franco-Spanish difficulties in Morocco, may yet involve Great Britain and Germany in a four cornered dispute, which may result in war, is feared in diplomatic circles here today.

Tension, already strained dangerously near to the point of breaking, through Germany's landing of troops at Agadir, is intensified today by the arrest of the French consul at Alcazar by the Spanish troops.

It is not believed in official circles that France will swallow the deliberate affront and England, it is expected, will line up with France in case of hostilities.

The fact that the arrest of the French consul followed a secret conference between King Alfonso and Prince Radiker, the German ambassador, indicates that Germany has given every assurance that she stands back of Spain in a struggle that might start between the two southern European nations.

Population Center Moves. Washington, July 18.—The center of population of the U. S. is four and a half miles south of Unionville, Monroe county, Ind., according to a census announcement. Since 1900 when it was six miles southwest of Columbus, Ind., it has moved thirty one miles westward and seven tenths of a mile northward.

MAGAZINE POSTAL RATE PROBE BEGINS

New York, July 18.—Leading publishers of periodicals, prominent railroad officials and other interested parties will be called upon to testify during the hearing commenced today by the special commission appointed to investigate and report on the merits of the magazine postage controversy.

The recommendation of the Postmaster General that the postage rate on advertising pages of magazines be increased to four cents a pound aroused great indignation upon the part of periodical publishers, who raised the cry of confiscation.

It was alleged that the proposed increase was due to the machinations of the vested interests that had been persistently attacked by many magazines, and was merely a measure to get even with the so-called "muck-rakers."

Many publishers have repeatedly declared that a raise in postage would force them to suspend publication. The agitation of the magazine post, assisted by the International Typographical Union and other interests affected, led to the authorization of a commission to look into the matter. Supreme Court Justice Hughes is the chairman of the commission. The hearings will be extensive and will cover every phase of the controversy. Arrangements have been made by the post office department to carry fiction and other publications without current news interest by fast freight, and this is expected to result in a considerable decrease in the cost of service.

OREGON OFFICIALS ARGUE IN WILDE EXTRADITION

San Francisco, Calif., July 18.—Arguments over the attempt of Portland authorities, interested in the wrecked Oregon Trust and Savings bank, to extradite Louis J. Wilde, began today before Governor Johnson. Most of the morning was occupied by arguments of the attorneys as to whether the government is empowered to question the good faith of persons requesting extradition.

Two Miners Killed. Butte, Mont.—Two miners met death in the mines of this city. Michael Joyce was killed in the Speculator mine of the North Butte company and Michael Sullivan met his death in the Never Sweat mine of the Anaconda company. Both men fell through manways.

Killed by Batted Ball. Chicago, July 18.—While watching a baseball game between two amateur teams, Edward Gabrysek was struck in the stomach by a batted ball and killed.

WILEY HERRIMAN DEPARTS; SECY. WILSON TO QUIT.

Washington, July 18.—That President Taft will publicly reprimand Doctor Wiley, chief chemist of the department of agriculture, for irregularities he is said to have committed, but that Doctor Wiley's job is safe, is reported here today as the way the chief executive will take to get out of the dilemma. Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson will be left to bear the brunt of public protests and it is believed by his friends that he will resign over the affair.

STANDARD OIL CO. BACKED REVOLUTION

WAR NECESSARY TO BUSINESS OF TRUST

Diaz Had Granted Concessions That Enabled Other Company to Compete With American Octopus Is the Charge of Wall Street.

New York, N. Y., July 18.—Proof that the Standard Oil company backed the Madero uprising in Mexico is seen, it is claimed, by Wall street politicians today, in the visit of Lord Cowdray, the British financier whose syndicate holds immense oil deposits in Mexico, which were obtained through concessions from President Diaz.

Cowdray's syndicate was in a position to force the Standard Oil company to reduce its prices or suffer disastrous competition.

The charge is made that the Standard Oil company financed Madero's revolution in return for a promise to cancel Cowdray's concessions.

It is now reported that Cowdray, with Madero looming up as the probable next president of Mexico, is trying to sell his concessions to the Standard Oil company.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT AGAIN IN SESSION

Ottawa, July 18.—Parliament resumed its session today after a recess since May 29. During this time the liberals and conservatives have been busy with their constituencies, campaigning for and against the reciprocity bill. It is understood the liberal element, backed by a majority of forty in the house of commons, will make a final effort during the remainder of the session to put the reciprocity measure through the house.

BREKMAN KILLS HOLD-UP; PREVENTS TRAIN ROBBERY

Bellaplaine, Iowa, July 18.—A daring attempt to hold up the Chicago and Northwestern passenger train No. 8, westbound, was made early today between Tama City and Bellaplaine. A lone bandit entered the sleeping car and ordered the brakeman to hold up his hands. Instead of doing so, the trainman shot the bandit, who fell mortally wounded.

STOKES' ASSAILANTS ARE UNDER INDICTMENTS

New York, July 18.—Indictments, charging attempted murder of Millonaire E. B. Stokes, were returned by the grand jury today against E. H. Graham and Ethel Conrad, who shot the elderly man in their apartment building. The girls, who are out on bonds and appearing in vaudeville, have been cited to appear in court tomorrow and enter their pleas to the charge.

ALICE THAW'S DIVORCED HUSBAND A BANKRUPT

London, July 17.—The Earl of Yarmouth, divorced husband of Alice Thaw has been declared a bankrupt and a receiver is expected today to take possession of the earl's country seat, Abbeymead. Earl Yarmouth received \$1,000,000 at the time of his marriage to Alice Thaw, the slayer of Sanford White, in New York City.

Honor Tom Johnson.

Cleveland, O., July 18.—A number of prominent Ohioans who were associated with the late Tom Johnson, mayor of Cleveland, have gone on a pilgrimage today to the grave of Mr. Johnson in Brooklyn. Today is the anniversary of the birth of the man who, during his four terms as chief executive of Cleveland, perhaps the most famous mayor in the United States.

BRIBE TAKER'S SENTENCE HELD-UP UNTIL MONDAY

Oakland, Calif., July 18.—Counsel for Henry Dalton, who was to have been sentenced today, for accepting a \$5,000 bribe from the Spring Valley Water company, secured a stay of execution until Monday, when a plea for a new trial will be made.

RANCHER DEAD; CHILDREN HELD

Four Girls and Boys Arrested on Suspicion of Having Committed Murder.

OLDEST OF SUSPECTS IS SEVENTEEN YEARS

Colorado Town Scene of Crime That Reveals Repulsive Practices of Wealthy Stockman, Who Chose Young Girls for His Associates.

Grand Junction, Colo., July 18.—The little city of Clifton, located a few miles from this place, has been thrown into the meshes of sensational excitement, by the arrest of two young girls and two boys, who are charged with having murdered Clark A. Wolfskill, a prominent and wealthy ranchman, whose dead body was found in a small river the latter part of last week.

The youthful prisoners are: Gladys Thompson, age 17; Lillian Osborne, age 14; Lee Baker, age 15 and Virgil Watson, age 17. They are members of prominent families of this part of the state.

Drowning First Thought. On finding the remains of the rancher it was first thought that he had been drowned. An examination revealed the fact that his lungs had not been filled with water.

His shoes were later found, filled with sand and in the water. At the autopsy it was discovered his body was covered with bruises and cuts.

The officers set to work and on learning that the ranchman had been wont to spend much of his time in company with the girls, unknown to their parents, they were questioned. They each told different stories and mentioned certain things that led to the arrest of the two boys. The latter also told conflicting stories. They were all, however, agreed upon the fact that they had discovered his body in the water and searched his clothing but found no money. One of the boys admitted throwing the victim's shoes into the water.

Parties Bathed Together. One of the boys stated that the party had frequently been in swimming together. The girls denied this. One of the girls intimated, unconsciously, that they had had improper relations with the ranchman. The other girl stoutly denied this.

They both admitted the ranchman had paid a large bill for them at a restaurant, the day of his disappearance, and further inquiries revealed the fact that Wolfskill had for several months been paying all bills incurred by the girls unknown to their parents.

The authorities are at a loss for a motive of the killing, for they are positive that the four youthful prisoners or at least some member of the party, committed the deed.

Robbery, they claim, was unnecessary, as Wolfskill gave the girls money freely. The assistance of physicians will be relied on to decide other possible motives which the girls declare was not responsible for the death. It is believed that other prominent men will be connected with the affair.

WEATHER MAN REVIEWS MONTH

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore.—The only frost ever recorded for June at the Oregon Agricultural College was in June 24 this year, says W. L. Powers, the college weather observer, in his review of the past month. Though it was not heavy, it injured corn, beans, potatoes, squashes, and other truck crops in some districts.

Thus far this year there has been a deficiency in rainfall of 2.26 inches, the precipitation for June being 1.05 inches—a departure of .18 of an inch from normal. The greatest amount for any one period of 24 hours was .48 of an inch. The evaporation during this month was 4.15 inches.

There were 15 clear days, 8 partly cloudy, and 7 cloudy ones. The mean temperature for June was 56 degrees, a departure from normal of 3.8 degrees. The highest point was on June 10, when it was 84 degrees, and the lowest June 4, 22 degrees. The greatest range in any one day was 41 degrees.

WIFE MURDERER CHEATS GALLOWS BY SUICIDE

Beaver, Pa., July 18.—Charles Hickman, the wife murderer, who was to have been hanged in the county jail here this morning, was found dead in his cell at daybreak, having swallowed poison. Hickman previously had made two sensational escapes from jail and also had attempted to commit suicide. He continually declared that he would not die on the gallows.

Blanco Resigns.

Juarez, Mex., July 18.—Brigadier General Jose De La Luz Blanco tendered his resignation as mayor of Juarez in order to give his attention to military and police matters. He will remain military director of the rural police forces in northern Chihuahua.

NICARAGUAN CAPITAL IN STATE OF SIEGE.

Panama, July 18.—That Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, is in a state of siege, the prisoners are full of political uncertainties and who are loaded with chains, and that all means of communication are rigidly censored, became known here today when letters bearing the date of July 19th, were received from Rivas, Nicaragua. Many prisoners are not charged with specific offenses, but are suspected of disloyalty to the government.

MRS. McMANIGAL ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE

MAY BREAK DOWN BEFORE MURDER TRIAL BEGINS

Injury to Young Daughter and the Hounding of Footsteps by Detectives Proves Too Much for Wife of Alleged Dynamiter.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 18.—Unless the condition of Mrs. Ortie McManigal improves, neither the defense nor the prosecution is likely to have the benefit of her testimony in the case of John J. and James B. McNamara, who are charged with murder in connection with the destruction of the Times building.

An affection of the heart, aggravated by an accident Saturday to her daughter Evelyn, coupled with extreme nervousness, has undermined her health to such an extent that it was announced today that she may be sent to a hospital.

Although Mrs. McManigal was scheduled to appear in court this afternoon before Judge Bordwell, to answer to charges of contempt of court for refusing to testify before the grand jury, it is probable that the case will again be postponed.

Attorneys for the defense claim that constant shadowing of Mrs. McManigal by Burns' detectives, has completely unnerved her.

LOCAL RIFLE TEAM HOME FROM SHOOT

After participating in a week's rifle shoot at Clackamas, the militia team of company L returned last evening. Although as a team, the members did not carry off any honors, as individual marksmen they performed very creditably. As usual, E. Blanchett made the best showing of any from the local camp, being chosen on the regimental team and qualifying for the state team to go to Perry, Ohio, besides winning the title of expert marksman for the third successive year. He made an average of 42 out of a possible 50 on all ranges, which is considered an excellent one. Owing to business duties he will be unable to go to the national shoot.

Harold Blakeslee furnished the surprise of the contest to his teammates when he won a 90 per cent medal by scoring 45 out of a possible 50 at 600 yards. Roy Reeves and Fred Weber, other members of the team, both succeeded in qualifying as expert marksmen.

The team was handicapped in the shoot for the team trophy by the illness of John W. Noble, which prevented him from entering. Mr. Blanchett stated this morning that the quality of marksmanship is improving greatly each year. Two years ago he made a score of 122 in the contest for the governor's cup when 123 won it. This year he scored 129 when it was won by A. N. Pickard, Co. H. Portland, with a score of 139.

The team was accompanied home by Sergeant Herbert McGinn, who had been attending the non-commissioned officers' school at Clackamas.

Troops Are Moving.

San Antonio, Texas, July 18.—The final movement of troops, under the recent order of the war department to dissolve the maneuvers division began today. Field hospital and ambulance company No. 3 left this afternoon for Tacoma Park, Wash.

Donkey Engine Explodes.

Tacoma, July 17.—With a report heard all over the bay, the donkey engine on the French bark Max exploded, killing Louis Victor Duquency, the engine man, and badly scalding two sailors. The bark was lying at a mill dock at the time of the explosion.

To Entertain Royalty.

London, July 18.—Mrs. David Beatty, who was Mrs. Marshall Field of Chicago, will give the largest private ball of coronation year at her home in Regent Park tonight. Several members of the royal family have accepted invitations and this fact, together with the sumptuousness of the decorations and other preparations, has turned all London Green with envy.

ENTIRE WORLD IS IN DANGER

British Experts Declare Cholera is Now a Menace to Every Port and Act Accordingly

SITUATION ENCOURAGING IN NEW YORK CITY

No New Cases Discovered, But Authorities are Using Radical Methods to Offset Possible Danger of the Disease.

London, July 18.—British authorities are greatly alarmed over the reports of the appearance of cholera in New York City, and are today taking the most stringent precautions against the disease being brought into England.

The authorities declare that the entire world is face to face with danger of scourge and every available expert has been summoned to British ports to aid in preventing the disease from appearing here.

No New Cases in N. Y. New York, July 18.—No new cases of cholera were today reported by the authorities and the situation, they claim, is much more encouraging.

Realizing the seriousness of a plague menace, the officials of the city health department, assisted by an army of experts from the public board of health and marine hospital corps, at Washington, are today putting into effect, the most stringent quarantine regulations ever attempted in this city.

Food Destroyed. The ocean liner, Perugia which has just arrived from Italy, has been thoroughly gone over and its 261 passengers subjected to rigid examinations. The authorities declare that all the passengers are healthy.

All food stuff, shipped in from Italy is being disinfected and that brought over by the passengers has been confiscated and destroyed. The authorities are preparing to take even more radical precautions against the further spread of the dread disease and the least doubt as to the condition of a person, be he rich or poor, native or foreigner, will mean that that person will be isolated until all possible chances will have disappeared.

Find Skeleton Near Conrad.

Conrad, Mont.—While at work in his field, F. L. Buzell unearthed a human skeleton, supposed to be that of an Indian buried many years ago.

Blue Mountain Sawmill Resumes.

Milton, Ore.—The Blue mountain sawmill, which has been closed since last autumn, started work again this week under the management of C. W. Avery.

REMONSTRATORS MAY BLOCK PAVING WORK

If rumors in circulation today are trustworthy, there is prospect that the paving of West Court street from Main street down to the Round-Up grounds and the paving of East Alta from Main to the intersection with Court may be held up. It is reported that John Vert is circulating a remonstrance among those who will be in the East Alta street district and that Henry Craig is doing similar work on West Court. How freely the remonstrances are being signed is not known but among the friends of paving there is fear that a sufficient number will be secured to block the improvement of both streets.

The danger from the monstration seems to be not from residents on the streets to be improved, but from those living off those streets yet within the paving district. According to T. J. Tweedy, if the paving of East Alta is blocked it will not be through action of property owners on that street but through the remonstrance of people living on the cross streets, who will be assessed to some extent for the East Alta street paving. At the time the paving district was created, Mr. Tweedy and others on Alta street protested against taking in the outside property for this very reason. They now point to the remonstrance as a justification of their protest.

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