

# YOUNG WOMEN DIE TOGETHER IN SUICIDE PACT

### Two Girls Shoot Each Other Simultaneously in Portsmouth, N. H. Cafe—Hold Revolvers at Each Other's Head—No Cause Known and No Reason Given in Notes Left

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., March 23.—The two young women who killed each other simultaneously in the Portsmouth cafe last night were definitely identified today as Margaret (Peggy) Spalding, daughter of Geo. F. Spalding, of Newton, Mass., and Ethel Stanton, daughter of J. L. Stanton, city passenger agent of the Rock Island railroad, with headquarters at Los Angeles. A note signed "Peggy and Ethel" found in a room in the Rockingham hotel which they had occupied Wednesday night indicated that they had agreed to commit suicide together.

Miss Spalding was eighteen years of age and Miss Stanton was twenty-two. The girls came here Wednesday after a night and a day spent at the hotel where Miss Stanton had registered in her own name and Miss Spalding as "Rose King"; they went to the cafe for dinner. They spent more than two hours over the meal, prolonging it by repeated calls for black coffee.

### Two Shots Heard.

Just before 11 o'clock the waiters and the few remaining diners heard two. The girls came here Wednesday, where the girls had been seated and found Miss Stanton dead, lying half across the table. Miss Spalding lay on the floor unconscious and died shortly afterward. Each girl had a bullet wound in the temple. Miss Stanton's fingers were closed about a .22-caliber revolver and beside Miss Spalding's body lay a pearl handled .22-caliber revolver.

The police expressed the opinion that each girl held a revolver at the other's head and fired. It was planned to hold an inquest today. The note found in the girls' room was addressed to Miss Spalding's mother. Thorough inquiries made at her home in Newton it was learned that Margaret Spalding was a graduate of the Newton high school, where she had been a prominent basketball and hockey player. Since last fall she had been a teacher-pupil in the gymnasium department of the Garland school in Boston. Miss Stanton was a pupil at this school until two weeks ago when she began studies at the Dana Hall school in Wellesley, Mass. The two young women had been close friends for some time.

### No Definite Reason.

No definite reason was given in the note for the girls' act. It said they had decided that it was better that they should die and asked their parents not to be grief stricken because "they would all be happy and peaceful when reunited in a better world."

A note left by Miss Stanton asked that C. P. Malsbury, Johnson building, Cincinnati, be notified. The police learned today that Mr. Malsbury had served as executor of the estate of Miss Stanton's mother, who was killed in an automobile accident.

### Had Independent Fortune.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 23.—J. L. Stanton, city passenger agent here for the Rock Island railroad and father of Miss Ethel Stanton, one of two young women who were shot and killed simultaneously last night in a Portsmouth, N. H. Cafe, said today he could offer no explanation of his daughter's act. He said she was cheerful as a rule, and he knew of no reason for her to worry. She had an independent fortune and could gratify her tastes. Six months ago, he said, she concluded to travel and had been moving from place to place since then.

### U. S. FIRST TO RECOGNIZE NEW RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

PETROGRAD, Mar. 22.—The United States is the first nation to recognize formally the new government of Russia. Ambassador Francis made a preliminary call this morning on Foreign Minister Minkoff immediately upon the receipt of instructions from the state department at Washington. This afternoon, accompanied by his staff including the naval and military attaches, he went to the Marinsky palace, where the council of ministers was assembled, made the formal recognition and presented congratulations and felicitations on behalf of the United States. The military and naval attaches appeared in full uniform, while Ambassador Francis and the secretaries wore afternoon dress.

# NO WARNING TO TANKER BY GERMAN U-BOAT

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Handelsblad says there are only six Americans among the survivors of the Healdton.

In its account of the sinking of the Healdton the Handelsblad says: "The unreliability of the German assurances regarding the so-called safe zone is shown by the reports of the crew of the Healdton and the crews of fishing boats.

"For safety's sake the Healdton chose the northern route. Wednesday evening at 8:35 o'clock a submarine suddenly made a treacherous attack. Without fully emerging and without a warning it fired two torpedoes which hit the steamer amidships so that the vessel, because of the dangerous character of her cargo and an explosion in the engine room, caught fire.

### Life Boat Capsized.

"The crew in three boats tried to leave the ship. Two sloops with 13 and 7 men respectively, succeeded in getting away, but the third, containing 21 men, capsized and nearly all were drowned.

"The crew of a Dutch trawler which observed the fire from a great distance believed the glow to be that of the aurora borealis and did not go to the rescue. The next day, however, seeing a sloop under sail, they at once stopped fishing and steamed in the direction of the sloop whose occupants were so exhausted that they were unable to maneuver their boat alongside the trawler. The captain of the trawler finally managed to approach the sloop and some of the Dutch fishermen jumped into the craft and brought it alongside the trawler where the shipwrecked men were taken on board, cared for and supplied with dry clothes. All the property of the crew was lost.

### Left Survivors to Drift.

"After the attack the submarine at once submerged and disappeared without troubling over the lot of the shipwrecked sailors.

"Among the crew of the Healdton were thirteen Americans of whom six were rescued."

### Tanker Unarmed.

PHILADELPHIA, March 23.—Thirteen American citizens were among the forty members of the crew of the American tank steamer Healdton, sunk by a submarine last Wednesday off Terschelling, Holland, with the probable loss of a score or more lives. The tanker was unarmed, having left this port before President Wilson authorized the navy to furnish guns and gunners to merchantmen.

The Healdton, of 4,489 gross tons and owned by the Standard Oil company, sailed from Philadelphia January 26 for Rotterdam with a cargo of 2,137,711 gallons of refined petroleum. The loss, including cargo, approximates \$2,150,000 it is said.

Up until two years ago the Healdton was known as the Purelite and sailed under German registry, but since then has sailed under the American flag. Built in 1908 in Greenock, Scotland, she was 369 feet long, 27 feet in depth and 51 feet beam.

### Avoided Danger Zone.

The Healdton had an unusual voyage before she was sunk, according to agents of the steamer here. After Germany had issued her notice for ruthless submarine warfare, the Healdton picked up a wireless message off the coast of France ordering her to return at once to Halifax and await orders. She arrived there about February 8 and remained until about February 28, when she sailed again for Rotterdam by way of the Shetland islands route which is out of the submarine war zone established by Germany.

The decision of the agents to have the Healdton avoid the danger zone and not call at Kirkwall for inspection caused the British authorities to put the ship and crew through a rigorous examination at Halifax. When the steamer left Halifax she had orders to call at Bergen and then proceed to Rotterdam.

### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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# REFORM ABUSE IN ISSUANCE OF WATERCERTIFICATES

Only those who pay up delinquent installments on city water main payments prior to May 31, will receive in return water certificates redeemable in the payment of water rent.

Those who fail to pay before that date will be confronted with the necessity of paying water rent in cash.

Heretofore in addition to issuing water certificates for the amount of the delinquency paid up the certificate was issued in the amount of delinquent principal plus interest, thus putting a premium upon the non-payment of water main installments. At other words if a property owner owed \$100 and paid it at time of maturity he received certificates in the sum of \$100. If he waited a year to pay he would receive \$106 in certificates, or principal plus interest at 6 per cent for one year.

Under the terms of the ordinance passed last night no allowance will be made for interest in the issuance of certificates.

Following is given a statement of figures in regard to payments of water main assessments and the issuance of certificates:

Amount of water certificates already issued, \$104,000.

Amount redeemed for water rent, \$56,000.

Amount now outstanding for which certificates have been issued, \$48,000.

Amount issued representing interest, \$29,000.

Amount of principal yet to be paid up, for which certificates will be issued, providing payment is made before May 31st, \$78,000.

If the old plan of paying interest on delinquent payments had been followed until all payments had been made, the total interest charge would be about \$54,000. Of this amount \$14,000 has already accumulated.

The passage of the ordinance is in line with the new method of handling the city's finances formulated by Col. Howard A. Hanson of Seattle. Water accounts have been transferred to the city treasurer, who will in future make collections and issue certificates.

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# BERLIN PAPER PUTS GUILT FOR WAR ON PRESIDENT

BERLIN, March 23.—The Lokal Anzeiger accuses President Wilson of criminal carelessness in his conduct of American-German relations. The paper says:

"The policy of President Wilson since the breaking off of diplomatic relations has been characterized by careless and criminal errors. He has played with the destinies of great peoples. He desires to make his further course depend upon whether Germany commits an overt act that is an openly hostile action against an armed American merchantman. At the same time he lets it be known that he has commanded these armed merchantmen to open fire on their part on all submarines immediately.

"In the face of the reasons we have given the whole world as the basis for unrestricted warfare it is unparalleled rashness if the president risks the lives of American citizens in the careless belief that we will not dare to injure them. Even apart from the fact that our naval authorities declare that it is practically impossible to distinguish American from non-American merchantmen, the German government must emphatically decline to consider any discrimination. If President Wilson rashly wants war he should start it and he will have it. On our side it only remains to assure him that we have put an end to negotiations about submarine warfare once for all. The monstrous guilt for a German-American war, should it come, falls alone upon President Wilson and his government."

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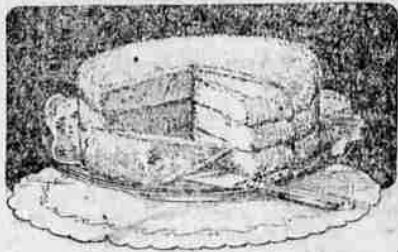
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(Report No. 1) By a man who saw it done

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Katie went ahead doing a lot of things that I did not understand. But finally the batter was ready. I licked the spoon and the batter flavor gave promise of a fine cake flavor.

It kept its promise. When the layers were done Katie said, "My! See how light it is."

We waited 15 minutes for the cake to cool before testing its flavor.

When we did, Katie's doubts were removed.

Her coconut cake was certainly a delicious cake and not a speck of butter had been used.

Katie used this recipe:

Two-thirds cup Cottolene  
2 cups sugar  
3 eggs  
3 cups flour  
5 level teaspoons baking powder  
Quarter teaspoon salt  
1 cup milk  
Half teaspoon each lemon and vanilla.  
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