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 Maximum yesterday 79
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HOLD FEMALE BLUEBEARD 4 MURDERS

Lydia Meyers Arrested at Honolulu—Killed Husbands for Insurance—Charge Poison Is Weapon—Matrimonial Record Is Long One.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 12.—Lydia Meyer, charged with the murder of her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, at Twin Falls, Idaho, September 7, 1920, was arrested at Honolulu today according to a dispatch received by the Salt Lake Telegram. V. H. Ormsby, deputy sheriff at Twin Falls, at present in Los Angeles, said that he was awaiting extradition papers being prepared at Twin Falls to bring her back to Idaho for trial. The deputy sheriff also informed the paper that Mrs. Meyer married Vincent Southard of the U. S. S. Chicago November 20 last. Prosecuting Attorney Frank L. Stephan of Twin Falls county, Idaho, said Mrs. Southard's matrimonial record was being investigated for the purpose of determining the causes and fixing the responsibility for the deaths of three other former husbands, an infant child by Robert Dooley, her first husband, and Dooley's brother, Edward.

Insurance in which Mrs. Southard was the beneficiary, was carried on the lives of all five men, Stephan said, and of which she is said to have collected at least \$9,500. Mrs. Southard, who is 28 years old, worked for a time as a waitress at Twin Falls after Meyer's death. She departed for California last winter. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Trueblood, who live on a farm at Kimberly, Twin Falls county. Prosecutor Stephan said he had in his possession evidence which would establish that poison caused the deaths of Robert C. Dooley, William G. McHaffie, Harlan C. Lewis and Edward F. Meyer, respectively her first, second, third and fourth husbands, and Edward Dooley, brother of her first husband. Stephan said the bodies of these men had been exhumed and the contents of their stomachs analyzed by Herman Harms and Edwin Rodenbaugh, state chemists respectively of Idaho and Utah, and that a deadly poison had been found. The poison in each case was said to have been the same.

The woman's arrest on a charge of murdering Meyer was made as a result of the chemists' report, Stephan said. Mrs. Southard's matrimonial history and the dates of her husbands' deaths as given out by the authorities follow: Married Robert C. Dooley, an Idaho farmer, at Twin Falls, March 17, 1912; died in Twin Falls hospital, October 12, 1915, typhoid being assigned as the cause.

Married William G. McHaffie, Twin Falls waiter, at Twin Falls, in June 1917; died at Hardin, Mont., October 22, 1918; death reported to have been from influenza and diphtheria.

Married Harlan C. Lewis, automobile mechanic of Billings, Mont., at Denver, Colo., March 10, 1919; died at Billings July 6, 1919; cause of death reported as fluoro enteritis.

Married Edward F. Meyer, foreman Blue Lakes ranch, Twin Falls county, Idaho, at Pocatello, Idaho, August 10, 1920; died at Twin Falls hospital September 7, 1920. Autopsy revealed traces of poison.

In two cases the prosecuting attorney said Mrs. Southard failed to collect insurance on her husbands' lives. The policy on McHaffie's life, he said, was allowed to lapse through non-payment of a premium. Meyer, the fourth husband carried \$10,000 of insurance, which was increased from \$2000 shortly before his death, but no attempt was made by his wife to collect it.

Not long after the first marriage, Prosecuting Attorney Stephan said that the Dooley brothers jointly assumed an insurance policy on their lives for \$2000, naming Mrs. Dooley as the beneficiary. This was in addition to the \$2500 policy carried by the husband, Robert C. Dooley, in favor of his wife.

Edward Dooley died August 9, 1915, after an illness of ten days and the insurance was paid to the surviving Dooley and his wife. On October 1, 1915 Robert C. Dooley died and insurance on his life was collected by Mrs. Dooley.

The Dooley baby lived to be three or four years old and its death was reported to have resulted from typhoid fever. An examination of the ranch house occupied by Meyer and his wife in

Clara Gets \$10,000 And Rights to Oil Made By Hon. Jake

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—A claim of Clara Smith Hamon against the estate of Jake L. Hamon, of whose alleged murder she was recently acquitted by an Oklahoma jury, was in process of settlement today, it was stated by J. B. Champion, attorney for the claimant. The negotiations, he said, had proceeded on the basis of payment of \$10,000 in cash and recognition by the estate of certain assignments and contracts by which Hamon was declared to have made over oil rights to Clara Smith Hamon during his life. Judge C. R. Ellis, of Santa Ana, Cal., conducted the negotiations with Mr. Champion as the representative of his son, Fred Ellis of Ardmore, Okla., attorney for Mrs. Jake L. Hamon of Chicago, the widow.

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COL. HARVEY MEET KING GEORGE, MID ROYAL FLUDDUB

LONDON, May 12.—Colonel George Harvey, the new American ambassador, was received this forenoon by King George at Buckingham palace. Ambassador Harvey was accompanied to the palace by Sir John Hanbury-Williams, marshal of the diplomatic corps, and the members of the embassy secretariat. The three royal barouches used for the occasion called at the American embassy and the members of the American party, all of whom were in full dress, entered the courtyard and proceeded to the palace. Earl Curzon was present during Ambassador Harvey's presentation of his credentials to the king, the secretary for foreign affairs, and of the letter of recall of his predecessor in the ambassadorial post, John W. Davis.

After this formality had been concluded King George, Ambassador Harvey and Lord Curzon had a few minutes' informal chat, following which the members of the new ambassador's suite were presented to the king.

WESTERN UNION TO EXTEND CABLES

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The Western Union Telegraph company expects to double its cable facilities to the east coast of South America within the next two years and plans to lay a cable along the South American west coast during the next twelve months, Newcomb Carlton, president of the company, said today before the house commerce committee. He was continuing his testimony against the senate bill to give the president authority over cable landing.

The cable to the west coast, Mr. Carlton said, will extend from Miami, Fla., via Panama.

BOSTON TOWBOATS BACK ON JOB

BOSTON, May 12.—Engineers and firemen employed on harbor towboats who quit work last week in support of the seamen's strike, returned today. George H. Willey, business manager of the local branch of the Marine Engineers Beneficial association, said the men were satisfied that their return would not affect the main strike. Two companies announced that hereafter they would operate their boats on open shop basis.

The firemen quit work last Friday without union sanction, according to Mr. Willey.

HALT OPERATIONS TO OCCUPY RUHR

DUSSELDORF, May 12.—(By the Associated Press)—General Degoutte, commander of the allied forces on the Rhine, arrived today from Mayence and immediately ordered the preparations for occupation of the Ruhr to cease. It was remarked among the military officers, however, that the order said "the operation has been postponed," and not entirely abandoned.

PERU IN REVOLT REPORT, CENSOR SILENCES WIRES

Lima, Peru, May 12.—Several prominent persons who were detained recently for political reasons have been placed aboard the Peruvian liner Paita which is lying in Callao, for deportation, according to yesterday's newspapers. It is reported that General Oscar Banawides, former president of the republic, who was taken into custody last week for alleged complicity in a revolutionary plot, is among those to be deported.

The ultimate destination of the steamer is given by the newspaper as Sydney, Australia.

Buenos Aires, May 12.—What is happening in Peru is a question that is interesting the Buenos Aires newspapers, which owing to Peruvian censorship, have been unable to learn from their Lima correspondents what basis exists for reports here of serious events occurring in the Peruvian capital.

From Chilean sources some rumors of a revolutionary outbreak are current. The latest reports from Santiago to La Nación says rumors of the outbreak of a revolution in Peru have not been confirmed, but that May 6 or May 7 the Peruvian government discovered a plot to overthrow it and proceeded energetically to imprison and deport the leaders. The reports were brought to Chile by steamship passengers and in other ways.

VIENNA, May 12.—A peasants' congress, called for the purpose of proclaiming a Croatian republic will meet in Agram Monday, says a Belgrade dispatch. The Jugo-Slav government, upon learning of the proposed meeting, ordered that measures be taken to prevent it.

ANGORA, Anatolia, May 11.—(By the Associated Press)—Much activity is being displayed in Angora by agents of the Russian soviet government. Suppression of an attempt to proclaim the nationalist administration a soviet republic has created some tension with the Moscow government.

The army of Kiazim Kara Bekir, which arrived recently from Armenia to take the field against the Greeks, has been sent to the Armenian frontier, where suspicious movements by bolshevik troops are reported.

JAP CONSUL PAYS RESPECTS TO WOOD

MANILA, May 12.—The consular corps, headed by the consul general of Japan, Saburo Karuso, called upon the Wood-Forbes presidential investigating mission today to pay respects. The commissioners are holding daily conferences with individuals and receiving communications from various organizations regarding conditions in the Philippines. All communications are considered confidential by the mission unless the author desires publication. Preparations have been completed for the eighteen days tour through northern and central Luzon, upon which the commissioners start Thursday.

LOWER RATES HIT WALL ST. STOCKS

NEW YORK, May 12.—Virtually every division of the list, excepting copper and utilities, contributed to the irregularly lower range of prices at the opening of today's stock market. Steels again were most vulnerable with the foreign oils. Motors and kindred shares also yielded to further pressure with some of the tobacco and food specialties. American Writing Paper preferred and International Paper reflected labor troubles in that industry. Rails were dull, but reactionary under lead of the coalers. Remittances to the leading foreign centers were variably higher.

Creators of Applause Buenos Aires Shows Want to Have Union

Buenos Aires, May 12.—Claqueurs, boys and men whose vocation is to create applause in Buenos Aires theaters, have demanded the right to be unionized as a regular part of the theatrical profession. Authors who are accused of owing a debt of gratitude to their humble supporters, oppose their claims.

FUGITIVE ROBBER TRAPPED BY POSSE IN NAPA CANYON

NAPA, Cal., May 12.—A posse of deputy sheriffs and ranchers has trapped Roy Gardner, escaped mail robber, in a thickly wooded spot in Gordon canyon, near here, and is waiting a favorable opportunity to close in on Gardner and bring him out dead or alive, the sheriff's office announced today.

Gardner escaped June 7, 1920 by jumping from a train near Portland after he had been convicted of an \$87,000 registered mail robbery at San Diego and given a 25 year term in McNeil's island penitentiary.

Following his escape Gardner went to Australia and recently returned to Napa where his wife resides, to give himself up, the sheriff's office said. He was advised, however, through a guarded telephone conversation with his wife that he could expect no concessions and he immediately disappeared again, with the posse in close pursuit.

PADDOCK WILL NOT RUN IN EAST

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—Charles W. Paddock of the University of Southern California, claimant of four world's sprinting records, has given up plans to race in the east next month, it was announced today. He will probably take part in the Pacific coast conference championships at Eugene, Ore., May 21, according to Dean R. Cronwell, U. S. C. coach.

Paddock had planned to coach an invitational meet at Boston June 15 or the national inter-collegiate meet at Chicago June 18. Inability to arrange his university study work was announced as his reason for abandoning the eastern trip.

BASEBALL SCORES

National	
NEW YORK	George Kelly of the Giants, made his eighth home run today in the first inning of the game with the St. Louis Nationals with the bases full.
DETROIT	Babe Ruth hit his tenth home run of the season in the first inning with one on base.
Cincinnati	1 5 5
Brooklyn	8 10 2
Batteries: Brenton, Romme and Wingo; Cadore and Krueger.	
Pittsburg	3 7 2
Boston	1 8 0
Batteries: Grazier and Schmitz; Watson, Geselger and O'Neill, Gibson.	
R. H. E.	
St. Louis	5 9 1
New York	7 7 1
Sherfield, Haines, Schupp and Edhoefer; Barnes, Sallee and Snyder.	
Philadelphia - Chicago	postponed.
American League	
Washington	4 6 9
Cleveland	1 8 4
Erickson and Gharrity; Mathis, Caldwell and O'Neill, Thomas.	
Boston at Chicago postponed, rain.	
R. H. E.	
New York	15 14 1
Detroit	19 14 0
Sheehan, Collins, Quinn, Ferguson, Jays and Schantz; Duvoss, Holling, Leonard and Basler.	
R. H. E.	
Philadelphia	8 11 1
St. Louis	6 5 1
Harris, Keefe, Romme and Perkins; Kolp, Burwell, Bayne and Briggs.	

MINING TOWNS OF W. VIRGINIA IN CIVIL WAR

Battle Raging on State Line—Outgrowth of the Matewan Trial—State Police Hemmed In—Passenger Train Under Fire.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 12.—A gun battle on the West Virginia-Kentucky border in the vicinity of Sterrett and Spruce, adjacent mining towns, was reported to Sheriff Pison of Mingo county today. One man is reported killed and reports to the sheriff indicate that the battle is still in progress. The man reported killed is said to be Harry Staten, a former magistrate and a witness for the state in the Matewan and Fair trial early this year. He is said to have been shot while standing in front of his store at Spruce.

The fighting is said to be the severest in the history of Mingo county and Sheriff Pison is summoning a number of special deputies for immediate service at the two towns.

A later report stated that Mervin was also being fired on from the Kentucky side. Captain J. E. Broocks and a squad of state police were reported hemmed in by firing parties at Mervin. It is reported that the state police's supply of ammunition is low. Captain Broocks has ten men at Mervin and in addition there are six deputies there.

Six state police who had been on duty east of Thacker, reached Williamson this evening. They descended the firing at Spruce as a "confidential" party. They added that the fire came from houses and other places in the village as well as from the mountain side.

GOODYEAR TIRE CO. TO REORGANIZE

COLUMBUS, O., May 12.—Incorporation articles providing for re-organization of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, Akron, Ohio, with \$10,000,000 of preferred capital stock and \$1,500,000 shares of non-preferred common stock were filed today with the secretary of state.

The re-organization plan provides for \$30,000,000 eight per cent, 20-year first mortgage bonds and \$30,000,000 eight per cent ten year debentures.

The preferred stock is divided into three classes: \$40,000,000 eight per cent prior preferred; \$100,000,000 seven per cent ordinary preferred and \$10,000,000 six per cent management preferred.

In all, there are 2,310,000 shares of both classes of stocks.

WEST IVAN SAILS FOR FAR EAST

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—The shipping board steamer West Ivan departed for the Far East shortly after midnight with Captain G. J. Lindner as her master. Lindner was put in charge late yesterday when Captain A. W. Wenneclaud refused to go to sea without a chief engineer. The crew, which was complete with the exception of a chief engineer, was non-union and stated here some of the turbine strikes started. The West Ivan was the last to leave of four shipping board vessels, which were loaded and ready to depart when the strike began. Many other vessels have departed in the meantime with crews, which had been signed at other ports previous to the strike.

RUSH SUPPLIES TO ALASKAN TOWNS

SEATTLE, May 12.—Seattle's fishing fleet has come to the rescue of southeastern Alaskan towns, short of food supplies as a result of the marine coup, it became known today with the announcement that the power schooner Republic is en route to Ketchikan with a cargo of apples, potatoes and fresh vegetables. The cannery tender Frederick C. of the Alaska Fish company's fleet today began loading a six-ton cargo of fresh vegetables, butter, eggs and potatoes for Ketchikan, it was announced. Butter, eggs, cheese and other food supplies destined for Alaska are accumulating here heavily, and gas boats may be used to move them to ports in the territory, according to shippers here.

Hawaii Quotes Bible In Plea for Beer And Wine With Kick

HONOLULU, April 20.—The house of representatives of the Hawaiian legislature approves of the proposal recently put before it by Representative Evan B. Silva of the Island of Hawaii that congress be asked to permit the manufacture and sale of 4 1/2 per cent beer and 15 per cent wine in the territory. The resolution, reported favorably by the judiciary committee and adopted by the house, goes to the territorial senate.

In reporting out the committee resolution, the house judiciary committee said "the desire for some alleviating, some refreshing and strengthening draught is universal and with all persons. We have the authority of ancient writings that wine was made from water and that it maketh glad the heart of man."

The committee also said that because of the circumstances surrounding the death of his wife of two months T. W. Gruetter, chemist and assayer of this city, was placed under arrest Wednesday afternoon, on a murder charge which alleges that he was responsible for her death at their home near Agate.

His preliminary hearing was postponed in Justice Taylor's court this afternoon until next Wednesday. The protest innocence of the crime charged. He is held in bail of \$20,000, and his attorneys are D. S. Blanchard of Grants Pass and John H. Clark.

The case has a number of peculiar features, one of which is that the affidavit for the warrant charging murder was signed by James S. Bomgardner, well known Josephine county miner living about five miles west of Grants Pass, who is a former husband of the woman. When the warrant for arrest was issued by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney George Coddling yesterday afternoon, it was supposed that she was still the wife of Bomgardner, but that the couple were separated. This morning it developed that the former Mrs. Bomgardner had married Gruetter at Chico, Calif., about two months ago. When the murder arrest warrant was issued, the prosecutor's office was in ignorance of this situation.

The circumstances surrounding the death are such that it is possible that the body will be exhumed and a post mortem examination made to determine the exact cause of death.

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HAWLEY PAPER MILL RUNS FULL BLAST

DETRIT, Mich., May 12.—Sale of the Mackworth Motor company by auction, was ordered by United States District Judge Arthur J. Tuttle some time ago to provide for reorganization of the company with the Chrysler Motor company, was consummated today.

The property was acquired by Walter J. Chrysler of New ark chairman of the reorganization committee of the tea concern, and Harry Brommer of New York, a member of the committee. The sale price was \$10,000,000.

LOCAL MAN IS HELD FOR WIFE MURDER

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