

NOTE EXPLAINS LOCAL SUICIDE, MAN IS ALIVE

Note Left By Malin Man Who Shot Himself Near City Last Night, Shows That Jilting By Girl Cause of Action—Recovery Is Doubtful.

Disappointed in love, J. L. Petruska, 50, mechanic of Malin, Klamath county, Oregon, last night about midnight, fired a rifle bullet into his face, and lies at Sacred Heart hospital in a precarious condition.

"I think everybody in all world. My sweetheart did leave me. Forgive me I got to go. I forgive all people in this world, except to my sweetheart, I would not give her good-bye. I am not crazy. I am not good reason. I am not much good in this world. Just like her."

The note, written in a clear, neat hand, was signed: Joseph L. Petruska, Czechoslovak.

Petruska, according to the sheriff's office, made calm and detailed preparations for his deed. He drove an auto, registered in the name of H. L. Norris of Klamath Falls, license 220-259, to a spot on McAndrews road, on the outskirts of this city, and wrote his last letter. The pen, ink, and tablet were found in the automobile seat.

Petruska placed a 25-55 rifle barrel beneath his chin and pressed the trigger with his foot. By signs, and the few words he can utter, he told the authorities this morning the first two shots missed their mark, and the third shot tore his way through his face, below the right eye.

The auto in which Petruska was riding was equipped for a camping trip. Among his personal possessions were a Woodmen's lodge pin, a crucifix and rosary, and a photograph of two girls dressed in Czechoslovak costume.

Residents of the district noticed Petruska earlier in the evening and noted his return, and heard the three shots.

ACCIDENTS THRILL ROUND-UP THROUGH

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Round-up crowds, thrilled by spectacles yesterday, which included several spills in races with injuries to performers, were on hand for more sensations today.

Donna Card, cowgirl relay rider, fell twice with her mount and the animal rolled over her yesterday, but she came back from the field hospital to ride the second time before injuries put her out.

Dick Shelton downed his steer yesterday in 14.1-5 seconds, while Jake McClure roped his in 13:2-5 seconds, bettering Wednesday's best time by 2 seconds.

In the northwest bucking championships nearly half of the riders tumbled. In the world championship bucking contest, P. E. Studnick rode King Tut all the way. Breese Cox mastered Jack Lawe, one of the worst.

Two runs, three hits, one error, one left on.

SIR HUBERT TO WED STAGE STAR AFTER FLIGHT

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—(AP)—When Captain Sir George Hubert Wilkins is in the Antarctic on his aerial exploring expedition, one of the most interested in his exploits will be Miss Suzanne Bennett, actress and, like the captain, an Australian.

Captain Wilkins sails today on board the liner Southern Cross for Montevideo, Uruguay, whence he will go on a whaler to Decapton island, base for his exploring flights.

"Yes, it is true," Miss Bennett said when asked concerning the rumors of their engagement. "We have been engaged for a couple of days." She said no date had been set for the wedding and refused to discuss the details of her meeting with the Arctic explorer.

Miss Bennett, a native of Melbourne, had the lead in "Guns," a Broadway play which recently closed. Prior to that she had appeared in two other plays and several years ago was in Earl Carroll's "Vanities." She is a slender brunette.

Captain Wilkins, who won his title with the Australian forces in the World war, flew across the "top of the world" last spring from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen. His planned Antarctic flights are said to be the most hazardous and difficult ever undertaken.

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The spare tire on the automobile, which Northcott disposed of shortly before he fled in Canada was mounted on the side rather than the back. Matches which officers said unmistakably were blood, were found on the tire cover. Quinn's theory was that a body might have been carried on the short running board of the car. If this were true, he said, blood easily might have been deposited on the tire cover.

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EVERYTHING ROSEY FOR STOCKRAISERS STATISTICS HOLD

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Optimism prevails in stock raising circles of the west and southwest as a result of current high prices of beef and range cattle and indications of continued favorable marketing and production conditions.

This is indicated in reports of the United States department of agriculture, statements of private livestock associations, university digests and reviews and reports of state boards of agriculture. The present high prices of beef and range cattle have helped greatly to place the livestock industry in Texas and the southwestern states on a stable basis, reports E. B. Spitzer, manager of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers association.

Oklahoma City cattle receipts show an increase of about 10 per cent over last year up to September 1, and receipts of horses there has been 40 per cent greater this year than last.

J. H. Mercer, state livestock commissioner of Kansas, in a statement says: "Stockmen are beginning to recover some of their losses sustained in the past year deflation of values. The demand for beef probably will continue active, and with the limited supply of slaughter cattle, satisfactory prices should be maintained for the next two or three years."

Despite the present higher prices E. A. Phillips, secretary of the Montana state livestock commission, says the time has not yet come to sell.

MOTHER'S LOVE AIDED

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START WORK ON FOOT B. STANDS MON. MORNING

Following the opening of bids by the school board yesterday and the awarding of the contract to build the new bleachers for the new high school athletic field to H. H. Filer, the Medford contractor, the construction work will begin Monday so as to be ready for use by October 12. As told in yesterday's Mail Tribune, the new section of bleachers will be 120 feet long and 15 feet high, with 10 tiers of seats, which will accommodate 600 persons.

This section, with a covered stand 14 by 25 feet, will be erected on the east side of the field opposite the grandstand, and a much appreciated feature will be a cement walk in front of the section.

Mr. Filer's bid was \$1298.50, and the other bids submitted were as follows: R. L. Stuart & Sons, \$1490; Bailey & Spitzmiller, \$1875; P. A. Poffe, \$1675; George W. Oliver, \$1580; C. E. Borg, \$1621; E. P. Power, \$1689.

The specifications were prepared by Frank C. Clark, the architect.

PORTLAND NAMED FOR 1929 SESSION NATIONAL G. A. R.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic were homeward bound today after having bid farewell to comrades of other states until the next encampment is held in Portland, Maine, in 1929.

With the election of new officers headed by John Leese of Broken Bow, Neb., as commander in chief for the 42nd annual meeting closed here last night, Leese, who is 82 years old and a retired attorney, gave a brief address of acceptance, then slipped from the stage behind the wings. No longer able to conceal his emotions, he broke down and wept.

James E. Jewell, Colorado's candidate for commander in chief, had withdrawn when the nominations were made. He was elected senior vice commander in chief by acclamation.

Other officers elected were: Henry J. Kearney, New York City, junior vice commander; Dr. S. W. Hopkins, Lodi, Calif., surgeon general and J. King Gibson, Dayton, Ohio, chaplain in chief.

Portland was selected for the next encampment over Sacramento, Calif., the only other city to extend an invitation.

Commander Reese appointed Thomas J. Smith of Newark, Neb., national adjutant general. He reappointed George A. Hoxley, chief of staff; C. G. Stowitz, Buffalo, N. Y., quartermaster general and Samuel P. Town of Philadelphia, assistant quartermaster general.

The fruits of victory in the transcontinental air derby of the national air races have brought a group of aviators fame, glory—and \$75,000 in cash among them.

To John Livingston of Aurora, Ill., the most officials passed out \$12,410, the biggest prize of the races. Livingston was given first place in the class B race and built up his small fortune by adding a comfortable sum of lap and special prize money.

YANKS ONCE MORE TWO GAMES AHEAD, NEW DOUBLE MARK

By Herbert W. Barker Associated Press Sports Writer. Professors Cornelius McGillicuddy and Miller James Huggins are taking turns in juggling the big American league pennant ball.

Both have made a lot of slips in recent weeks but so far they've escaped serious injury. It won't be long now, though, when their next slip will be fatal. That applies particularly to Mr. McGillicuddy. It was his turn to do the slipping yesterday and he did so over at Chicago without mishap.

The net result was that the New York Yankees again are in a comparatively safe spot at the top of the American league standing while Connie's Philadelphia Athletics languish two full games to the rear.

The A's defeat at Detroit was all the more surprising because Connie sent his ace of aces to the mound—Robert Moses Gray. But Lefty, who has weaved strange spells over the swainsmiths of every team in the league but the Yankees this year, found the Tigers in a ferocious mood.

With savage hitting to brace him, Elam Van Gilder, Athletic jinx extraordinary, was in a position to breeze to an easy 9 to 4 victory.

While Connie was being put to the humbling, old Tom Zachary took up his post left hand at the command of Mr. Huggins and summarily pitched the Yankees to a 5 to 2 triumph over Lena Blackburne's much-improved Chicago White Sox. This victory gave Miller some satisfaction for the affront the Sox put on him Thursday when they beat George Pipgras and Walte Hoyt in a 12-inning game.

Lazzari and Ruth both were injured during the game and had to retire.

The Washington Senators consolidated their hold on fourth place by taking the Cleveland Indians down the line in two games, the score being 2 to 1 each time.

Charley Ruffing took things in his own hands at St. Louis, hitting a home run with two on in the seventh to give the Boston Red Sox a 5 to 3 victory over the Browns.

While the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Giants were having an off day before resuming their crucial series at the Polo grounds, the Chicago Cubs took advantage of this idleness by bowing to Dazzy Vance and the Brooklyn Dodgers, 2 and 1, and thereby all but dropped out of the struggle for the National league pennant.

The Cincinnati Reds established a new major league record for double plays at Boston where they divided a double-header with the Braves. Boston took the first game 5 to 2, but the Reds had the consolation of completing their 182d double-killing, beating the old record of 182 set by Washington in 1925. They added two more to their string in the second game when they won, 3 to 2.

The Pittsburgh Pirates made it two in a row from the Phillies, 6 to 5, it being the Phil's ninth straight defeat.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Willamette University sophomores won the annual boat race from the freshmen yesterday afternoon, and as a climax the freshmen were rowed to jump into the millrace. Some of the first men dived up on certain sophomores and threw them into the race. Upperclassmen stopped the fight.

FIRST FOOTBALL GAME ON TODAY AT HIGH S. FIELD

In weather better suited for tennis and baseball, the Medford high school football team this afternoon is playing its annual first game of the season with the Astoria team at the high school athletic field.

The chief interest in the game is whether the high school, with the best looking prospects in years will perform as brilliantly as in past years.

The alumni team is composed of former high school stars, and a sprinkling of college players. The line-up of the two teams for the starting whistle was:

High. Alumn. B. Hughes C. G. Kniss J. Hughes C. Hall Green G. Zeek Mosegan T. Demmer Stoehr T. Perry McDonald T. Blen Bowerman E. Singler Melvin J. C. Dunn H. Anderson Q. Laing Harrell H. Day Cooksie F.

SACS PROFIT BY SLUMP OF STARS

(By Associated Press) Cunningham held the Senators to eight scattered hits and fanned 10 to win for Los Angeles, 4 to 2, the first Angel victory of this series. Signosis got a homer for one of Portland's runs. Batteries: Cunningham and Norton; Hannah; Ponder, Fullerton and Saunders, Whitney.

Sacramento is profiting by the slump that has hit the Hollywood Stars and now sits three games ahead of them on top of the pile. The Senators evened the series with the Missions yesterday by grabbing a 5 to 4 victory. Batteries: Kesting, Gould and Seveid; Holling, Nelson and Baldwin, Brenzel.

Oakland subdued the Stars, 10 to 4, to give Hollywood its ninth defeat on the home lot in the last 11 starts. Batteries: Daglia and Reed; Couch, Valla and Bassler.

Walter Mills fell before the heavy sticks of Seattle and the Tribe romped off with victory over San Francisco, 12 to 6. Batteries: Teachout and Alsmith; Mills, Walters and Yargas.

Miss Murphy Wins Title. PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP) Miss Margaret Murphy of Portland, holder of the women's golf championship of Washington state, added another trophy to her collection yesterday when she defeated Mrs. Kenneth Reed, Oregon state women's champion, one up on the 37th hole, in the final round championship tournament here of the Oregon Women's Golf association.

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Baseball Standings. Pacific Coast League. W. L. PC. Sacramento 54 32 .628. Hollywood 51 35 .592. San Francisco 50 36 .581. Mission 46 40 .535. Oakland 46 40 .535. Portland 36 49 .419. Los Angeles 22 52 .288. Seattle 28 58 .325.

American League. W. L. PC. New York 95 50 .655. Philadelphia 92 52 .641. St. Louis 79 67 .543. Chicago 79 77 .473. Washington 68 77 .473. Cleveland 65 81 .445. Boston 52 93 .359.

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Major League Leaders. (By the Associated Press) Including games of Sept. 1: National League. Batting—Hornsbly, Braves, .388. Runs—P. Waner, Pirates, 135. Hits—P. Waner, Pirates, 221. Doubles—P. Waner, Pirates, 31. Triples—P. Waner, Pirates, 19. Home runs—Wilson, Cubs, 30. Stolen bases—Cuyler, Cubs, 23. Pitching—Beaton, Giants, won 24, lost 8.

American League. Batting—Goslin, Senators, .379. Runs—Ruth, Yankees, 170. Hits—Manush, Browns, 234. Doubles—Manush, Browns, 45. Triples—Combs, Yankees, 21. Home runs—Ruth, Yankees, 21. Stolen bases—Myer, Red Sox, 26. Pitching—Crowder, Browns, won 19, lost 5.

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PLAN NEW PRISON BY FLAX PROFITS

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—A new state penitentiary, replacing the present, obsolete institution, paid for by a bond issue to be retired from the proceeds of prison industries, and sited within the next two or three years, in a possibility in the opinion of Col. W. R. Bartram, superintendent of industries at the prison. Speaking of proceeds from prison industries Colonel Bartram said he referred particularly to the flax industry.

It is the opinion of Colonel Bartram that the state should plan the new prison, which is an admitted necessity, for construction in four or six units, the units to be built biennially and the present prison plant gradually vacated.

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