

GUNWOMAN AND COHORT WAIT DEATH

Irene Schroeder and Former Sunday School Teacher Listless as Bludge Slayer Says She's Ready

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Apparently pained of the last desperate efforts of their attorneys to find some technicality which might give them a few more weeks of life, Mrs. Irene Schroeder and W. Glenn Dague, listlessly prepared to die in the electric chair at dawn Monday.



Associated Press Photo Mrs. Irene Schroeder.

of execution, awaited arrival of the death warrants—the signal for their removal to the Bellefonte death house.

The blonde former waitress, turned gunwoman, fondled the black kitten that has made her cell its abode; Dague, one-time Sunday school teacher, pored over his bible.

Father Calls. Last night a dejected, white-haired little man with a bright-eyed boy of five years, called at the jail. Jacob Crawford, former fish peddler, came to tell his daughter he had failed in his plea to the governor.

"You did all you could, papa; I am ready to die," Mrs. Schroeder smiled at him through the bars. A short time later she clasped her little son—perhaps for the last time.

Sheriff Frank Johnson told Crawford he still was uncertain when the trip to the penitentiary would be made; that all depended

upon the arrival of the death warrants.

Checking Story. Lawrence county authorities are checking further the story Mrs. Dague says her husband told her of the death of Tom Crawford, brother of Mrs. Schroeder, and alleged accomplice of the couple. She said Dague asserted Crawford died of wounds he received at the gun battle in which the highway officer was shot and that he and Mrs. Schroeder buried him secretly.

GUARDIAN GROUP ASSETS INCREASE UNDER EXPANSION

A statement recently issued by the home office of the Guardian Building and Loan association in Portland reveals that the assets of the Guardian group in Oregon have increased 612 per cent during the last year as a result of new affiliations and a tremendous increase in the number of depositors. According to Earle E. Fitzwater, president of the concern, the assets of the Guardian group were \$24,528 a year ago and the recent statement shows the assets to be \$4,740,000, or an increase of \$3,815,462.

"Naturally, we are proud of Guardian's steady and impressive growth in Oregon," said Mr. Fitzwater. "Less than five years ago, Guardian was organized under the management of J. S. Moltzer, our present managing director, and under his efficient guidance the number of Guardian depositors rapidly increased. The first expansion occurred when the Guardian offices were moved from the Pacific Building to West Park and Yamhill in the spring of 1927. Last year we established branches and affiliations in Oregon City, The Dalles, Klamath Falls, Eugene, Gresham, Alsea, Astoria, Medford and Salem."

Fitzwater attributes the growth of Building and Loan concerns in Oregon to the desire of local people to save money in local institutions. He declared that Building and Loan in the future would see even greater developments in the northwest.

Considerable attention was attracted by the Guardian Building and Loan association last year when that organization purchased the 12-story building at Third and Alder streets in Portland for the location of the home offices of the concern. Future plans of the Mortgage Investment company, managing company of Guardian, call for the erection of a modern office building at Fourth and Morrison streets, construction of which is expected to start sometime this summer.

The number of Guardian depositors has increased comparative to the growth in assets during the last year, as there were 11,153 depositors, January 1, 1930, and 31,197 at the beginning of 1931.

GRAIN GROWERS TOLD KEY TO OWN SUCCESS

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Grain growers can assure their own success by active support of the national grain stabilization and marketing act and by further co-operation among themselves, declared A. E. Kelley, manager of the North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., in addressing more than a hundred growers here.

Poland Population Gains. WARSAW — (AP)—The highest population increase in Europe is claimed for Poland as a result of figures showing 251,666 births in the first half of 1930.

THE CRIME IN THE DUTCH GARDEN

SYNOPSIS: Tragedy is marked by beauty, the beauty of a rural English estate, when its owner, Annabelle Querdling, is mysteriously killed. The circumstances are obviously hinted by the caretaker in his comment, "I don't know no accident" or Jimmie Haswell and his cousin, Donald Wade, neighbor of the spinner, reach the scene. Previously Donald, learning of death threats against her, has sent her niece, Evelyn Blake, to London to ask the advice of Jimmie, young lawyer with a reputation as a clever sleuth. With Evelyn had come Lionel Duckworth, whom Jimmie's apt perception linked romantically with Evelyn. This attachment they admit, while retaining that the eccentric old woman, having love and romance barred their own happiness, Jimmie sends his advice to Evelyn to let the police handle the case.

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THE DUTCH GARDEN

"I WOULDN'T go so far as to call it a 'crime,'" Ben repeated with his broad Yorkshire accent. "They setters, as they call 'em; more like devils to make thinkin'. No but devils couldn't fall o' themselves. Asides there won't no wind last night. Someone pushed—and I poor mistress underneath."

"I don't understand," said Donald. "Setters—devils. What do you mean?"

"Is it satyrs?" suggested Jimmie. "As, sir, Setters, T' owd st. san' fmagies in t' Dutch garden."



The satyr grinned above the garden where Miss Querdling died.

"You mean," cried Donald, "that Miss Querdling sat in that favorite seat of hers and one of the stone figures fell on her?"

"That's it, sir. Her fa'er-rite seat it wur, and every night when it wur fine she sat out o' there and watched t' sun set. I've seed her watched o' times."

"You say the satyr, one of the figures, fell on her?"

"Ay, but it never fall o' itself, it couldn't. It wur pushed, I tell ye."

"Surely not," said Donald incredulously. "That would be horrible. Let us go to the house. What a ghastly thing for Evelyn and Marjorie!"

As Donald and Jimmie approached the house, a small group of people emerged.

"Looks like the police!" Donald muttered.

Two men were in front. One was in uniform, and the other bore the impress of the police officer of higher rank. Close behind came two girls and a third man. Jimmie recognized one of the girls as Evelyn Blake. The other he guessed must be her sister Marjorie. The man was Evelyn's lover, Duckworth.

Donald ran forward and the little party stood still.

"I am terribly sorry," he said to the girls, as he shook their hands. "Surely it was an accident—a ghastly accident."

The girls made no answer. The police officer replied for them.

"That is what we have to decide," he said grimly.

He was Superintendent Richmond, head of the district police. Donald knew him and introduced his cousin.

"This is Mr. Haswell. He may be able to assist you. He helped Inspector Sprules of Scotland Yard in the Hell's Bells affair and the Queen's Gate mystery."

Superintendent Richmond, hard, shrewd man with grizzled hair and a cynical curl to his lip, had the policeman's usual contempt for the interfering amateur, but he was informed on all official matters and it was known in the force that Inspector Sprules, one of the Big Five at the Yard, owed

Annabelle's "strong views"—did they make Marjorie linger near the fatal garden? Motives are hinted in the text.

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REVIVAL MEETINGS AT TALENT DURING WEEK

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The local pastor, assisted by laymen from his congregation, have conducted the meetings during the week, except tonight, when Rev. Alexander Bennett of Medford will fill the pulpit.

Fliers Conquer London Fog. LONDON—(AP)—Despite the fog handicap which dogs winter fliers here, Imperial Airways announced

GLEE CLUB ENTERTAINS TALENT WOMEN'S CLUB

TALENT, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Talent Civic club held their regular meeting at the club rooms in the city hall Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance. The Glee club of Talent, under direc-

tion of Miss Dorothy Baughman, furnished the entertainment for the afternoon.

Miss Nell Cook of Medford sang Refreshments were served by Mrs. Duncanson and Mrs. Bullinger.

Plans Freight Line. BERLIN—(AP)—Margo von Biedorf, German aviatix who recently flew her plane to the Canary Islands and back, has received permission from the German Ministry of Transportation to start an air freight service on a commercial basis.

SOCIAL LEADER SLAIN BY FORMER ACTRESS

SANTA ANA, Cal., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Superior court held today that Adele Ritche was guilty of murder in the slaying of Doris Murray Palmer, Laguna Beach society leader, and her relatives

could not benefit from a legacy left by Mrs. Palmer to the former actress. Miss Ritche committed suicide after the shooting which occurred in April, 1930.

Commands Air Station. PENSACOLA, Fla.—(AP)—Capt. Rufus F. Zengstam, Jr., who qualified as a naval aviator after a quarter-century of regular navy service, has been appointed commandant of the naval air station here where flying training is carried on.

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5.25-18	7.90	7.90	15.30	5.25-21	7.75	7.75	15.00	5.00-20	11.25	11.30	21.90
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