

BILLY PAPKE OF RING FAME KILLS EX-WIFE AND SELF

Former Middleweight Champion Calls at Home of Divorced Wife and Shoots Her Down in Doorway

NEWPORT BEACH, Cal., Nov. 27. (AP)—Billy Papke Sr., heartick old fighter who was once middleweight champion of the world, lay in a mortuary today near his divorced wife whom he shot and killed on Thanksgiving night.

"Murder and suicide," police reported.

Despair over his failure to win a reconciliation was Papke's motive, friends said.

The square-jawed 50-year old pugilist, who eked out a living as "boet" in a Los Angeles Main street cafe, appeared last night at the Balboa Island home of Mrs. Edna Elsie Papke, mother of his three sons.

Met At Door
She met him at the door. A neighbor, Mrs. Helen Cabanne, said she heard them quarrel. Then five shots rang out.

The bodies were found sprawling in the vestibule, a 28 revolver still clutched in Papke's hand. He had twice wounded his 46-year old ex-wife before firing three bullets into his own chest.

"I can't understand why he did it," said William Papke, Jr., night clerk in the LaVerne police department, when told of the tragedy.

"I saw my father only this morning. He was in good spirits and we laughed and joked like always."

With two other sons, Clifford and Robert, the elder Papke had made his home in Altadena since Mrs. Papke was granted a divorce last August.

He referred a boxing program at Wilmington bowl Wednesday and spent the holiday yesterday at the cafe which advertised: "Meet Billy Papke, your host. Enjoy the personality and simplicity of a great fighter."

The cafe used to be known as Jim Flynn's place before the death of

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MRS. WILEY G. BONNEY
Mrs. Wiley G. Bonney, Grants Pass, covered 3000 miles last year seeing the more than 3000 members of the American Legion auxiliary in district No. 4. She has just finished her term as district commander.

Fireman Jim, the heavyweight who once knocked out Jack Dempsey.

Owner Ben Rosenberg said Papke seemed mood before he left late in the afternoon to "go home for a turkey dinner."

At Balboa, acquaintances of Mrs. Papke said her husband has visited her several times recently, angrily threatening her when she refused a reconciliation. Mrs. Papke was sure, they said, that "Billy will never hurt me."

It was 26 years ago, in a Los Angeles ring, that Papke, Illinois mine worker, knocked out champion Stanley Ketchell in 12 rounds. Two months later, in a rematch, Ketchell flattened Papke in 11 rounds.

When Ketchell was killed in a Missouri shooting, Papke, Frank Laus and Mike Gibbons were among the claimants to his title. The crown eventually went to Klaus when he won a foul from Papke in 15 rounds at Paris, France, March 5, 1913.

Billy's long fighting career listed 30 knockout triumphs, including Georges Carpentier, French light heavyweight champion, as a victim.

He started his son, William Jr., out as a boxer several years ago, but the youth failed to make the grade and retired.

PITTSBURGH FIRMS SET UP BARRIERS TO STEM FLOODS

Plan To Avert Repetition of Last Spring's Disaster—Government To Start Control Project Next July.

PITTSBURGH — (UP)—Flood-conscious Pittsburgh is preparing for any flood that might be even greater than that which struck this city last March, causing millions of dollars damage and paralyzing industry for three days.

Army engineers say the three rivers which surround the "Golden Triangle" probably will not reach the same height again for 500 years, according to the mathematical cycle of flood stages. But there's always the possibility that their predictions are wrong. Business men are preparing for that 500-to-1 shot.

Last spring, the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers conspired to inundate the Pittsburgh district to unprecedented depths. Many small businesses were wiped out. Large department stores had to spend thousands of dollars rebuilding first and even second floors.

But that was not all. Reinforced windows and doors were built to withstand terrific pressure should the waters again rise beyond flood stage.

Installs Bulkheads
One department store among those hardest hit last March has undertaken an ambitious flood protection plan. Aluminum bulkheads are being installed behind each window; easily-dropped steel reinforcements have been placed above each door; foundations and joists underground have been reinforced.

The idea is not to keep the waters as bay until they subside, but to give employees at least 12 hours to remove stock from lower floors to a point where the waters cannot possibly reach. These improvements are designed for a flood stage eight feet above the last one.

Of more importance to the public, however, are the preparations being

made by public utilities so that power and light will not be affected as was the case last spring. Cables, wires and other power equipment are being raised above a 50-foot flood stage level, or about five feet higher than last year's stage.

Barrier Protects Plant
The West Penn Power company is spending thousands on a 215-foot barrier around its Springdale plant as a protection against drifting debris. Both the West Penn and the Duquesne Light company have arranged with southern and western companies to transfer current to the city almost immediately if existing facilities are hampered.

The Pittsburgh Press, whose presses were damaged by muddy waters and debris, is turning its plant into a veritable fortress.

A new type of "honeycomb" window, built to withstand terrific pressure, is being installed to replace regular plate glass that collapsed last spring, letting the water pour into the press rooms. Flood gates have been prepared for doors and other openings so that they can be put in place quickly. The entire building can be clamped shut below the second floor.

State Senator William B. Rodgers, head of the Tri-State authority, said that next July the government will start work on about four of a projected series of 10 flood-control basins throughout the tri-state district.

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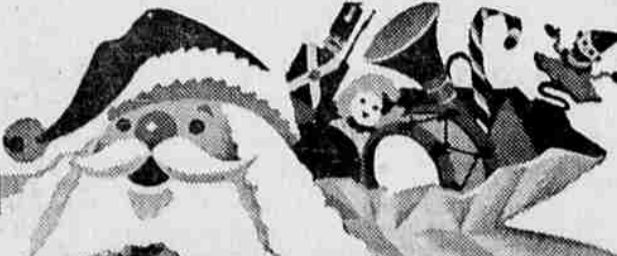
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