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THREE SISTERS ENTER STRANGE SUICIDE PACT

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21. (AP)—The cold waters of the Pacific ocean, washing ashore in Santa Monica bay the bodies of two elderly sisters, today had uncovered what authorities term one of the strangest suicide pacts ever recorded here. The body of a third sister is being sought.

Yesterday the bodies of Ada McKoon, a widow 65 years of age, and Alma Miller, 63, a spinster, were found. About the same time Ralph Miller, 72-year old Hollywood artist, prominent in his profession, received a letter informing him his three sisters planned suicide. Reading in newspapers of the strange case, he sent a friend, A. Dow, to the Sawtelle, Cal. mortuary where the bodies had been taken and identification was made. Miller said the third sister was Jesse Miller, 60.

Miller, who lives with his family in Hollywood, gave the letter to the police. It was self-explanatory.

"Dear Ralph: Take a good grip on your courage, dear, and try to think that what will have happened when you receive this is for the best.

"It is useless to try to hold out any longer—we have come to the end. We owe \$1,325 and have no other way to pay it and nothing to meet expenses and live on and we cannot get work or sell anything to carry on.

"We had hoped to die naturally and have our ashes sent back to Mrs. Hazard and she would take them to Fairmont cemetery, (Cincinnati), but that is not to be and now we are going to try to get far enough out so the sea will take care of us.

"Everything inside the house is yours and while it will not bring in any money (we have tried that) it is yours to sell or use or do as you please with, with the exception of a few articles we have marked for certain people.

"You will find deeds to four lots in Windsor Heights (Littleton, Colo.), Cheyenne and the Fairmont cemetery lot in the next to the typewriter. You will have to write to Littleton, Arapahoe county, in regard to the Windsor lot property—taxes are about sixty cents a year and the Cheyenne lot about the same. The Sisters."

The sisters were in really property poor, Miller told Police. Last Monday they lost a piece of Hollywood property worth \$40,000 for non-payment of interest on loans, he said. They held property worth perhaps \$200,000 the brother declared, but apparently could raise no more money. Wednesday night they had tried to sell their piano. An autopsy performed yesterday indicated they had not partaken of food for several days.

Today coast guards and police scoured the ocean front for the body of the third sister.

In First 'Chute Hop From Glider



Miss Teddy Hall, above, first to make a parachute hop from a glider, and Lyman Voelgel, glider pilot, at left, who on the same day equalled the world consecutive glider loop record with 17 quick consecutive loops. Miss Hall, 19, got a real thrill in her first loop from a glider. Stepping off above Los Angeles, she lost the tug to her parachute and fell 1000 feet before it opened. She landed safely in the tree shown at left, although she was a bit bruised and shaken.

The airplane's coast-to-coast record doesn't seem so fast when you compare it with the speed of a goofy rumor.

Sand suitable for the manufacture of glass has been found in Nevada.

CLUBHOUSE TO BE OPEN SOON

Workmen rushing construction on the finishing of the new Piedmont Golf and Country clubhouse yesterday completed the finishing of the interior woodwork and of the laying of the dance floor. The dance floor is the only one of its kind in the county and the woodwork is especially designed for the clubhouse.

The dance floor is laid log-cabin style, built from the outside of the room toward the center, with interlocking joints, making the boards at all times run the same direction that the dancers travel, and prevent "washboarding." Between the dance floor and the first floor is a felt cushion to make the maple floor springy.

The interior woodwork was first painted gray, then burned with a torch, then varnished, giving it a gold effect that is new and harmonizes with the "jazz" plaster finish of gold and old rose.

The finish was especially designed by A. B. Cummins, designer and builder, at the request of Jack Slater, owner of the clubhouse and grounds which are leased to the Piedmont Golf and Country club.

Jack Bowring and his newly formed orchestra will furnish the music at the opening on Tuesday evening for club members and their wives only, and on Wednesday evening at the public opening of the new \$12,000 clubhouse.

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SAYS LUMBER MARKET GOOD IN SOUTH AFRICA

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21. (AP)—The market for lumber is good in South Africa, S. E. Day, American commercial attaché at

Johannesburg said here, adding Pacific coast lumbermen might find an outlet there for Douglas fir, pines and redwood if they aggressively developed the field.

CATHEDRAL-MUSEUM Leningrad—In its anti-religious war, Soviet Russia has converted St. Isaac cathedral, one of the most famous in Russia, into an anti-religious museum. The main altar is provided with a screen for showing anti-religious moving pictures. Literature and other propaganda against the church is contained in the central hall of the church.

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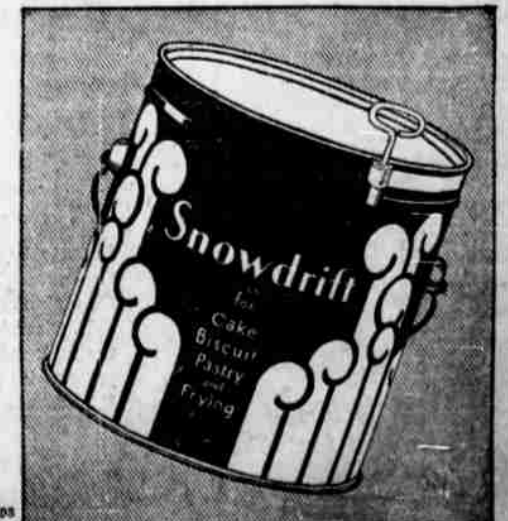
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