

Suicide Note Ends Romance

MIAMI (UP)—A soldier's suicide note today told the story of his love for a major's wife that began with their headlined flight across Germany and ended in blazing gunfire, suicide and murder at a busy Miami intersection.

"This ends what was once a beautiful romance," the note said. George D. Bryson Jr., 32-year-old combat veteran of two wars, wrote the note Tuesday a few hours before he pumped two bullets into his mistress, Mrs. Sylvia Dahl Hess, 22, then shot himself in the temple and fell dead across her body.

Witnesses said Bryson met Mrs. Hess at an intersection near where she worked as a waitress. They quarreled violently and slapped at

each other. Then Bryson took a gun from his pocket and fired the three fatal shots.

The romance ended much as it had begun. Bryson, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War had risen from buck private to first lieutenant and was stationed in Germany when he met Sylvia two years ago. She was the wife of a major. The two fell in love and ran away together in a stolen jeep on a wild ride across the Black Forest of Germany. Bryson was captured, court-martialed, and dishonorably discharged from the Army.

The incident had no effect on his romance. He took the woman he loved to Miami, and there they lived as common law husband and wife.

Authorities said the beginning of the end occurred two months ago. The couple quarreled violently and separated. Tuesday Bryson bought a .32 caliber automatic and some ammunition and wrote his suicide note. Then he waited near the place where Sylvia had recently obtained a job as a waitress.

Police said Sylvia's attentions to a Marine sergeant apparently touched off the shooting.

Authorities said Bryson was believed to have a wife and two children living at Bethlehem, Pa. Sylvia's parents are residents of Ogden, Utah.

City Walks For 200 Days

SCRANTON, Pa. (UP)—This city without mass public transportation for nearly 200 days because of a strike, and its residents say the effects can be summed up in one word—bad.

When the operating employees of the Scranton Transit Co. walked out April 5 in a dispute over wages and fringe benefits under a proposed new contract, Scranton reacted mildly. It had had transit strikes before. But they had all been settled quickly.

This one is different. The housewife, the laborer, the driver, the store owner—all have suffered.

A survey of downtown merchants revealed almost unanimous agreement that business had been hurt, particularly at night.

Drivers face a daily battle for parking space. The morning and evening rush hours bring traffic jams.

Members of the AFL Transit Workers Union operate "courtesy" cars to aid the former bus users. At home they are living on reduced family budgets. They want to return to work badly.

But they hold out against company offers, now unknown, to increase their average hourly pay, which was \$1.65 before the strike. The union originally sought a 35-cent increase. The company asked the men to take a cut. Both sides are known to have modified their demands.

The courtesy cars operate only with full loads, and they don't begin to match the scheduled timing or reliability of the buses. The courtesy cars offer rides free of charge to people who must get to work or be somewhere at a certain time. Its customary, however, for riders to hand over a gratuity.

With winter approaching, the demand for rides will increase until it reaches a peak in the Christmas season that one merchant says he expects to be "one of the worst."

Railroader Plans Sierra Ordeal

RENO, Nev. (UP)—A 21-year-old former railroad worker says he plans to spend a year in the Sierras with nothing but his gun, a knife and a sleeping bag to help him survive.

Terming himself an "amateur" wants to show a man can brave the elements in the high mountain country and return to civilization well and intact.

He said he will walk to Truckee, 25 miles to the west, then head into the area north of Donner Pass. He said he would establish a lean-to headquarters and forage for food within a 25-mile radius.

Omaha Bandits Nab \$120,000

OMAHA, Neb. (UP)—Two men, one of them wearing a Halloween mask, broke into the home of a wealthy widow Tuesday night and robbed her of an estimated \$120,000 in cash and jewelry.

Police said the bandits crashed through French doors into the living room of Mrs. Margaret Kellogg, where she and three lady friends were watching television.

One of the bandits, wearing a silk stocking over his head, brandished a gun and demanded that Mrs. Kellogg open a safe.

"If you don't move and move fast, we'll kill you," he said. Mrs. Kellogg, widow of a wealthy Missouri Valley, Iowa, banker, opened an office-type safe and turned over an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 in cash and about \$100,000 worth of jewelry.

The two men then fled outside to a parked car, where another man was waiting, and drove off. The bandits' car narrowly missed hitting a police cruiser, which reached the scene seconds after they left.

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