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HEAD TORN OFF BY GUN HE HANDLES

Chas. Richter Instantly Killed by Charge From Weapon He Cleanses.

WIFE SAYS IT WAS CLEARLY ACCIDENTAL

First Thought It Might Be Case of Suicide, as He Had Been Ailing.

While cleaning a No. 12 shotgun, headed with bird shot, about 11 o'clock this morning, Charles Richter, who resides on the corner of Twenty-fourth and Trade streets, was instantly killed, the entire contents of one shell entering the head and all but tearing the member from the body.

When those in the house reached the back porch, after hearing the discharge of the gun, they found Mr. Richter lying in a pool of blood and brains and pieces of his skull were strewn all over the steps where he had been standing just to the accident.

Clearing Crew.

Mrs. Richter and some visitors were in the house, when Mr. Richter told his wife that he was going to clean his shotgun. He had barely reached the magazine when the people in the living room heard a report and rushed out the back door to find Mr. Richter lying dead, just at the foot of the steps.

When found, medical assistance was given, as his head was shattered into hundreds of pieces, and death had come instantly.

Suicide Theory Scouted.

At first, it was believed that Mr. Richter had committed suicide for several months on account of having been ill for some time and unable to resume his trade as a shoemaker.

Investigation by Coroner Clough, however, showed that the man was accidentally killed by his own gun. Mrs. Richter told Coroner Clough that shortly before her husband was shot, he had handed himself from the circle of company by saying that he was going to clean his shotgun, and when the body was found later, a ram-rod and fragments of cloth saturated with gun oil were found close by, which leads the coroner to believe that the man, while attempting to clean the loaded gun, accidentally discharged it. There were no shells in the gun, one being discharged and the other still loaded when the weapon was examined after the accident.

The gun was a hammerless and the shells carried heavy loads. Coroner Clough stated this afternoon that he only believed the man could have committed suicide, as he was lying far away from the gun and that the ram-rod was an indication that he had been loading out the barrels.

Seven Years Here.

Charles Richter came to Oregon seven years ago, locating in this city. He was a shoemaker by trade, and has been following that business up until seven years ago, when his health failed.

He leaves, besides a wife, a daughter, Mrs. Dana Richter, a clerk in the Meyer store, and a son, Henry Richter, who also is a clerk in the city. The decedent was 32 years old.

Funeral announcements will be made later.

DO NOT DISCUSS TRIAL OF CAMINETTI

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—In excuse for the general grand jury today until Tuesday, Judge Van Fleet strictly admonished the talemans that they were in no wise to discuss the pending trial of Caminetti and Charles B. Harris, either before or after the empanelment of the jurors for those trials.

No one has a right to approach any one on the general panel," declared the court. "And I mean women as well as men. Let no woman talk with you."

Woman Is Sought as Jury Tamperer

Mrs. Lane Cannot Be Found to Answer to Charge of Trying to Influence Bias.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Aug. 21.—A citation was issued here today for Mrs. Charles D. Lane, widow of an Alaskan mining millionaire, to appear forthwith before the United States court to answer allegations made by W. S. Bliss, a Diggs juror, that Mrs. Lane had attempted to discuss the Diggs case with him before the jury returned its verdict. At the home of Mrs. Lane process servers were told that she had gone to San Diego and that it was not known when she would return.

Juror Bliss yesterday informed Judge Van Fleet that Mrs. Lane called at his office and after discussing some mining stocks, told him that Mrs. Caminetti was stopping at her house. Then, Bliss

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AUTOMOBILE OF KING AND QUEEN ATTACKED

Chauffeur Sends Machine at Full Speed Over Bandits and Rulers of Roumania Escape.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Bucharest, Aug. 21.—Gypsy bandits today attacked the automobile of the king and queen of Roumania at a point on the outskirts of the city. The chauffeur sent the machine ahead at full speed, running over several of the bandits. The king and queen escaped injury.

MAN WHO RUNS AWAY SAYS DUE TO MENTAL LAPSE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Spokane, Wash., Aug. 21.—J. W. Clay, the street car conductor, who disappeared July 7, and whose cap, covered with blood, was found on the river bank here, returned today with a story of having suffered a mental lapse. He said he regained his memory while working as a railroad fireman in the Cascade mountains. Detectives have searched for him for two weeks, thinking he had either committed suicide or been murdered.

"The whole thing seems like a dream to me," Clay said today. "I did not desert my wife, and am anxious to see her."

His wife and 3-year-old daughter are out of town with relatives, and will return this evening.

COFFMAN GETS YEAR

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Fort Stevens, Or., Aug. 21.—Waldo H. Coffman, found guilty of insults to the American flag, was sentenced to one year in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth. The sentence involves a dishonorable discharge from the army, based on remarks about the flag and insulting remarks following the death of Vice-President Sherman.

HE KNEW NOTHING OF PLAN TO ESCAPE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 21.—Charles J. Shearn, of New York, and F. C. McEwan, K. C., will arrive here tomorrow to assist in Thaw's defense.

Thaw's quarters in the jail here are most comfortable. He has plenty of cigars, and his meals are sent to his cell from a hotel. George Lander Carnegie and Mrs. Carnegie will leave Sherbrooke tomorrow. Roger O'Mara, of Pittsburgh, one of Thaw's best friends, is coming here tomorrow.

A member of the Thaw party this afternoon declared that Harry was not informed of the plan to escape until he entered the asylum yard Sunday morning. It was originally intended, it was said, for Harry to join friends in Boston, but, owing to the confusion, he went to Canada instead.

Attorneys for the prosecution are most furious over the latest postponement. They bitterly denounce the courts for "star chamber methods." The Thaw attorneys replied by asserting that they planned to kidnap the fugitive, but lacked the nerve to execute the plan.

ONE MAN KILLED AND TWO HURT WHEN HUGE AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Charles Black Is Caught Under Machine and Dies in Forty Minutes.

TWO MEN ARE INJURED

Charles Bilyen and Mike Wall Receive Painful Bruises and Two Others Escape Uninjured.

Hurting over the ground at the rate of 50 miles an hour in a six-cylinder automobile, Charles Black was almost instantly killed and Charles Bilyen and Mike Wall received painful injuries about 1:30 o'clock this morning, when the machine turned a complete somersault and landed onto a barbed wire fence fifteen feet from the road, near the Brunk place, seven miles west of this city, in Polk county. Carl Williams and C. R. Hamlin, also occupants of the car, were uninjured.

Although Dr. McAllen, of Dallas, arrived upon the scene of the accident within a few moments after it occurred, Charles Black, who received the fatal injuries, died within 40 minutes after the big auto took the terrible plunge from the highway. When Dr. McAllen reached the spot, Mr. Black was able to utter a few incoherent words and, before the physician could make preparations to keep life in the body, the injured man passed away with a groan.

Speed Frightful.

When the party left Salem along about 1 o'clock, Charles Bilyen, the driver and owner of the heavy car, yelled "all aboard," and the outfit whirled down Commercial street to Center and rushed over the Willamette bridge toward Dallas. According to the members of the party that escaped practically unharmed from the wreck, when the auto approached the Brunk place, which is located on the Dallas-Salem road, about seven miles from Salem, it was traveling at a terrific rate of speed.

The accident occurred, it is said, through the inability of the driver to round a sharp curve in the road. When the machine reached the curve which caused the fatal wreck, the driver, failing to observe and calculate the extent of the curve, did not handle the machine with due caution and the result was the heavy auto flew out of his control and before any of the party realized what was happening, it left the road at the bend and after turning a complete somersault, landed on a wire fence about fifteen feet to the north of the road.

Victim Crushed.

Charles Black, the victim of the accident, was pinned underneath the heavy machine. He was sitting between two other men in the rear seat and, when the auto took the leap, he apparently remained in the seat. When the machine was rolled off his body, Black was unconscious. His fellow-travelers hurried to the first telephone in the neighborhood and called Dr. McAllen, who arrived as soon as possible. Black, although still breathing, was beyond human aid and before he could be taken half way to Dallas, he was dead.

Black's body was literally covered

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One Fatally Hurt When Tank Bursts

Buried Beneath Brick Wall by Explosion and Three Others Are Also in Hospital.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 21.—One man was probably fatally hurt and three received less serious injuries when an ammonia tank in the storage plant of the Pacific Coast Beef and Provision company exploded today.

Max Hinich, an employe, was buried beneath a brick wall, wrecked by the force of the explosion, and sustained internal injuries that probably will cost his life. Fred Steuker, Michael Hernio and Charles Thompson also were treated at a hospital.

CAMINETTI THINKS HE WILL BE FREED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—"I am not frightened or discouraged at the outcome of the Diggs case," said F. Drew Caminetti, his companion in the Reno escapade which led to their arrest, following the conviction of Diggs.

"Diggs was convicted for purchasing the tickets for the party. They cannot bring that against me, so I don't see how they can get at me at all.

"It was the persuasion and encouragement alleged in the indictment that I thought was the most serious charge; that was what I feared all the time.

"I don't think it looks bad for me at all."

Caminetti's drawn face, however, belied his expressed confidence.

Despite the fact that his wife has appeared at the Diggs trial, and took the stand in behalf of her husband, there has been no reconciliation. The two have not exchanged a word in the courtroom and Mrs. Caminetti has avoided her husband's eyes at all times.

KILLED AND BURNED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Delmore, Ia., Aug. 21.—Henry Sternweis and wife and three children were incinerated in a fire which destroyed their farm house near here early today. Cartridges found near the ruins have caused the police to suspect that the family was first murdered and the bodies burned to conceal the crime.

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Friday; variable winds, mostly easterly.

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO BE SENT TO CONGRESS BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Announced He Will Shortly Make Known Exact Status of Peace Plans.

MONROE DOCTRINE UP

Senator Penrose Wants Millions Appropriated to Protect Americans Who Are in Mexico.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Aug. 21.—President Wilson shortly will send a special message to congress, giving the exact status of the peace negotiations in Mexico. It will carry the text of the message Special Enmissary John Lind carried to Mexico and Provisional President Huerta's reply.

Senator Penrose today introduced an important resolution bearing on the Mexican situation.

The resolution declared that the United States ought to maintain the Monroe doctrine as the only means of preventing foreign interference.

Senator Penrose offered his resolution as an amendment to the deficiency bill, and it provides for an appropriation of \$25,000,000 to protect Americans in Mexico.

Republicans and Democrats joined in begging Penrose to not precipitate a crisis by a needless discussion of his resolution. Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, said the Mormon colonies in Mexico preferred to sacrifice everything they owned there rather than have war between the United States and Mexico.

S. P. MAKES PLEA.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Aug. 21.—Pleading a "right" money market, the Southern Pacific Company filed an application with the state railroad commission today for permission to issue the balance of its \$10,120,000 equipment trust certificates at a 6 per cent discount, instead of 4 per cent, as allowed when the loan was approved April 11. The certificates are for rolling stock and about one-half have already been sold.

COLONEL SEES DANCE.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, Aug. 21.—Chairman Ryberg, of the progressive party's executive committee, today received a telegram from Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, in which the latter told of witnessing the Hopi Indian snake dance, one of the prime objects of his trip into the Navajo desert.

VICTIMS OF NAVAL GUN.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Pola, Austria, Aug. 21.—Three persons were killed here today and five were wounded, including Admiral Lanjus, as the result of an explosion while a naval gun was being tested.

Three Men Are Named by West

Will Act With Original Commission in Suggesting Changes Needed in State's Banking System.

The commission appointed to visit Europe to investigate the banking system as it relates to farm loans, has returned and will soon have its report ready for publication. At the time, two commissioners were appointed from this state, and at the request of the commission Governor West today appointed three additional members to act with the commission and suggest the needs of this state in this line. The governor today appointed A. P. Davis, of La Grande, A. T. Buxton, of Forest Grove, and George F. Rodgers, of this city. The two commissioners who acted with the commission and visited Europe were H. G. Starkweather, appointed at the request of the Grange, and Hector MacPherson, of Corvallis, whom the Farmers' Union recommended.

DEATH THREATENED TO BILL ADVOCATE

Representative Johnson, of Kentucky, Tells of Strenuous Lobby of Loan Sharks.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Aug. 21.—Declaration that he had received hundreds of anonymous letters, threatening death, unless he stopped advocating the passage of the bill regulating loan sharks, was voiced before the house "insidious lobby" probes here this afternoon by Representative Johnson, of Kentucky, chairman of the committee which considers the Dyer bill to that effect.

Johnson showed an affidavit signed by Patrolman Spencer Roberts, that a man named Cornwall told him that he (Cornwall) followed Johnson for three nights, hoping for an opportunity to kill him. The witness also declared that Roberts had said that Cornwall still intended to kill him.

Johnson asserted that he once searched away a man whom he believed to be Cornwall, by drawing a revolver. Johnson said he did not want protection, assuring the committee that he was amply able to take care of himself.

MORE TROUBLE PROMISED DIGGS BY PROSECUTION

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 21.—Maury I. Diggs, who faces today a penitentiary term for violation of the Mann white slave act, is scheduled to appear in the eleven court here next Monday to face charges of desertion of his minor child.

F. Drew Caminetti, who is yet to be tried on similar charges, is also scheduled to appear in court there Monday. The cases of the two men have been postponed from time to time, and it is believed that the local trials will be postponed again, pending Caminetti's coming trial before Judge Van Fleet in San Francisco.

SEEKS REMOVAL OF ST. JOHN CONSTABLE

Special Prosecutor Ringo will begin proceedings for the removal of Constable Mitchell, of St. Johns, for failure to perform his duties. There is evidence sufficient, says Mr. Ringo, to warrant this proceeding. Besides the accusation that Mitchell failed to enforce the criminal laws, he is also under indictment on a charge of perjury said to have been committed by him in an attempt to shield a Chinaman. The legislature last winter passed a law providing for suits of this nature.

SHE REMAINS DEAD.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chehalis, Wash., Aug. 21.—Leaders of the apostolic faith from Seattle and this locality have tried unsuccessfully for the past three days to bring back to life Miss Mabel Dempsey, who died early Monday morning at the home of her father, William Dempsey, three miles south of Chehalis. She was 29 years old, and tuberculosis caused her death.

THAW MAY BE ALLOWED HIS LIBERTY

Counsel Says He Will Be Permitted to Leave Canada Voluntarily.

HABEAS CORPUS CASE POSTPONED

Goes Over Until Next Wednesday and New Charge Is Brought Against Thaw

BY JOHN B. NEVIN. (Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 21.—Harry K. Thaw's attorney this afternoon told the United Press that Harry's case is already won; that he is assured of his freedom, and that the issuance of a warrant for the fugitive's arrest under the immigration law is but a defensive move to keep Thaw in Canada indefinitely.

The defense attorneys profess to believe that political influences are at work to induce the court to turn Thaw loose, so he may be immediately arrested and deported. The warrant, they say, was issued to prevent such action.

The defense attorneys also assert that Attorney Shattoff's trip to Ottawa is for the purpose of asking the minister of the interior to authorize Thaw to leave Canada voluntarily, and by any route he pleases.

Hearing Postponed. Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 21.—The habeas corpus proceedings in the Harry K. Thaw case were postponed this afternoon until 10 o'clock next Wednesday morning.

In No Hurry. An immigration inspector, who refused to allow the use of his name, said: "It seems to be the impression among American officials here that Canadian immigration officers can be used to catch escaped criminals. They are overlooking the fact that we do not deport men merely because an American judge and jury found them guilty. We use our own sense in handling each case. I am not going to hurry now."

"When the court proceedings are finished we will give Thaw every chance to show that he is a desirable immigrant."

Thaw's pursuers are most dissatisfied over the postponement of the case. Prosecutor Conger, of Dutchess county, begged Judge Glovensky to expedite the case, accusing the defense of needlessly dilatory tactics.

Another Warrant. The discovery that a warrant has been issued charging Thaw with entering Canada at an illegal point of entry, and with violating the immigration law, today perturbed the Pittsburghers' lawyers, but they said they hoped to set it aside.

Hector Verrett, K. C., has been retained to represent New York state in the proceedings here.

Mrs. Thaw Says He's Crazy. New York, Aug. 21.—Bitter denunciation of Harry K. Thaw was voiced here this afternoon by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit-Thaw, as she was preparing to go to her theatre for the matinee performance, under guard.

"The man is crazy," she said. "It is absurd to think that Harry loves me. He is controlled by his egotism."

"When he learned of my success on the stage he was furious. He wanted me in the gutter, and able to get out only with his aid. When he found out that I was important, he determined to escape and kill me."

Demands Thaw Surrender. Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 21.—Telegraphing from Albany, N. Y., Acting Governor Glenn today formally demanded that Canadian immigration authorities surrender Harry K. Thaw to New York authorities. Immigration officials answered that such action would be impossible until proceedings pending here and at Sherbrooke are finished.

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Diggs Will Be Sentenced Monday, September 1, for Crime of Slavery

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Aug. 21.—Sentence will be pronounced on Maury Diggs, convicted of a violation of the Mann act, last night, Monday September 1.

A maximum term of 20 years may be imposed, five years on each of the four counts. An alternative fine of \$20,000, or both fine and imprisonment may be imposed.

The case of Attorney Charles B. Harris, of Sacramento, charged with conspiring with Diggs to persuade Nell Barton to commit subornation of perjury in getting Marsh Warrington to testify falsely at the trial, is scheduled to start August 26.

There were six counts in the indictment and the jury found a verdict of

guilty on the first four. Each count carries a maximum penalty of five years and a minimum of one year in a federal penitentiary.

Diggs and his wife, father, mother and his three aunts, Mrs. Drew Caminetti and Mrs. Anthony Caminetti were in court, waiting for the verdict. Diggs was as pale as paper and his wife showed the tension she was under by the twitching of her lips, the tension about the eyes and the lessened bloom of her rich color.

The questions of the foreman, clearly foreshadowing the coming verdict, gave them time to steel themselves for the final shock, and there was no demon-

stration of any sort when the expected blow fell.

Caminetti seemed more worried than his subsequent statement that he was rendered its pronouncement.

His white face and drawn lips belied his subsequent statement that he "was not afraid."

Although Diggs' attorney announced that they would carry the case to the appellate court on a motion for arrest of judgment and for a new trial, neither Diggs nor Caminetti seemed to take any comfort in this promised delay.