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W. L. PATERSON KILLS FAMILY AND HIMSELF

Pitiful Details of Tragedy Told by Neighbor Mr. F. Newberry, Who Suspecting Nothing, Led to Him After His Dead Daughter and Carefully Draw the Covers Over Her and Laid by Side of Wife, Then He Shot Himself

Because He Loved, He Killed Them.

Latest developments indicate that William L. Patterson, who killed his wife and child and then committed suicide this morning, was prompted to commit the deed because his wife was suffering from tuberculosis and his daughter had lately developed symptoms of the disease. Patterson never discussed his wife's health with any of his friends as he felt too deeply to talk about her condition. It is said however, that he talked to another man who was similarly situated, and said that he could not stand to see his wife and daughter suffer, and as far back as six months ago he said he was often tempted to "end it all for all three of them." Patterson died in the hospital at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

William L. Patterson, manager of the Patterson Cigar Company at 100 North Commercial street, killed his wife, Louise L. Patterson, and his seven year old daughter, Helen, early this morning and half an hour later sent a .22 calibre bullet through his own brain at his home at 1251 Center street. The woman and child were killed as they slept in their beds on the sleeping porch at the rear of the house and after killing his family Patterson, partially clothed himself and fed his chickens before returning to the sleeping porch. He then undressed, lay down beside the body of his wife and shot himself.

According to F. Newberry who resides next door to the Pattersons, the first shot was heard about 6:30 this morning when Mr. Newberry was in his basement. An instant later two more shots were heard, and Patterson was seen on the sleeping porch in his night clothes. He appeared to be caressing the little girl, and Mr. Newberry thought that nothing strange had happened and that Patterson was shooting at a rat which bothered his chickens. Patterson sat on the edge of the little girl's bed and appeared to be talking to and fondling her and later he spread the bed clothes over her as if she were asleep. He then raised one of the top covers from his wife's bed and spread it entirely over her which served further to convince those who resided near that nothing had happened.

It is thought that the first shot fired was at the little girl as there was a short interval before the second two shots were fired in rapid succession, and these later shots probably found their mark in Mrs. Patterson's body. On a chair in the bedroom nearest to the sleeping porch were the overcoat and trousers that Patterson donned when he went out to feed his chickens. At this time Mr. Newberry was in the yard across the fence and Mr. Patterson spoke to him and passed the time of day in a casual way and there was nothing in Patterson's voice or manner to indicate that he had just killed his wife and child. Patterson finished feeding his chickens and returned to the sleeping porch where he undressed, and again took the covers off the bed where his child slept and for nearly half an hour played with the dead body of his little daughter as if she were alive and was having her morning romp with her father. A few minutes before he shot himself he turned back the covers

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Outlaw Leader Cervantes Killed by American Troops Carranzistas in Ugly Mood

Namiquipa, Mexico, May 25.—(By radio to Columbus, N. M., May 26.)—Candelario Cervantes, outlaw chieftain, was killed by United States troops south of Las Cruces today. Cervantes was leader of the bandits who had been terrorizing that section for months. He was killed upon attempting to rush a party of engineers repairing a road six miles south of Las Cruces. It was estimated that 20 bandits attacked. Three Americans were wounded, one dying shortly afterward. News of the assault being flashed to the United States garrison at Las Cruces, a cavalry troop commanded by Lieutenant B. T. Marchant, attached to the Thirteenth regiment, and a column from the Eleventh cavalry under Captain Cushman, galloped in pursuit. The engineers had returned the Mexicans' fire and the latter fled in disorder toward the Basco country. Cushman's command overtook them, killing two and wounding many.

MANAGER OF COMPANY KILLED BY PRESIDENT

Joseph Roth Kills James Ralph at Hermiston Then Shoots Himself

Hermiston, Or., May 26.—A coroner's jury was selected today to investigate the deaths of James Ralph, general manager and vice president of the Hermiston Light and Power company, and Joseph Roth, president of the company. Officers are convinced that Roth shot and killed Ralph and then committed suicide. The motive is not known. Residents of Hermiston believe Roth has been mentally unbalanced ever since the death of his son ten years ago. The shooting occurred at 10 o'clock last night. The bodies were not discovered until an hour later. Nobody heard the shots. Ralph had been in his automobile and was returning it to a garage. Apparently he got out of his car to open the garage door when two shots were fired from within. Death was instantaneous, physicians said. Roth's body was found in the rear of the garage, 100 feet from that of his partner. A brother of Roth is in the motion picture business in San Francisco. A wife and two married daughters survive him. Ralph and Roth are believed to have disagreed in their business relations.

HUGHES MAJORITY IN STATE TEN THOUSAND

Roosevelt's Name Written In by 4,000—Olcott Beats Moores 16,000

Portland, Or., May 26.—With about two per cent of the vote in last Friday's primary election missing, Charles E. Hughes has a majority of more than ten thousand over his opponents in the race for presidential preference in Oregon. The vote thus far tabulated gives Hughes 54,321; Cummins 27,017 and Burton 11,840. Roosevelt's name was written in by more than four thousand voters and Henry Ford received about one thousand votes. The same count in the race for the republican nomination for secretary of state gives Olcott 60,205; Moores 44,211.

PAVED STREET FOR MONMOUTH Monmouth, Ore., May 25.—The contract for paving three blocks on Main street has been awarded by the city council to Hobson V. Hoskins of Minnville, for \$7,917.67. This bid does not include installing a sewer system, which will soon be before the council. This will be Monmouth's first pavement.

WHY SHOULDN'T THEY San Francisco, May 26.—Society leaders and working girls will march side by side when the National Service training school for women opens its annual encampment in the Presidio, June 1. The women are to be instructed in first aid to the injured and in other arts which would make them valuable in time of war.

HILL'S CONDITION SERIOUS St. Paul, Minn., May 26.—Louis Hill started on a special train for Rochester, Minn., this afternoon to get one of the Mayo Brothers, surgeons, to come to St. Paul to consult in the illness of James J. Hill, railroad magnate.

HORRIBLE STORY OF CRIMES TOLD BY DOCTOR WAITE

Gave John Peck Germs of Typhoid, Diphtheria and Other Diseases

SPRAYED HIS THROAT WITH PNEUMONIA GERMS

Killed Mrs. Peck by Bacteria and Veronal—Fed Aunt Ground Glass

New York, May 26.—Having confessed two murders and a vain attempt at a third without a tremor, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, on trial charged with killing his wife's parents, faced cross-examination today. The state was prepared to put questions calculated to tear down his insanity defense. The story calmly recited by Waite on the witness stand amazed criminalologists. He told in detail how he gave John Peck, his father-in-law, germs of spinal meningitis, pneumonia, diphtheria, typhoid and influenza when he came to New York for a visit, how he also gave the aged man a throat spray containing pneumonia germs, and how he finally made him helpless with chloroform and suffocated him with a pillow—for money. He also narrated how he killed Mrs. John H. Peck by giving her bacteria and veronal. He confessed to an attempt to kill Miss Katherine Peck, his wife's aunt, by giving her tinned fish containing numerous deadly germs, and by putting ground glass into her marmalade.

All this was done, he admitted, for the purpose of eliminating his wife's relatives and getting all the money in the family. In this connection the witness frankly confessed that he married for gold and not for love. After having made these startling statements, Waite shrunk and blushed when it became necessary to utter a vile word. His manner throughout was boyish and indifferent. "I wanted them to die because I wanted their money," was the burden of his story. The confessed slayer smiled with pleasure when he suddenly remembered some forgotten episode of his poisoning campaign and hastened to get it into the official records. At times his face was serious, again he smiled with frank pleasure at some feat which he evidently considered worth boasting of.

When the examination of Waite was resumed at the forenoon session of court, he admitted that he had planned to murder his wife as well as her parents. Says He Is Not Crazy New York, May 26.—Still calm and placid, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite told the witness stand at 11:40 a. m. today in his trial for murdering his wife's parents, after having given some of the most remarkable testimony ever heard in a criminal court here. Waite denied he had attempted to kill his wife, but admitted having considered it. Asked the flat question: "Are you crazy?" he replied: "I think not."

He admitted that while in Bellevue hospital he said he was ready to pay the penalty for his crime with his life. "Do you not care what becomes of you?" quizzed the district attorney. "I want to do what is right."

"Why did you take sulphonal and trional on the day of your arrest?" "I wanted to kill myself."

Waite declared he did not remember telling detectives he did not want his wife to find out about Mrs. Margaret Horton with whom he occupied a "studio room" at the Plaza hotel. The witness denied conspiring with others while confined in the Tombs to get up an insanity defense. Asked regarding the "man from Egypt," the sinister, supernatural influence which he has declared, made him do wrong, Waite said he did not mention this mysterious power in Bellevue, but that he talked of it elsewhere.

"Yesterday you confessed to being a liar and a thief. What assurance have you that you are telling the truth now?" demanded the district attorney. "I am making no defense."

"Did you give John H. Peck arsenic with the intention of killing him?" "I did," replied Waite loudly. "I knew it was wrong to do murder!"

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OUT OF PANEL OF 700 EIGHT ARE SELECTED

Orpet Trial Promises To Be As Great a Judicial Farce as Thaw Case

Waukegan, Ill., May 26.—Miss Celeste Youker, former fiancee of William H. Orpet, will personally appeal to Judge Donnelly to return her love letters to the college youth, charged with the murder of Marian Lambert. This became known today. The state prizes the letters highly, expecting to prove by them that Orpet loved Miss Youker, and that he therefore had a strong motive for killing Marian, his former sweetheart. Judge Donnelly is understood to be favorably inclined toward granting Miss Youker's request, but he has not passed on it yet. The seventh venire of 100 men reported in court today. Only four jurors have been permanently accepted. Each side has 10 peremptory challenges still remaining. The second panel of veniremen for the Orpet jury was sworn in today. There are now eight permanent jurors in the box.

LONGSHOREMEN MAY GO ON STRIKE JUNE 1

Break Seems Inevitable As Each Side Insists On Other Yielding

Seattle, Wash., May 26.—Shipping men are worried today over the turn of affairs between water front employers and organized longshoremen whose threatened strike became more acute during the last 24 hours. Employers informally declared that they would never grant the demands made in the ultimatum of the International Longshoremen's association. Unless they do, declare the union men every dock worker in every Pacific coast port from Skagway to San Diego will walk out June 1 and absolutely tie up the vast shipping that now is going at top speed. The union longshoremen's representatives met in Seattle from all along the coast two weeks ago and laid the plans for new demands whereby they would get an increased share in shipping profits.

Dallas Will Get Next Presbyterian Assembly

Atlantic City, N. J., May 26.—The Presbyterian assembly will meet in 1917 at Dallas, Texas, it was decided today. Dallas delegates made a hard fight to win the convocation for their city. Seattle delegates were most active in bidding for the convocation. During the debate one delegate shouted: "If the Presbyterian church is out to accomplish results for the temperance cause, the assembly ought to go to towns where there are no saloons." A resolution was adopted urging church officers to abstain from tobacco. Oswald Helmsing, opposing this measure, declared the assembly might just as well pass resolutions against eating candy, drinking coffee or riding on bicycles.

Arrange For The Greatest Naval Militia Cruise In The History of Pacific Coast

Washington, May 26.—Arrangements are being completed for what will probably be the greatest naval militia cruise in the history of the Pacific coast. Aboard three warships, the Oregon, New Orleans and the Marblehead, the citizen sailors of California, Oregon and Washington will put to sea July 15 for two weeks of practice and squadron maneuvers. Naval militia men of California will embark aboard the historic old Oregon at San Francisco and will proceed to Port Angeles, Wash., the rendezvous of the squadron. The Washington militia embarks on the New Orleans at Tacoma and the Oregonians on the Marblehead at Portland. During July 15, 16, 17 and 18 the squadron of three vessels will meet at Port Angeles for drills. On its way down the coast the New Orleans is to stop at Seattle for another detachment of sailors, and the Marblehead will halt for a short time at Astoria. July 18 the three warships will steam to sea from Port Angeles and head for Sitka, Alaska, where they are scheduled to drop anchor July 22. Then will follow a day of landing practice and some drills. Men of each ship will also be granted several hours liberty ashore. Leaving Sitka July 23, the vessels will proceed southward until the latitude of Cape Flattery is reached. There the New Orleans and the Marblehead will signal good bye to the Oregon which ploughs on alone while the cruisers turn toward Port Angeles again. Arriving at Port Angeles, the crews of the New Orleans and Marblehead are to be drilled from July 26 to July 28, after which the Marblehead departs for Portland where its men are to return to their civilian duties. The Oregon is scheduled to re-embark its men. This ends the regular maneuvers, but the New Orleans will continue independent operations, cruising at the discretion of its commanding officer until August 5, when its citizen sailors will go ashore at Seattle and Tacoma.

LOSSES SO TREMENDOUS CANNOT BE ESTIMATED

Thousands of Dead and Wounded Litter Slopes of Dead Man's Hill—Shells Bursting Amongst Them Tear Wounded and Dead to Fragments and Bury Alike Living and Dead Beneath the Torn Earth—Even Should Germans Capture Citadel It Would Not Alarm Paris

Paris, May 26.—French troops repulsed violent German attacks on the Meuse west bank and northwest of Verdun in last night's fighting, it was officially announced today. The French also made gains on the east bank. A smashing counter attack by the French recaptured a trench lost earlier in the battle near Thiaumont farm, east of the Meuse. Near this farm French soldiers advanced, hurling hand grenades.

West of the Meuse, Germans continued to rake the whole French front, especially around Dead Man's hill and Avocourt with a most violent fire. However, in spite of this preparation, all German infantry attacks were halted by a curtain of French projectiles.

A heavy bombardment of Hill 304 and of strong positions in front of Avocourt was believed preliminary to an attempt to storm the French holdings. This will bring German troops closer to the St. Menhould railroad, which leads eastward to Verdun.

Further German gains on both Meuse banks aroused the French to a sense of the Verdun situation's seriousness. However, no anxiety is felt here. Even should Germans capture the citadel, it would not alarm Paris.

At the same time it is realized the Germans are concentrating their heaviest attacks against the fort. The losses are so tremendous it is impossible to even estimate them at present. Uncounted numbers of dead and wounded litter the slopes of Dead Man's hill and the territory around Douaumont. Shells are constantly bursting among them, killing the wounded and tearing bodies to bits, so there will be no opportunity of attempting to tabulate the casualties until the artillery ceases.

Grand Smash to Be Made

By John H. Heasley (United Press staff correspondent) Rome, May 26.—A terrific smash aimed to eliminate the Turks and Bulgarians from the war is the plan of the allies to bring peace, according to general reports current here. Heavy blows by the allies from Salonika to Mesopotamia will be followed by a tremendous simultaneous offensive against both the Austrian and German lines in an effort to win a victory over the central powers before winter sets in. Enormous forces of French, Italian, British and Serbian troops have been concentrated at Salonika and are awaiting word to strike what the allies hope will prove the death blow of the cause of the central powers. In the near east the Russians are pressing forward toward Bagdad. Despite reports of initial Austrian successes in the Tyrol drive, the Italian public is confident that the outcome of the struggle will spell victory for the Italian forces. It was stated today that when the Austrian offensive began, King Victor Emmanuel's troops lacked guns heavy enough successfully to cope with the Austrian cannon, but this deficiency has now been remedied.

Austrians Beat Italians

Vienna, May 26.—Austrian troops stormed and captured Italian positions at Chiest, 21 miles north west of Vicenza, after a battle lasting three days, it was announced officially today. This victory drives a wedge into the Italian front and will compel the Italian left wing in Adige valley, to retreat five miles. Ten guns were seized in the sudden plunge forward. The Austrian left wing is substantially progressing, but fighting every inch of the way. It is centering its heaviest assaults east of Borgo. Corno Di Campo Verde, a place south east of Borgo, has been taken.

Italian General Retired

London, May 26.—General Errol Burt, commanding the Italian forces retreating before Austrian attacks, has been relieved on half pay, according to a Rome dispatch to the Evening Star today. Berlin, May 26.—German troops have made further slight advances northeast of Verdun, having crossed a ravine near Douaumont, the German official statement announced today. The French have also been thrown back south of Douaumont. Six hundred Frenchmen with 12 machine guns were captured in the fighting at Douaumont, it was stated.

Italian Ship Sunk

Rome, May 26.—The small Italian steamer Edeola has been sunk in the Mediterranean, presumably by a submarine, dispatches declared today.

Spaniard a Victim

London, May 26.—Shippers were informed today that the Spanish steamer Aurrera had been sunk. It was a vessel of nearly 3,000 tons.

BOY KILLS SISTER

Bandon, Or., May 26.—Little Susie Netherly, 7 years old, was instantly killed when her 11 year old brother playfully pulled the trigger of a .38 calibre revolver which he aimed at her. After the shooting the frantic lad ran 12 miles to Bandon to get his father.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Saturday partly cloudy; frost south and east portions tonight; warmer Saturday; southerly winds.



Many a feller makes a goose of himself about a chicken. The shortage of dye-stuffs don't seem to affect highly-colored news.