

## A Jealous Husband Murders His Wife and Attempts His Own Life

### Awful Double Deed of William Brown at His Home 736 South Wyoming Street

Two Small Children Witness the Tragedy—Police Find Them Running About the House Screaming Frantically and Decrying Their Father—Quieted With Difficulty.



Brown, the Murderer.

After slashing his wife's throat with a keen-edged razor until the head almost dropped from her body, William W. Brown, a miner employed by the Speculator company deliberately drew the blade across his own neck from ear to ear in his residence 736 Wyoming street at 10 o'clock this morning. The woman died immediately and Brown, after being taken to Murray & Freund's hospital where his wound received the necessary stitches in order to stop the flow of blood, was removed to the county jail. It is thought he will recover.

Jealousy is said to have been the cause of the awful deed committed by the desperate husband.

Mrs. Brown's body was removed to Tachell's Undertaking parlors and an inquest will be held at 3 o'clock Wednesday by Coroner Johnson.

The Brown family including two boys and a girl moved to Butte from River Falls, Wis., about two years ago and have been residing at 736 South Wyoming street for the past several months. Brown, it is said, has been very jealous of his wife's actions and several times has made threats to do rash things to the whole family. Geo. Troxler, a son of Mrs. Brown by her first husband, who also works at the Speculator mine said that Brown never made threats during his presence but his mother complained that whenever he was absent, her husband continually scolded her and insisted that she should not leave the house except in his company.

"My mother accompanied her sister, Mrs. Fannie Cherkicks, to the theater last evening and returned home about 11 o'clock," said young Troxler. "I did not hear any words between my parents, but suppose Brown became angry because my mother had gone to the show without his company. My stepfather works on the night shift at the mine, and therefore does not re-

### SLASHED HER THROAT WITH A RAZOR AND ALMOST SEVERED THE HEAD FROM THE BODY AND THEN DREW THE BLADE ACROSS HIS OWN NECK FROM EAR TO EAR.



BROWN FELL ACROSS THE BLEEDING FORM OF HIS WIFE AFTER GASHING HIS THROAT

turn home until late. My mother prepared my breakfast at 6 o'clock this morning, and after bidding her good-bye, I went to work. At 11 o'clock I received word of the awful tragedy which had occurred."

Policemen Barshaw and Old were notified that there was trouble at the Brown home about 10 o'clock, and upon entering the front door of the house they found Brown standing in the middle of

the room with blood gushing from his neck. He said something about his wife and fell to the sofa on which Mrs. Brown was lying. The police patrol being sent for Mrs. Brown was taken care of by the policemen.

The woman was lying in a pool of blood, her head hanging over the edge of the sofa. Life was extinct. Every vein in the woman's neck together with the wind pipe was severed and, the

jugular was hanging outside the throat. A fearful expression covered the countenance as evidence of what the woman experienced at the hands of her enraged husband. Running about the house were the little daughter and son of the dead woman screaming and calling for "mamma." The unfortunate children cried as if their hearts would break. Sobs of "Oh, papa! Oh, papa! Why did you kill mamma?" were uttered by the

little ones, and not until the older brother arrived from the mine could they be partially pacified.

Mrs. Brown's sister and older daughter, Myrtle Troxler, who resides with friends a few doors away from the Browns, were on the scene of Brown's crime very soon after the patrol wagon arrived. The sister said that there was no cause for the awful act of the husband. She said Mrs. Brown was devo-

Murderer and Would-be Self Destroyer Now Locked up in the County Jail—Physicians Say He Will Recover—Body of Slain Woman at Tachell's—Inquest Wednesday.



The Dead Woman.

tion itself, and very seldom left the house without his knowledge. Mrs. Cherkicks continued: "The family, including two boys and a girl, came to Butte a few years ago from River Falls, Wis. My sister had three children and Mr. Brown has seven children by a former wife, residing at the old home. The married couple got along nicely for some time, but a few months ago jealousy crept into the home and the husband became cross. Trouble of a slight nature ensued, but we never supposed such an ending as this would follow. It is horrible to think of."

Brown was 40 years of age, good looking and of muscular build. The dead woman may have been a few years Brown's senior and was apparently one who had gone through a great many hardships.

The couple attended the theater last night, and seemed in good spirits. They had been on good terms, according to the statements of women of the neighborhood.

The house in which the Browns resided is a one story brick, of four rooms, at 736 South Wyoming street. It is up well from the street. The Brown family had lived there for some time, and were well known in the neighborhood.

There was no suspicion of a family disagreement such as would lead to the deed which has cast a gloom over the entire community.

As soon as the news of the murder spread, a crowd began to gather, and in a very few minutes there were a hundred or more of curious sightseers on the ground. Among them were scores of children, who thronged the yard and the street around the house.

Mrs. Brown was of a very quiet and reserved manner, according to the statements of those of the neighborhood who knew her. She dressed quietly and neatly.

### TO TRY JESSIE MORRISON

Twelve Men Ready to Again Hear the Case Against Alleged Murderess.

(By Associated Press.) Eldorado, Kan., June 17.—A jury was secured at noon today to try Jessie Morrison a second time for the murder a year ago this month of Mrs. Olin Castle.

### Eighteen Knots Per Hour Made By the Battleship Wisconsin

New War Vessel Astonishes Naval Officers by Proving a Formidable Rival of the Illinois, Known as the Fastest Boat Afloat.

(By Associated Press.)

San Francisco, June 17.—The battleship Wisconsin steamed into the port yesterday morning after a 48 hour trial in Santa Barbara channel, during which it was demonstrated that the Illinois will have to look sharp if she would retain the honor of being the swiftest sailor of her class in the United States navy.

According to members of the trial board and the experts in naval construction who were aboard the Wisconsin when she was put through her final paces before being accepted by the government, the battleship will show a speed of more than 18 knots an hour if put under forced draught.

The commissioners left this port Friday morning, and during the two days had fair sailing in an easy sea. With full head of steam and natural draft the official record for two hours was 16.45 knots an hour. For the 48 hours the average was 15.3 knots an hour.

Wednesday, while being brought to this port from Puget Sound, the officers in charge gave the Wisconsin her head from Point Arenas to Point Reyes, and had the satisfaction of seeing her put 37.2 knots behind her in 2 hours, or 18.6 knots an hour.

The trial just closed demonstrates that no alteration will have to be made either in the battleship's propelling apparatus or in her filing equipment.

On the run up from the channel yesterday all the guns were tested for mechanical defects, but none were found. This side of Point Conception all the guns were fired. Solid shot was used.

Six months ago the Wisconsin was turned over to the government by the contractors. At that time a forced draught trial was made and the new grey hound of the navy surprised her builders by showing speed of 17.6 knots an hour.

This test was made at a time when the ship's engines were too new to show their best work.

### Canadian Pacific Trackmen Strike.

(By Associated Press.)

Montreal, June 17.—Officials of the Trackmen's union announce that between 3,000 and 3,500 of the Canadian Pacific's trackmen struck today for an increased pay.

### THROWN UNDER THE WHEELS BY CZECHS IN GERMANY

(By Associated Press.)

Vienna, June 17.—A member of Czechs traveling on a railway near Troppau with two Germans, named Luzar, deliberately seized one of the Germans and dropped him under the wheels of the car. The man was killed, but his brother jumped from the car and escaped with serious injuries.

### JEALOUSY-CRAZED RANCHER SHOTS THREE PERSONS

Roswell, N. M., June 17.—Arthur Line, a stockman, shot and killed his wife, Beatrice, dangerously wounded Marshal Maddux, probably fatally wounded the landlady with whom Mrs. Kline was living, and then committed suicide. Kline was crazed by jealousy, his wife having deserted him.

### Kennedy Jury Has Disagreed.

New York, June 17.—The twelve men who at 12:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon, at the conclusion of the judge's charge, considered the evidence in the third trial of Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy for the murder of Dolly Reynolds, reported to Judge Newburger at 10:25 o'clock Sunday morning that they were unable to agree on a verdict. The judge at once discharged the jury from further service and remanded the prisoner to the Tombs.

### SENATOR CLARK WILL ARRIVE IN BUTTE THIS EVENING

The Millionaire Mine Owner Passed Through Livingston Today on His Way Home.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Livingston, June 17.—Senator W. A. Clark passed through this city this afternoon enroute home to Butte from his European trip. "I never felt better in my life," said the Senator in answer to a query from the Inter Mountain man. "I am glad to get home again from my travels and get to business once more."

### EX-CONGRESSMAN PETERS FOR PENSION COMMISSIONER

(By Associated Press.)

Topeka, Kansas, June 16.—Ex-Congressman R. S. Peters of Kansas has received a despatch calling him to Washington, where he will be tendered the office of pension commissioner, succeeding H. Clay Evans. President McKinley has had under consideration the names of ex-Congressman Blue and Peters for this position.

### Order May Come Today In the Montana Ore Purchasing Co. Case

Depositions in the Litigation Are Received in New York, and the Court Takes the Matter Under Advisement.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Helena, June 17.—Depositions taken before Commissioner Cory in New York in the hearing to justify the Delaware Surety company on the \$350,000 bond of the Montana Ore Purchasing company were received this morning, and the supreme court proceeded to hear argument on them and on the offer of John MacGinniss, vice president of the Montana Ore Purchasing company, to file a substitute bond in case the Delaware Surety company was not approved.

Robert B. Smith, for the Montana Ore Purchasing company, admitted that the Delaware Surety company did not justify, and in order to make sure the said surety company had deposited \$350,000 in the State Savings bank at Butte, which the Montana Ore Purchasing company offered as security, he presented affidavits of A. B. Clements, president, and T. M. Hodgins, cashier, to the effect that such deposits had been made to the credit of the surety company. L. O. Evans of the Boston & Montana company condemned the bond as bogus. He said the Delaware Surety company was a dummy, organized for the purpose

of giving it, and the filing of the bond an attempt at evasion and fraud on the court.

The officers of the surety company had sworn it had assets of \$1,998,000, but Mr. Heinze admitted that he simply gave a check for \$250,000 and took back stock in exchange. As to the deposit in the Butte bank, how did the court know Heinze had not a string to the money? Mr. Evans called attention to the inconsistency between MacGinniss' statement that the Montana Ore Purchasing company had no interest in the surety company and Heinze's admission that he owned control.

Even if the officers of the Montana Ore Purchasing company were not held guilty of contempt in attempting to perpetrate a fraud on the court, he said, the only order the court could make was that an injunction should again come in force. He asked the court not to consider any offer to justify the surety company and not to consider any offer to introduce a substitute bond.

E. W. Toole, for the Montana Ore Purchasing company, made a plea that the whole transaction has been the result of improper advice of counsel and that anything done in the nature of contempt could be stricken from the record.

The court then took the matter under advisement and may make an order late today.