ELVIRA PESCIA MYSTERY MADE DEEPER BY NOTE

Missing Girl Writes About Suicide and Says She Rebels at Thought.

WORDS PUZZLE FAMILY.

Brother Says It Reads as Though It Were Not Voluntarily Written.

The mystery of the disappearance of Elvira Pescia is baffling detectives of the police force and private detectives as well. This young woman, handsome, accomplished and rich, with no cares that her family knew about, left her luxurious home at No. 154 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street on Tuesday morning with 5 cents in her pocket. Nothing is known of her actions since that time, but a strange, morbid letter received by her mother would appear to indicate that she contemplated suicide.

The threat of self-destruction in the letter but serves to add to the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the girl. Her brother, Enrico, who is a Marquis by grace of the Italian Government, but dropped his title when he took out American citizenship papers a year ago, says that he is certain the note does not express his sister's real sentiments.

Her Strange Message.

"Suicide," said the young woman in her message, "is certainly a crime, and my feelings rebel at the thought, but this is the only road open to oblivion and to end this miserable existence of mine. I have suffered morally and have sought comfort in prayer, and in this my last moment my mind goes to the Supreme Being, from whom I implore forgiveness. I feel too weak to continue the struggle.

"To my mother: I want you to understand that nothing leads me to this fatal step except that I am tired of life. I am much too proud, to sceptical of my love for you to think any such thing—to commit this act."

"I cannot conceive what could have inspired her to write such a note," said Enrico Pescia to-day. "When she left home Tuesday morning she was smiling and cheerful. She had always been cheerful. We thought we knew all her friends and acquaintances and all her little troubles.

Says Her Life Was Happy.

"She speaks of her miserable existence. As a matter of fact, her life was very happy. She is an artist and a musician and her time was fully occupied with these pursuits. She says she was tired of life, when she had everything to live for. The conclusion of her note is incoherent and sounds insincere.

"Of course, I cannot say that she wrote the note at the dictation of some one else, but it does not sound, when read, as if she could have voluntarily written it. The note was mailed somewhere in the district included in the Grand Central Sub-station a few hours after her departure from home. It was not written here in the house because there is no paper here like that she used."

Mr. Pescia, who is a wealthy real estate dealer, and his father, who has retired from active business, are directing the search for the missing girl. They have visited all the hospitals and gone through all the police slips without obtaining the slightest clue.

The Pescia home in East One Hundred and Sixteenth street is a fine brownstone mansion. Miss Pescia was twenty-thwo years old and very handsome. She was a great favorite in the social circle in which her family moved in Harlem.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs; selling.

	*Lafayette	97
172	Tivoli	102
112*	Rappahannock	107
169	Rabert	104
144	Heart of Hyacinth	99
	Viperine	109
71	Judge Treen	102
169*	*Belle Strome	107
174	Miners	104
194	Meadow Breeze	110
	Steen	109
188	Dolgar	103
	Airship	104
142	Tres Jolie	105
41	Chief Hayes	110

SECOND RACE—Five and a half furlongs; purse.

192	Sylvia G	105
—	Apt	105
—	Maria	105
156	Knighthead	98
180	Bitter Man	107
162	My Love	107
—	Fashion	105
159	Busy Boy	107
180	Major Mack	107
207	Sattridge	110
192	Helen Holland	105
175	Donaldo	105
152	Sweetheart	107
	Risk	107
180	Czar	110

THIRD RACE—Five furlongs; purse.

173	E. T. Sharp	91
169	Handkarra	98
—	Toy Boy	109
108	Higginbotham	109
—	Escutcheon	103
(208)	Ray Thompson	97
142	Lucy Young	98
58*	Momentum	109
173	The Bear	109
(145)	Hyperion II	110
—	Ethylen	98
169	Artful Dodger	109
—	Belmere	100
—	Jerry Sharp	109
158	Arch Oldham	113

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs; handicap; purse.

164	Refined	100
208*	Coney K	106
202	Jacobite	102
160	Merthyr	108
202	Concessionne	112
152	Platoon	106
(146)	Kestor	120

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs; selling.

155	*Silver Ball	95
200	*Dick Rose	97
184*	Moscow Belle	100
(206)	Alsatian	105
103	Rhinestone	107
184	*Lisierlie	95
168	*The Thorn	97
206*	Bitter Sir	102
186	Ketchemike	105
190*	Hera	110
184	*Alessia	95
200	Ethel Carr	100
168	Salnesaw	105
(184)	*Apache	106
196*	Severus	110

SIXTH RACE—One mile and a sixteenth; selling.

10	*Conde	97
116	*Tinker	99
185	Just So	102
185	*Full	104
167	Charlie Thompson	106
144*	*No Trumper	97
114	*Matakon	101
181	Rebo	102
203*	Alesso	106
	Canonian	107
103	*Forsouhee	97
203	Holiway	102
203	Louise Macfarlan	104
	Tribes Hill	102
134	Jungle Imp	112

*Apprentice allowance.

Missing Young Woman Who Wrote Note About Suicide

ELVIRA PESCIA.

STOCKS RALLY AND CLOSE STRONG

Reading and Northern Pacific Leaders in Rise in Which Entire List Shares.

Traders in the early stock market to-day ignored the influence of higher prices in London caused by the reduction in the Bank of England's official discount rate. First prices showed sharp recessions. The depressing factors were the application for a receiver for the Seaboard Air Line and reports of an intended Government suit to dissolve the Harriman Railroad system.

Union Pacific declined 1 3-8; Southern Railway preferred and Southern Pacific, 1 1-4; Southern Railway, St. Paul, Great Northern, Ore Certificates and American Smelting, 1, and Northern Pacific, Atchison, Pennsylvania and United States Steel preferred, large fractions. Granby Mining rose 1 3-4, and American Tobacco preferred, 1.

Later the list dropped lower, Southern Railway losing 2 1-4, and Louisville and Nashville, 2. Trading was active.

A substantial rally at noon reduced declines materially and lifted a few active speculative stocks over Tuesday's closing level. American Sugar gained 1 1-4 and Northern Pacific, Reading and Illinois Central 1. Additional declines were Wheeling and Lake Erie second preferred 3, Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis 2 1-4, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Sainte Marie and Colorado and Southern first preferred 1 1-2 and Iowa Central and American Car 1.

There was a brisk rise in the afternoon, which began in Reading, Northern Pacific and New York Central. The general market gradually started upwards after the leaders had got well under way. Northern Pacific rose 3, Reading 2 3-4, Delaware and Hudson 2 1-2, New York Central 2, Great Northern preferred and American Smelting 1 5-8, and Union Pacific, St. Paul and Amalgamated Copper 1.

The market closed at the highest prices of the day, good gains being the rule. Reading and Northern Pacific were the leaders in the trading, which was active.

The total sales of stocks were 515,400 shares and of bonds $1,849,000.

The Closing Quotations.

Tuesday's highest, lowest and last prices of stocks and of net changes as compared with Tuesday's final figures are as follows:

	High.	Low.	Last.	Net ch'ges.
Amal. Copper	48½	47¾	48½	+ 1¼
Am. Car & Fdy.	39½	38	39½	+ ¾
Amer. Cotton Oil	60	60	60	— ¾
Amer. Ice Co.	16½	16¾	16¾	— ¾
Amer. Locos.	34½	34¼	34½	
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	73	69¾	72¾	+ 2¼
Am. Sug. & R. pf.	92¾	92	92¾	
Amer. Sugar	101¾	98¾	101¾	+ 1¼
Amer. Sugar pf.	112	111	111	+ ¼
Atch. Top. & S. F.	73½	72½	73½	+ ¾
*Anaconda Mining	29½	28¾	28¾	+ ¾
At., Top. & S. F.	46½	45¾	46½	+ ¾
Balt. & Ohio	82¼	81	82¼	+ ¾
B'kln. Rap. Tran.	46	38¾	46	+ 1
Can. Pac.	155	153½	155	+ 1¼
Ches. & Ohio	50½	49	49¾	+ ¼
Ch., G. West	8¾	8	8	—
Ch., Mil. & St. P.	166	163½	166	+ 1¼
Chic. & N. W.	152¾	152¼	152¾	+ ¾
Col. Fuel & Iron	39½	38½	39½	+ ¾
Col. Southern	24¾	23¾	24¾	+ 1¼
Del. & Hud.	150½	147	150½	+ 3
Dist. Sec. Corp.	39½	39½	39½	+ ¾
Erie	17½	16¾	17	+ ¾
Erie 1st pf.	33¾	32½	33¾	+ 1½
General Electric	113	111	113	+ 1
Great Northern pf	117¾	115¾	117¾	+ 1½
Inter-Met.	7¾	7¾	7¾	
Illinois Central	126	125	125	+ 1
Louis. & Nash.	93½	90¾	93½	+ ¾
Mex. Central	19¾	19¼	19¾	+ ¾
M. S. P. & S. S. M.	80	78½	80	— ¾
Mo., K. & Tex.	25¾	24½	25¾	+ ½
Mo., K. & T. pf.	56¾	56¾	56¾	
Nat. Pacific	47	44	46¾	+ 1
Nat. Lead	53½	52½	53½	+ ½
N. J. Central	168	168	168	— 1
N. Y. Central	93¾	92¾	93¾	+ 1¾
North. Pac.	121¾	119½	121¾	+ 3¼
Ontario & West	33½	32¾	33½	+ ½
Pacific Coast	80	80	80	+ 3½
Pennsylvania	111¾	108¾	111¾	+ 1¼
People's Gas	80	80	80	— ¾
Pressed Steel	20¾	19½	20¾	+ ¾
Reading	98¾	94¾	98¾	+ 3¼
Reading 1st pf.	78	78	78	+
Reading 2d pf.	76	75	75	+ ¼
Rock Island	28½	28	28½	+ ¼
*South. Pacific	73½	70¾	73	+ ¾
South. Ry.	30½	29¾	30½	
South. Ry. pf.	75½	73¾	74	— 2
Twin City R. T.	84½	84½	84½	— ¼
Union Pacific	119¾	116¼	119¾	+ 1¼
U. S. Rubber	29½	29	29½	+ ½
U. S. Steel	27	25¾	26¾	+ ½
U. S. Steel pf.	89¼	88¼	89	+ ½
Utah Copper	22	20	21	+ 1
Vir.-Car. Chem. pf	87	87	87	+ ¾
Westing. E. & M.	42¾	41	41	— 2
West. Un. Tel.	56	54	54	— 1¼

*Ex div. —Advance. —Decline.

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KILLED HIS HOST AFTER JOLLY DINNER

Wife of Victim Accused in Murder Plotted by Prussian Army Officer.

ALLENSTEIN, East Prussia, Jan. 2.—A confession made by Capt. von Goeben that he killed Major von Schoenbeck, a brother officer, on Christmas Day, is a dramatic recital of murder. According to it von Goeben dined with Major von Schoenbeck and his wife in her house on Christmas night. Considerable wine was drunk, and the party had a jolly time. After saying good night the Captain pretended to leave the house. He slammed the front door, but did not go out.

He then stole upstairs to the Major's room, where he put on a mask. The Major entered shortly, and hearing a suspicious rustling in the darkness, called "Who is there?" Von Goeben then sprang up and faced the Major, saying, "I want to speak with you."

Von Schoenbeck did not reply, but drew his revolver and endeavored to shoot. The cartridge missed fire. Von Goeben then drew his own revolver and shot the Major down. He then left the house noiselessly by means of a key which he says had previously been given him by Mrs. von Schoenbeck.

Von Goeben confessed when shown correspondence between himself and Mrs. Von Schoenbeck. He told where he had bought the pistol with which he did the killing, and said he had purchased the mask the day before, remarking casually that it was for a masked ball. This mask, or rather its ashes, have since been discovered in the stove of Von Goeben's room.

POOR, THEY GIVE TO AID WIDOW

Homeless Men at Chicago Mission "Chip In" for Unfortunate Woman.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A pitiful scene was enacted at the Pacific Garden Mission when homeless, unemployed men contributed from their scant funds to aid one more unfortunate than themselves.

Several hundred first ward lodging-house inmates were assembled at the mission for New Year services, the number probably augmented by the fact that free refreshments were served. All except fourteen of those present were unemployed laborers from other cities, and many of them had not even the price of a night's lodging.

At the close of the services George B. Nettleton, a teamster, asked for contributions to help a destitute widow with six children. The collection, mostly in pennies, amounted to over $3, although almost every one present was himself in need of assistance.

BOMB WRECKS BIG TENEMENTS AFTER THREAT

Owner Had Refused to Pay $1,000 Blackmail, and Sought Police Aid.

20 FAMILIES IN PERIL

Many Cut by Shattered Glass—Poggioriale's Second Visit by Black Hand.

Because he would not pay $1,000 to Black Handers who have been pursuing him for years, Ciro Poggioriale's five story double tenement at No. 332 East Eleventh street was wrecked by a bomb last midnight. Twenty families were thrown into a panic, and several persons were hurt hustling out of the buildings, cutting their bare feet on pieces of broken glass.

In addition to blowing up Poggioriale's property the blackmailers have threatened to steal his twin girls, Isabella and Celia, six years old, in letters demanding money. The twins are being guarded with all the care and firearms their family can command to-day.

Poggioriale had an experience with the Black Hand three years ago, when he kept a grocery at No. 252 Elizabeth street. They wanted money then, and failing to get it blew his place of business up with a bomb.

He quit business and moved to the Eleventh street tenement, which he owned. He had about come to believe the vampires had forgotten him, when some weeks ago he got a letter calling for a thousand in cash. A threat was made to dynamite his home. He gave the letter to the police, and later, when he received another, turned it over. The detectives told him to await developments. He did.

The bomb to-day was placed in the central hall. Some musicians had been there just a few minutes before it went off. They played their mandolins and guitars, sang softly and departed. The explosion following hurled the heavy front door from its casement and flung it across the street through the windows of Ferri & Co.'s banking house.

Nathol Gerocki had a butcher shop on one side of the hall of the dynamited building. On the other side Nicholas Di Franco had a grocery. Both these stores were wrecked, the partition walls being smashed completely.

Cut Badly by Glass.

The two merchants and their families, fourteen persons in all, lived behind their stores. They escaped through rear windows. Thomas Di Franco, brother of the grocery man, cut his foot badly on glass, and went sent to Bellevue. Celia, one of the Poggioriale twins, stepped on a lancelike sliver and a doctor had to dig it out.

The Poggioriales live on the third floor. They knew what it was when the blast shook the house and boomed with a noise heard half a mile away. The family hastily got out. Policemen Reilly and Saber passed the house just before the explosion. They ran back and saw scores of half clad men, women and children climbing down fire-escapes or tumbling down the ruined stairs. An alarm brought the firemen, and many were helped down ladders. The crowd in the street was over a thousand in two minutes, and it grew till the police reserves drove tenants of nearly houses back to their flats. The neighborhood was still in terror when daylight came.

DRIVE AT HARRIMAN BEING CONSIDERED

Bonaparte Not Prepared to Say What He Will Do With Union and Southern Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Attorney-Gen. Bonaparte, when questioned to-day as to the truth of the statement that suit would soon be begun to dissolve the relationship between the Union and Southern Pacific Railroads, known as the Harriman system, would only say that the matter was under consideration, but he was not prepared to either affirm or deny the report.

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ASSASSIN SHOOTS RUSSIAN POLICE CHIEF IN CROWD

Col. Bobroff, Head of Provincial Force at Samara, Slain on the Street.

SAMARIA, Russia, Jan. 2.—Col. Bebroff, chief of the provincial gendarmerie, was shot and killed in a crowded street here today.

The assassin is declared a member of the Terrorist organization.

PASSENGERS IN SCARE ON EMPIRE STATE EXPRESS

Badly Shaken When Water Tower Spout Jolts Train and Smashes Windows.

ALBANY, Jan. 2.—The Empire State Express train, north bound on the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, and due in Albany at 11:10 A. M. to-day, had a narrow escape from serious accident between Rhinecliff and Hudson.

The spout of a water tower sideswiped the locomotive and broke windows all along the side of the train.

The express did not leave the track, and while the passengers were severely shaken up and frightened, no one was hurt.

The train arrived here about an hour late.

COUNTRY HAS $690,130,895 OUTSTANDING CIRCULATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The monthly comparative statement of the Comptroller of the Currency shows that at the close of business Dec. 31 last the total outstanding circulation was $690,130,895, which is an increase for the year of $92,065,435 and an increase for the month of $33,912,969. The circulation based on United States bonds amounted to $646,450,889, an increase for the year of $91,170,915 and an increase for the month of $33,203,591.

The circulation secured by lawful money amounted to $46,679,006, a decrease for the year of $894,480 and an increase for the month of $709,378. The amount of United States bonds on deposit to secure circulating notes was $646,783,000, and the amount of bonds on deposit to secure public deposits was $256,328,417.

ODDITIES IN THE NEWS ALL OVER THE WORLD

Short Stories of Unusual Happenings and Singular Experiences Picked Out of the Chronicles of the Day.

G. C. Rand, of Denver, has a solid silver jawbone.

He tried to commit suicide two months ago, but only shot away the left side of his jaw.

He was suffering from fever when he shot himself, and his wound was followed by an attack of erysipelas.

But he lived through them all and surgeons riveted a bar of silver, shaped like the piece of jaw torn away, to the edges of the bones.

He has now almost entirely recovered.

SUICIDE ONLY WAY TO QUIT THE TOWN.

Thomas Hanley had lived in the town of Calamity, Pa., near Pittsburg, for many years. He didn't like the place, but he was a miner and he couldn't get away.

"I'm stuck here," he wrote, "and I see but one way to get out. It's with poison." And he drank a fatal dose of laudanum just as the new year was coming in.

DOG HALTED TRAIN WITH RED LANTERN.

Shep, a dog owned by William Donovan, a railroad yardman at Thompsonville, Conn., flagged a train there last night with a red lantern.

Some boys had tied the lantern to the dog's tail and when the 6.50 express came along Shep was on the track whirling around.

The engineer stopped thre feet from the dog.

$50 REWARD FOR DOG FOWL THIEF.

There's a dog at large in Seaford, Del., for whose capture $50 reward is offered.

The dog is a chicken thief. He killed 150 fowl in a week. After slaying thirteen hens for Frank Hadfeld he was caught. Hadfeld's son tied him and shot at him, but only cut his collar and the dog got away.

The dog kills thirteen chickens at a time, it is said, and he was born on Friday.

GIRLS DYING FROM FRUIT-EATING RACE.

Hazel Hosler and Saba Crissinger, telephone operators at Arcola, Ind., set out to see who could eat the most oranges yesterday.

Miss Hosler ate twenty and Miss Crissinger eighteen. Each also ate two bananas.

They were found groaning on the floor and doctors say they may not recover.

SLID DOWN LADDER, SAVED WOODEN LEG.

W. T. Rowe, a one-legged man trapped on the top floor of a burning office building owned by H. C. Frick, in Pittsburg, last evening slid down the fire-escapes to safety, carrying his wooden leg under his arm.

As he landed a wall fell, mortally injuring Capt. Zopt, of the Fire Department.

EAVESDROPPING IS CHARGE AGAINST 3.

Three young men of Duquesne, Pa., are under arrest, charged with eavesdropping.

They are Peter Sator, Ross Arnz and Michael Carr. Justice of the Peace Shaw charges them with listening at his window while he was holding a private hearing and telling what they heard.

CLUB WOMEN SHOW BABES TO CRITICS.

Out in San Francisco the club women are arranging a baby show to prove that they are not responsible for divorces.

They expect to exhibit enough babies to convince the whole coast that women may belong to clubs and rear families at the same time.

WHISKERS BURNED BY PLAYFUL GIRL.

Paul Wilstone returned to his home in Caldwell, N. J., from Newark, where he went to witness the New Year's eve festivities, without a beard, which he wore when he left home. While he was passing a crowd a girl took a torch from a peanut vender's stand and put it to Wilstone's whiskers.

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