

MAN SHOT BY SON STILL THREATENS TO KILL FAMILY

Alfred A. Messig, Though Badly Wounded, Attempts to Escape From Hospital.

MAKES HARD STRUGGLE.

Was Attempting to Shoot His Wife When Son Fired at Him.

With two bullets in his head, fired from a revolver in the hands of his eighteen-year-old son, Alfred A. Messig, a butcher, is under police guard in the General Hospital at Elizabeth, N. J., shouting threats against the lives of his wife and seven children. He tried to escape from the hospital last night to follow his murderous bent of mind, and, despite his weakened condition, he gave the attendants a stiff struggle before they overcame him.

It was while attempting to shoot his wife yesterday that Messig was himself shot by his son. The tragedy was the result of a long and distressing domestic feud between a violent, surly, brutal husband and father on one side and a wife and mother and her seven children on the other. Mrs. Messig says that her husband threatened her life no less than forty times in the last five years.

"He was as bad sober as drunk," the distressed wife told Judge Mahon in the Elizabeth City Criminal Court today. "I do not believe he is in his right mind."

Wounded Man May Recover. Messig probably will recover. His son shot at him four times from an old, rusty, .32-caliber revolver. One of the bullets went into his forehead, another into the arm. The two bullets that entered his head did not penetrate to a vital spot.

The boy who did the shooting was named after his father. He is a blond, blue-eyed giant, 5 feet tall and weighing 180 pounds. Big and strong as he is, he would be no match for his parent, who is in the prime of his strength and vigor, although forty-six years old.

Messig is prosperous. He has a paying butcher business at Magnolia avenue and Catherine street and a fine home. His eldest child is twenty-five years old and two of his daughters are married. By a more or less short tempered, he developed into a household tyrant after he had passed his fortieth year and kept his family in a state of continual terror.

Some three weeks ago Messig went on a spree. He was drunk and noisy, home, noisy and brutal, and wrangled and threatened until he fell asleep. On Thursday afternoon he disappeared from the ken of his family. His elder children remained at home with their mother, but the other two, who were married daughters, Mrs. Benjamin Horton, did not leave her mother's side.

Makes New Threats. Messig got home at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. He was drunk and disheveled. He ordered the boy Alfred to hitch up a horse to the best rig in the barn.

"I am going to take your mother for a ride," said Messig, sneeringly. "She is going on a long ride out in the country and it will be a hell of a long time before you ever see her again."

Mrs. Messig attempted to escape from the room. Her husband jumped at her, pushed her against the wall and choked her. Mrs. Horton, who was in the room, managed to pull her father away.

"The butcher hunched to a sideboard in the room, opened a drawer and pulled out a revolver. He pointed the weapon at his wife and his daughter sprang between them.

"Get out of my way or I'll kill you!" yelled Messig to Mrs. Horton. A shield for her mother, Alfred leaped for his father and was hit by a smash on the head that knocked him across the room. Messig then fired at his wife over Mrs. Horton's shoulder. The bullet struck her in the shoulder of the daughter's gown and sped on harmlessly through a window.

Son Shoots Father. At the sound of the shot Alfred broke for his own room and got his own revolver. Upon his return he found his father staggering to the door, trying to run around Mrs. Horton so as to reach Mrs. Horton's daughter. Standing at the door Alfred fired four shots and Messig dropped to the floor.

The wounded man was hurried to the hospital and Alfred was locked up. Judge Mahon released the boy under \$1,500 bail to return to his home, which is in the city of Elizabeth, N. J.

Should Messig recover his family will attempt to have him confined in an insane asylum.

ROOSEVELT SENDS BIRTHDAY GREETING TO KING EDWARD. Characteristic Message to British Ruler on Sixty-seventh Anniversary.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—One of the first things President Roosevelt did when he reached his office today was to dictate to his secretary a characteristic message of congratulations and good wishes to King Edward, who today celebrated his sixty-seventh birthday. The message, which was cabled to London, was not made public here.

On the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of President Roosevelt, Oct. 26 last, King Edward sent a congratulatory telegram conveying an expression of his good wishes both for the President and the American people. The President was greatly pleased with this message. At the White House in Washington the King's birthday will be celebrated with a dinner, which Ambassador Bruce will give at the Embassy this evening.

Ten Years' Physical Culture Required to Make Maude Odell a Prize Venus of Perfect Figure

Nevertheless She Insists She Is Not a Bit of a Crank on the Subject, and Is Fond of Appearing in Smart Frocks.

Has No Set Hours or Rules for Exercise, Eats and Drinks What She Likes, and Isn't Averse to a Cigarette.

By Ethel Lloyd Patterson.

Most women would pay \$10,000 to be a "Prize Venus." Miss Maude Odell has been paid \$10,000 just because she is one. From a disinterested viewpoint it does not seem exactly fair for her to have both the money and the loveliness, but it only goes to show how unevenly things are sometimes divided in this world. Some things at any rate.

Of course in this particular case it is conceded that if Miss Odell's avoirdupois had not been evenly distributed there would have been no neat little nest egg coming her way. Likewise there would have been no story of her English conquests to whet our curiosity.

It was a somewhat pardonably excited and well nigh bewildered Venus that arose to invite admission to her apartments in the Hotel Empire. Scarcely two hours had passed since she had left the steamship Arabia of the White Star Line, and already she had encountered the perils and sensations of her first ride in an elevated train. Newspaper men besieged her door imploring her to come forth and pose in most any old costume, while the delay of her passage forced recurrent denials to their persistent appeals. Add to these things the fact that Miss Odell is actually and unpretentiously a young girl, comparatively new to notoriety, and her flustered condition follows in natural sequence.

Trained Ten Years. One point was obvious at the first glance. If Miss Odell's type is to become a fad her followers have a stiff bit of training ahead of them. You could not make yourself look like her by just pinning on a frouze of red curls and painting in a dimple on your chin. The English prize beauty concedes that it took her ten years to develop her enviable physique, and to see her to believe it. This is no "Cutie" who cuddles her nose between your ear and your collar. Miss Odell looks like an unusually healthy advertisement for a breakfast food.

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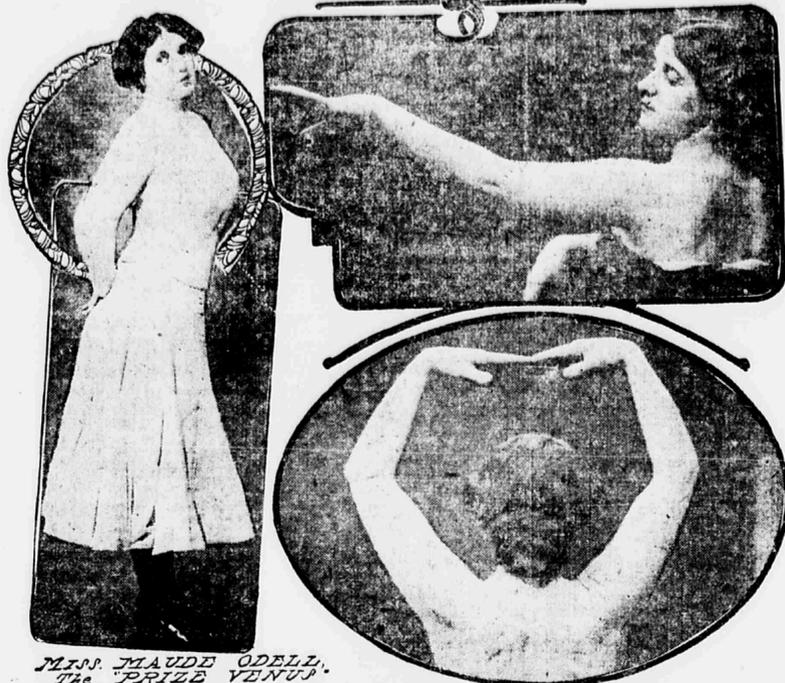
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MISS MAUDE ODELL, THE PRIZE VENUS.

OPEN NEW FIGHT ON THE ORDER FOR TRANSFERS

Fifty-Ninth Street Cross Town and the Metropolitan Companies Ask for Rehearing

The entire Public Service Commission of the Metropolitan District today took up the application of the Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company, known as the Fifty-ninth street cross-town line, and the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, to have abrogated the final order of the Commission establishing transfers between the two lines.

William M. Dykman, counsel for the Central Park line, presented the argument on behalf of his client, placing in evidence figures which were based upon the handling of 200,000 passengers in the year up to June 29, 1908, with an estimated car mileage of 1,000,000. Then he read a list of figures to show the cost of hauling each passenger.

"Now," cried Mr. Dykman, when he had concluded the reading of the figures, "my simple division it is shown that on every passenger we carry we must have an income of 1.75-100th cents or we will lose money. You ask us to take for our share of the joint rate amount to be divided upon transfers for a rate of 1.25-100th cents."

John G. Millburn, of counsel for the Metropolitan, strenuously objected to the figures and the argument expressed in the transfer order.

"We have considered this matter well," said Commissioner Easton, "and we have asked you to try this arrangement for four months from Nov. 22, and if you don't talk about putting money in our pockets," said Dykman, sharply.

"Instead of giving bread you take away what little we have."

"Well, Mr. Dykman," interrupted Commissioner Easton, "you got 100 cents you wouldn't object to this transfer ruling."

"I am sure, acquiesce in any arrangement that will give us an adequate return on the capital invested in the Fifty-ninth street line. But you gentlemen are assuming a large responsibility when you compel us to do that which will inflict a loss to our property."

The commission closed the hearing, but took the petitions and applications and will read the case into consideration, reserving decision.

JUDGE THROWS THIS SUIT OUT OF COURT. An attempt on the part of W. Wallace Burnham, a stockholder in the Fifty-ninth Street Cross-town line, to compel the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to resume and continue to operate that line until they had received permission from the Public Service Commission to abandon it, was this afternoon ruled out of the Supreme Court by Justice McCall.

"This was one of the lines held by the Metropolitan under lease, as I understand it," said Justice McCall. "Judge Lacombe, of the United States Circuit Court, granted permission to the Metropolitan to abandon the line by vacating the lease and returning the line to the owner. Now, what you are asking me to do is to overrule Judge Lacombe. I can't do that."

Justice McCall advised Mr. Burnham's counsel to make the application to Judge Lacombe.

OIL MAGNATE PIERCE GIVES \$20,000 BAIL IN TEXAS. AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 8.—H. Clay Pierce, chairman of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, today gave a \$20,000 bond for his appearance in court under an indictment charging him with perjury in connection with a suit brought by the State of Texas against his coming. The case originally set for Nov. 22, but was continued to the January term of the District Court. All the signs of the bond are citizens of Texas whose aggregate worth represents \$20,000. The bond was signed by the following persons: J. L. Littlefield, Joseph H. A. Wree, Chester Thrasher, Theodore E. Lee, George L. Hume, E. J. Lawless and A. J. Biles. Mr. Pierce returned to St. Louis to-night.

YOUTH WHO SHOT FATHER, HIS VICTIM, MOTHER HE SAVED

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HAINS BROTHERS TO BE PLACED ON TRIAL DEC. 14

Counsel Asks Delay, Contending That Captain Is Mentally Unfit to Testify.

Justice Aspinall in the Queens County Supreme Court, Flushing, today set the trial of Capt. Peter C. Hains and T. Jenkins Hains for the murder of William E. Annis for Monday, Dec. 14. The order setting the date is peremptory and the defense was ordered to have all the necessary witnesses on hand at that time.

John E. McIntyre, counsel for the Hains brothers, asked that the trial be postponed until after Jan. 1 on two grounds. First, he claimed that Capt. Peter C. Hains is mentally in no condition to stand trial or appear as a witness in the defense of his brother. Second, he said that material witnesses now in the Philippines cannot reach New York inside of six weeks.

Justice Aspinall said that but for the fact that District Attorney Barrin, of Queens, who has prepared the case against the Hains, retires from office Dec. 31 there would be no valid objection to the trial off until January. But, he added, Mr. Barrin is entitled to some recognition, and should the case himself before his retirement. Therefore he gave the defense what he considered ample time for preparation.

27-INCH CHRYSANTHEMUM. MONTICELLO, N. Y., Nov. 8.—A chrysanthemum measuring 27 inches in circumference, one foot in diameter, has been awarded first prize at the exhibition of the Northern Westchester County Horticultural-Agricultural Society. The prize winner was exhibited by William Decker, of Madison, N. J. Many other of the flowers nearly as large as this were on exhibition.

TO DEPOSE RIDGELY AS BANK PRESIDENT. KANSAS CITY, Nov. 8.—It was announced here today that W. B. Ridgely, president of the reorganized National Bank of Commerce, is to be replaced by Dr. W. S. Woods, the deceased president of the bank, his friends having succeeded in buying up a majority of the bank's stock and thus securing control.

Mr. Ridgely last winter resigned the position of Comptroller of the Currency to become head of the bank. The successors of Mr. Ridgely as president and Edward Ridgely as cashier have not been determined. The National Bank of Commerce, the largest financial institution in this part of the Southwest, failed during the panic last year with \$2,500,000 of deposits. It was reorganized after several months, and W. B. Ridgely became its president. Mr. Ridgely today declined to make a statement beyond expressing doubt that control of the bank is in hands inimical to him. Dr. Woods declined to be named under the new regime beyond declaring that they would be men connected with the old crowd in the reorganization practically all of the old officers were superceded.

WORK FOR TOBACCO MEN. NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 8.—The American cigarette company a large factory in this city, which shut down three months ago, started operations today with a force of 400 men. Manager Long announced that the force would soon be increased to 600. The American Cigarette Company is a branch of the American Tobacco Company.

WITH SILENCE OF JUDGE THEY HAD TWO WEDDINGS

Civil Ceremony a Secret Affair, and Church Marriage Followed.

(Special to The Evening World.) HACKENSACK, N. J., Nov. 8.—Harold B. Higbie, a popular young chairman of Ridgely Park, and Miss Bertha A. Bowman, of Canton, N. Y., were married at the parsonage of the Ridgely Park Methodist Church on Saturday evening by Rev. A. H. Limouze. Today it was made known that the couple had wed on April 8 last in a rather romantic manner, slipping away from a card party to the office of Justice C. P. Beach. The latter kept his secret with the young couple until he was asked today to show the records of the wedding.

The pastor did not know of this fact until today; neither did Higbie's parents. The Epworth League members gave the couple a surprise party immediately after the wedding.

The bride is sister-in-law of Director C. F. Thompson, of the Bergen County Board of Freeholders, and while on a visit to her sister in Ridgely Park she met Higbie. After the first wedding she returned to her home.

BRANDENBURG HELD ON WIFE'S COMPLAINT

Writer of Disputed Cleveland Letter Charged With Non-Support.

Broughton Brandenburg, the magazine writer, who was arrested early today at the Westminster Hotel, as the result of his bondman, Daniel J. Kane, surrendering him, was freed by Magistrate Corrigan, in the Jefferson Market Court at noon, after Magistrate Walsh, who had ordered Mr. Brandenburg to pay \$12 a week to his wife, had consented, by telephone, the parole of Mr. Brandenburg was given to his counsel, Samuel Bell Taylor, recently in charge of the Speakers' Bureau of the Democratic National Committee.

Mr. Brandenburg, who is to plead on Wednesday to the indictment against him in connection with the publication of the famous "Cleveland's Last Message," was arrested at 1:30 this morning by Detectives Hynes and Hughes, of the Central Office. The writer is at present under \$100 bonds on the "Cleveland Message" charge.

Mrs. Valine Brandenburg, through her counsel, consented to the parole of her husband, who is suing her for the annulment of their marriage. The order to pay \$12 a week was made on July 1 last by Magistrate Walsh, following his arrest on her complaint, charging non-support.

The bondman who surrendered Mr. Brandenburg is said to be one of a dozen Tammany politicians who offered themselves as surety for the writer when his arrest was made public in the press on July 1 last.

The case will come up for trial in the Tombs Court before Magistrate Walsh next Monday.

Solid Gold Eyeglasses \$1.00 a Pair Generally Sold at \$5.00. For This Week.

This is a remarkable chance and one that will appeal strongly to all eyeglass wearers. Not only because of the low price, but also because the opportunity is provided by a complete eye examination and a pair of glasses made to order. The glasses are made of the finest material and are guaranteed to last for years. No charge for oculist's services, whether you buy glasses or not.

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Tea bills cut in half by the double strength of White Rose Ceylon Tea. A 10c Package makes 40 Cups.

Removal Sale Carpets & Rugs. Extraordinary bargains, made necessary by the early expiration of our lease. Before removal we must clear out our entire stock as well as the surplus from the great Dobson Mills. All goods new and fresh; this season's patterns. For example, we offer this week:

CARPETS—Best Body Brussels—worth \$1.75, now \$1.00 to \$1.30. Wilton Velvets—worth \$1.35, now 80c to \$1.05. Axminster—value \$1.50, now 97 1/2c. Best Tapestry Brussels—10-wire, worth 95c, now 60c.

RUGS—Best Body Brussels—9x12, worth \$30.00, at \$21.50. Tapestry Brussels—9x12, value \$16.50, at \$10.00 & \$13.50. Wilton Velvets—9x12, worth \$22.50, at \$16.75. Royal Wiltons—9x12, worth \$30.50, at \$29.50. Royal Wiltons—3-3x10 1/2, worth \$35.00, at \$24.50 & \$27.50. Axminster—high pile, 9x12, worth \$24.50, at \$19.75. 300 Rugs made from remnants in all sizes at less than cost.

Initial Linoleum and Matting at greatly reduced prices.

Dobson's 41th St. & Fifth Ave. Makers of Carpets for 50 Years.

J. MORRIS Grand Rapids Furniture. 3 Rooms Furnished at 49c. 4 Rooms Furnished at 74c. 5 Rooms Furnished at 124c. Open Monday and Saturday Evenings.

267 W. 125th St. World-Wants Work Wonders.

PROSPERITY HITS THE RAILROADS; THEY ORDER RAILS

Will Spend \$11,000,000 and Make Work for Thousands of Idle Men.

An industrial note that created great satisfaction was circulated through Wall Street this afternoon. It indicates that there is behind the report of a revival of prosperity the most vital condition necessary to such a revival—the cooperation of the railroads.

Since the election railroad companies have sent inquiries to the four steel companies concerning the time of delivery and terms upon an aggregate of 10,000 tons of rails. These inquiries have reached the United States Steel Co., the Lackawanna Steel Co., the Pennsylvania Steel Co. and the Bethlehem Steel Co.

The orders are as good as in. The four steel companies have \$25 a ton, and this means that the sum of \$11,000,000 will be released on this item alone. The price of 10,000 tons of new steel rails means further that vast improvements, giving labor to thousands of men, are about to be inaugurated.

ENDS LIFE WITH A RAZOR. A man who registered the name of William Archer when he engaged a room in Smith & McNeill's Hotel, No. 100 Washington street, died last night. He was found dead in his room, having cut his throat with a razor. When he registered, his name was so that he had to write his signature several times before it was legible. This morning, William Archer, of New Jersey, did not explain to the police why he had cut his throat. The man, who was about thirty-five years old, had no overcoat and no luggage. He wore a cap and a vest of a style worn by some chauffeurs.

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RUGS—Best Body Brussels—9x12, worth \$30.00, at \$21.50. Tapestry Brussels—9x12, value \$16.50, at \$10.00 & \$13.50. Wilton Velvets—9x12, worth \$22.50, at \$16.75. Royal Wiltons—9x12, worth \$30.50, at \$29.50. Royal Wiltons—3-3x10 1/2, worth \$35.00, at \$24.50 & \$27.50. Axminster—high pile, 9x12, worth \$24.50, at \$19.75. 300 Rugs made from remnants in all sizes at less than cost.

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