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TITLES FOR LIFE WITH INSANE MAN

How Has Desperate Struggle with Former Lover.

REFUSED MARRIAGE

Are in the Hospital with Throats Slashed.

Reever, but Will Be Unable to Talk—Police Say Fight in Self-defense Must Have Lasted an Hour.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Anna B. Baxter, a widow, of 715 Bennett street, had a battle for life this evening with Capt. William Gearheart, her fireman-lover, who, evidently insane over her refusal to marry him, tried to kill her and himself with a razor.

Both are in the Pittsburg Hospital with their throats slashed, and will probably die.

From what the police can learn, the woman, who is fifty years of age, fought Gearheart for almost an hour before he succeeded in cutting her throat, and, thinking her dead, then tried to sever his jugular vein.

Gearheart is captain of engine company No. 7, in the Homewood district of Pittsburg, and has been a member of the fire department for more than twenty years. He is a bachelor, and for the past three years has been paying attentions to Mrs. Baxter, whom he knew years ago as a young unmarried widow.

Children Find Bodies. Mrs. Baxter has three children, well grown. They were absent this afternoon when Gearheart came to the house to make his usual Sunday afternoon call on the widow.

It was an hour later that one of the children, entering the house, found the mother lying in a pool of blood on the floor, her throat cut and a razor by her side. Near her was Gearheart with his throat also cut, and with a pen knife, open and bloody, in his clenched hand.

The furniture of the room was overturned and broken, showing that there had been a fearful struggle. Neither Mrs. Baxter nor Gearheart is able to articulate a word, and if they live they will probably not be able to speak a word, as their wind pipes are partly severed.

THIRD MEMBER DIES.

Kerr's Demise Leaves Republicans Without Majority in House.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 28.—E. M. Kerr, a representative of Chillicothe County in the house, died yesterday. He is the third member to die since the session began.

His death leaves the Republicans without a majority. Seventy-two votes are required to pass bills, and while the Republicans originally had one more than this number, they now have one less.

BROKER MARRIES ACTRESS.

Wedding of Lewis Ginter Young and Leona Aronson Announced.

New York, Feb. 28.—Lewis Ginter Young, who was a partner of A. O. Brown in the brokerage concern that failed some time ago, and Leona Aronson, whose stage name was Leona Anderson, were married last Saturday morning at the Colgate church. The announcement was made to-day by Mrs. H. Aronson, the bride's mother.

When A. O. Brown and Edna Wallace Hopper were married, not long ago, Young and Miss Anderson stood up with them. Miss Anderson and Miss Hopper played together in several companies, and have been friends for several years.

PROMINENT HOTEL MAN DIES.

Charles Malsch Succumbs in Richmond to Apoplexy.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 28.—Charles Malsch, one of the most prominent hotel men in the East, whose home was originally in Pittsburg, but who subsequently managed hotels in Boston, Meriden, Conn., the Jamestown Exposition, and this city, succumbed to a stroke of paralysis to-day. He was fifty-seven years old.

His wife, who was Margaret McGrath, of Bangor, Me., was with him at the time. The body will be taken to Bangor, the home of the wife, for interment.

MILLIONAIRE BANKER DEAD.

William McKelvy Was President of Portland Cement Company.

Pittsburg, Feb. 28.—After being ill less than six hours, William McKelvy McKelvy, millionaire banker, oil man, and president of the Portland Cement Company, died at his home here to-day. For many years Mr. McKelvy was identified with the Standard Oil interests of Pennsylvania, and was considered one of the best of all Mr. Rockefeller.

Heart disease is given as the cause of death.

FELLED BY GALE; DIES.

Clerk of Albany Court Was Knocked Down by Wind.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 28.—William H. Shankland, clerk of the Court of Appeals, died at his home in this city early this morning from injuries he received in a fall while leaving the capitol on Thursday last. A strong wind knocked him down and cerebral hemorrhages followed. He had been connected with the clerk's department of the Court of Appeals for twenty-five years.

First Snow Since 1868.

Genoa, Italy, Feb. 28.—For the first time in forty-one years snow has fallen in this city.

Blackstone's Home-grown Violets. Finest specimens. 50c bunch. 100c & 12

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia.—Fair to-day. To-morrow increasing cloudiness and warmer; light north to east winds.

PITTSBURG JURY STILL OUT.

Disagreement Expected in Alleged Grafting Case.

Pittsburg, Feb. 28.—At 11 o'clock to-day the jury having the cases of the alleged grafting councilmen, Brand, Wasson, and Klein, charged with conspiracy, had been out thirty-six hours, and it now appears to have hopelessly disagreed. Friends of the councilmen are jubilant, feeling now that a disagreement is assured.

For the first time in the history of Pennsylvania the courts were open on Sunday. Judge Robert S. Fraser, who heard the case, this morning entered court for the purpose of receiving the jury in case it had reached a verdict during the night. Asked by a court messenger if they desired any instructions from the court, the jurymen returned word that all they desired was chicken for dinner. Hearing this, Judge Fraser closed the court and went to church. It is estimated to-night that 50,000 people used telephones to-day asking for news of the jury.

SPEAKER ON TRAIL OF MAGAZINE CRITIC

"Uncle Joe" Resents Attempt to Prevent Re-election.

E. E. HIGGINS IS DENOUNCED

Mr. Cannon Publishes Letter to Offset Disparaging Efforts of New York Publisher, Who Sought to Arouse Public Opinion Against the Administration of the House.

In a letter comprising about 1,200 words Speaker Cannon has paid his respects to Edward E. Higgins, president of a magazine published in New York.

The publisher has been sending out a circular letter to his "life subscribers," urging them to get busy and arouse a public sentiment against Speaker Cannon that would prevent his re-election.

One of Speaker Cannon's admirers, F. O. Voris, of Neoga, Ill., sent the circular to the Speaker, and in making his acknowledgment "Uncle Joe" went after the publisher.

After stating that he had learned anything as to the publisher, "except the name," Higgins said that he is of the opinion that it is not his duty to give any consideration to any one about whom he could obtain no better information as to his qualifications to instruct than he furnishes himself and his own publication.

The Speaker says he has always respected great editors like Greeley, Bennett, Bryant, Raymond, Dana, and Medill. Even such men made mistakes.

Of the Washington correspondents the Speaker writes: "These men are as familiar with legislation as the men who are engaged with the work. But I have noticed all the sensational articles calculated to excite public comment are signed by men who not make Washington their headquarters, are not here recognized in the correspondents corps, and only make an occasional visit to the National Capital to prepare their articles, and some do not take that trouble."

The Speaker says the New York publisher is absolutely unknown to legislators and newspaper men in Washington. Mr. Cannon says the New Yorker is evidently trying to attract attention to himself.

"He attacks the present Speaker as representing the 'interests'—whatever that means. I confess I do not know, but I have noticed the use of the expression by those who, while ready to attack men in public life, still have a regard for the liberal laws, and seek to discredit, without assuming the responsibility for simple and direct discussions which they might have to prove, or suffer the consequences."

In conclusion the Speaker writes: "As to the criticism which Mr. Higgins makes of the rules and the administration of the house, my little need be said. His letter shows he knows nothing of what he writes. That will be evident to any one who has ever studied the rules or observed carefully and honestly their administration."

Defense of Rules.

"The rules may not be ideal, but they have stood the test among those who know them, in spite of half a century of denunciation such as Mr. Higgins puts forth. The foundation principles of the rules were laid down more than a century ago under the leadership of Jefferson and Madison."

"They have been perfected from year to year to meet the needs of a growing representation and a growing nation. Just as the law of the land is developed. If Mr. Higgins wishes to help mold that development he should do as Jefferson and Madison did—give his days and nights to the study of the subject, and then obtain the confidence of his fellow-men, so that they may put him in a position to make his knowledge effective."

KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

George Porter, Dog Fancier, Is Crushed Beneath Own Machine.

White Plains, N. Y., Feb. 28.—George Porter, superintendent of kennels for Scott & McComb, at Elmsford, who owned a Packard automobile, was instantly killed to-night opposite the Westchester County fair grounds while running his car. Porter had visited a rathskeller at White Plains with a chauffeur and a lady known as Mrs. Rubelin, who is said to be a guest at the Ardley Hotel. After dining there he left White Plains in the company of Frank Clark. When opposite the fair grounds the rear left wheel of the car broke. The machine went down an embankment, turning over, and throwing its occupants out. Mr. Porter was found underneath the car. His head was crushed and death was instantaneous. The other occupants of the car escaped with slight injuries. Mrs. Rubelin's injuries consisted of several bruises about the body and the loss of a few teeth.

LINERS DELAYED BY FIERCE GALE

Lucania and La Touraine Battered by Huge Seas.

LOCAL MAN ELUDES PLOT

Card Swindlers Fail to Fleece Dr. Pietrzycki.

Several Seamen Are Injured During Storm—One Passenger Dies and Is Buried at Sea—Rear Admiral Hutchins, Retired, Says Voyage of Fleet Has Greatly Impressed Europe.

Stowaway Is Discovered.

New York, Feb. 28.—The Comander Lucania and the French liner La Touraine, which docked to-day a day late, encountered a mighty blow that swept off the coast to the northeast last Thursday.

The gale was at its worst for the liners on Friday, when the Lucania was forced to steam merely under stowage way for twelve hours to prevent the tall and ragged combers from breaking things forward. La Touraine got in a tangle of big waves, and some of them that broke over the stern knocked down and injured several seamen. The force of the blast, as measured by the experts of both ships, was eighty miles an hour.

On La Touraine's first day out from Havre Louis Truchot, a second cabin passenger, dropped dead on the deck of heart disease. He was buried at sea the next day, the liner stopping while the funeral service was read.

Praise for the Fleet. Rear Admiral C. H. Hutchins, retired, who was a passenger by La Touraine and who has been traveling abroad, said the round-the-world voyage of the battle ship fleet had impressed Europe tremendously. The fleet's performance certainly was wonderful, he said. A circuit of the world without a breakdown and without a hitch spoke well for American machinery and American seamanship.

Among the Lucania's passengers were Herbert Gresham, the actor; Dr. M. Pietrzycki, of Washington, and Maxwell Blake, American consul at Dunfermline. That some professional gamblers had attempted to swindle him. After playing poker with them some time he was told that he owed \$50. He refused to pay, although they called him a "wheeler," he said he was not only unfamiliar with the game of poker, but also did not know what a "wheeler" was. He was told, but declared that he simply had been swindled, and would not pay. The purser, after a little investigation, told the doctor he had done right.

John Connors, twenty-seven years old, of Chicago, stowed away aboard the Lucania and was discovered in mid-ocean. He was taken before the master and later put to work peeling potatoes.

Doctor Tells Story.

Dr. Pietrzycki went from the dock to the afternoon and played until 8. I supposed that at the most I could lose would be a few dollars, and I kept but little track of the game."

NAGEL REACHES THE CITY.

Arrival of St. Louis Man, Who Will Be Secretary of Commerce.

Charles Nagel, of St. Louis, who is slated for the position of Secretary of Commerce and Labor under the Taft administration, arrived in Washington yesterday afternoon and registered at the Arlington Hotel. He is accompanied by Mrs. Nagel.

The coming of Mr. Nagel at this time lends additional credence to the partially authenticated report that he has been offered and has accepted a Cabinet position. The formal announcement of his selection is expected in a short time.

TAFT'S FORMER AID DEAD.

James A. Leroy Was New President's Secretary in Philippines.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 28.—James A. Leroy, secretary to President-elect Taft in the Philippines, and American consul at Durango, Mexico, from August, 1903, to March, 1907, is dead in the military hospital at Fort Bayard, N. Mex. He was a native of Ohio.

RIVER STILL RISING.

Crest of Flood Expected to Pass Evansville To-night.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 28.—The Ohio River passed the forty-three-foot mark to-day, and is rising half an inch an hour. It is expected that the crest of the flood will pass here by Monday night. It is hardly thought that the river will go to forty-four feet.

Ocean Steamships.

New York, Feb. 28.—Arrived: La Lorraine, from Havana, February 27. Sailed from foreign ports: Luptania, from Queenstown; Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, from Cebu.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

Whereas public interests require that the public seal of the United States be conveyed at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March next to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive; now, therefore,

I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, on the 4th day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States at Washington, the 27th day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1909, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and thirty-third.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT. By the President: ROBERT BACON, Secretary of State.

MITCHELL DEFENDS UNIONS.

They Bear Brunt in Checking Child Labor, He Says.

Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 28.—John Mitchell, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, addressed about 1,500 men at a mass meeting held in Phillipsburg Hall this afternoon, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The speaker declared that it was not the purpose of trade unions to create dissensions and strikes, nor were all of its leaders grafters, as many believe.

"We do not dislike our employers," he continued, "for there are among them many fine men, but we do care more for the interests and advancement of labor. Capital could not exist were it not for labor. No organization, except possibly the church, has done more for the promotion of morality than the trade unions. The churches and humanitarian organizations are doing much for the elimination of child labor, but the trade unions are bearing the brunt of the burden. What the trade unions want is better laboring conditions in order that they may have better homes and happier families."

CITIZENS WILL MOVE TOWN.

Indiana People Take Novel Means of Avoiding Prohibition.

Indianapolis, Feb. 28.—Citizens of Hubbard, Gibson County, have appointed a committee to purchase a tract of land across the line of Vanderburg County and will remove the town of Hubbard to the new site. The citizens of Hubbard are tired of their town that they call "the adjoining county," and are no probability of a compromise being engendered.

Days compiled by the Anti-Saloon League show that there are now forty-five counties in Indiana "dry," twenty-five by vote under the local option law, and twenty-two by rebranchment. At a meeting at Dublin, Wayne County, to-day, resolutions were adopted asking the trustees of Earlham College to request the resignation of Prof. Trueblood, because he voted "wet" at the recent local option election.

CHINESE STUDENT HONORED.

First of Race Elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Cornell.

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Tunfu Hu, of Wuseh, China, is the first Chinese student to be elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society at Cornell University. Membership in this organization is limited to those who have attained the highest scholastic standing, and in case of juniors the mark of 85 is required.

Meet at White House.

So the present and the next Executive attended each his own church, and each at the conclusion of the services went away in his favorite manner. President Roosevelt on foot and President-elect Taft in a motor car, but both proceeded to the same destination, the White House.

DEATH FORESTALLS JUSTICE.

When Extradition Papers Arrive, Accused Man Is Dead.

New York, Feb. 28.—Charles Kieb, a miner from Scranton, Pa., who has been ill in Bellevue Hospital for two weeks, died to-day. He was under arrest for grand larceny.

Kieb was arrested in this city on February 15 for the Scranton authorities. He was arraigned before Magistrate House, who discharged him after waiting five days for extradition papers. While Kieb was in the Tombs, preparatory to leaving, he was taken ill with typhoid and removed to Bellevue. On Saturday the extradition papers arrived and a detective went to the hospital and re-arrested Kieb.

MISS RIXEY IS STRICKEN.

Sister of the Surgeon General Dies at Home of Brother.

Miss Henri Rixey, sister of Surgeon General Rixey, U. S. A., died at 9 o'clock last night at the residence of her brother, 1515 K street northwest, where she had been living for a long time.

Miss Rixey, who was about forty years of age, had been ill for several months, but it was only in the last few weeks that her condition was considered dangerous. Early yesterday morning her vitality was very low, and her relatives and friends realized death was near.

HAINS WITNESS DEAD.

Testimony Did Much to Acquit Thornton of Murder Charge.

New York, Feb. 28.—James Tierney, the garbage collector, whose testimony, more than that of any other witness, was responsible for the acquittal of Thornton Jenkins Hains at his trial for participation in the murder of William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club on August 15 last, died to-day of pneumonia.

He was not well when he took the stand for the defense in the trial of Thornton Hains.

NEW PRESIDENT AND OLD WORSHIP

Taft and Roosevelt Attend Church in Capital.

CONFER AT WHITE HOUSE

Inaugural Address Is Revised and Shortened.

Crowds at Services to See Present Executive and Successor-to-Be.

Roosevelt Walks to Grace Reformed Church and Is Greeted on All Sides—Taft Goes in Auto to All Souls—Meet at the White House.

President Roosevelt attended church yesterday morning for the last time before surrendering the reins of the government to Mr. Taft. A much larger crowd than usual had gathered at the entrance to Grace Reformed Church, and among the throng were many visitors to the city, who caught their first glimpse of the strenuous Executive who will become a private citizen next Thursday.

The President, accompanied by two Secret Service men, walked to the church from the White House, as has been his custom, and the crowd along the route greeted him as he stepped briskly past. At the church, the number of persons around the door was so large that it was necessary for the police to keep them back.

Mr. Roosevelt, upon his arrival, bowed, and his characteristic smile was bestowed upon all. He then hurried into the church, which was filled to its capacity.

Avoids Demonstration.

Upon leaving, he stopped at the door and shook hands with a few of his personal friends. He had to leave hurriedly, however, to avoid the farewell demonstration that was threatening from the admirers in the crowd, who were pressing closer to him every moment.

Upon his return trip to the White House he passed between groups of men, women, and children, and Secret Service men and policemen, who had been posted along the route. Two extra detectives followed him, making four altogether.

He was kept continually bowing and raising his hat in acknowledgment of the greetings.

Taft at All Souls.

President-elect Taft participated in divine services yesterday morning at All Souls, the Unitarian Church, at the corner of Fourteenth and L streets northwest. He went to the church in an automobile from the residence of W. J. Boardman, in P street, where he and Mrs. Taft will be guests until after the inauguration. Accompanying him were his Secret Service men, L. C. Wheeler and Richard Jervis.

Many persons stood on the sidewalk outside the church to see the President-elect when he arrived.

Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, pastor of the church, preached on the joy and true happiness to be derived from the Christian life. Dr. Edward Everett Hale assisted in the services.

The congregation remained standing while Mr. Taft left. He got into his automobile, and went for a short ride before returning to the Boardman house. In the afternoon he received calls from Senator Hopkins, of Indiana, and Stephen B. White, of Brooklyn, who was the leading spirit in the erection of the martyrs' monument which Mr. Taft helped to dedicate in Brooklyn several months ago.

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Almost simultaneously they arrived, Mr. Roosevelt being a few seconds ahead, thus being first in time to act as host and welcome Mr. Taft.

Twenty minutes after the church services were over they were in deep conversation, going over Mr. Taft's inaugural address for a final revision.

The address is completed, but the Ohioan desired to confer over two or three paragraphs which have been giving him some thought. It is reported also that as a result of the hour's conference the address may be shortened, as it is now lengthy, and all concerned do not wish the ceremonies to become tedious.

INAUGURATION PAPERS.

THE WASHINGTON HERALD, by Mail, All Week for Fifteen Cents.

Every issue of The Washington Herald next week will be of surpassing interest. A change of administration means news that all Americans absorb with keenest relish. There will be stirring times at the Capital—historic days, full of memorable events. Great crowds will come to view the pageant, or take part in it, and to witness the ceremonies incident to the induction into office of the new President of the United States.

The Washington Herald will tell the story of it all—completely and graphically. Every issue of the week will be worth preserving. The Inaugural Edition proper, Friday morning will be one of the best possible souvenirs of the occasion. This complete set of papers—\$4. Inclusive, will be sent to any address by mail, postage prepaid, for FIFTEEN CENTS.

Orders should be filed promptly.

Violets, 25c per bunch. Kramer, 215 F.

WEATHER IN DOUBT.

Whether Washington will have fair or wet and disagreeable weather on March 4 has not been determined by the weather forecaster. To-day is labeled "fair."

To-morrow is to be cloudy. The next two days are doubtful. The forecaster said last night that unsettled weather conditions in the Middle West made it impossible to predict, with any degree of accuracy, the kind of weather for Washington on inauguration day.

POPE POSTPONES AUDIENCES.

Physician of His Holiness Says Trouble Is Slight Cold.

Rome, Feb. 28.—The Pope is still slightly indisposed and the audiences he was to have given to-day and to-morrow have been postponed. Dr. Petacci, with his usual optimism, does not admit that his holiness is suffering from anything more than a cold. He excludes gout or any bronchial trouble.

He says the illness is slight, and that the suspension of the audiences is a precaution, not a necessity. Persons who saw the Pope yesterday say he looked very ill, tired, and weak.

PERISHES ALONE CALLING FOR HELP

Robert Slater Falls from the Dock and Drowns.

EFFECTS ARE FOUND ON WHARF

Leaves Home to Go Fishing, and Body Is Found in Eastern Branch. Cries Heard by Passersby, Who Are Unable to Locate the Unfortunate Man in the Darkness.

Robert Slater, twenty-three years old, was the only actor in the tragedy in which he lost his life in Eastern Branch late Saturday night. As though led by the hand of fate, the man walked to a spot on the river bank where he was alone, and when his end came the nearest person was blocks away.

How long Slater clung to one of the piles supporting the wharf from which he fell will never be known, but it was only a few minutes before the cold water chilled his body. A heavy overcoat which he wore weighed him down.

Although an excellent swimmer, he was unable to cope with the odds against him, and after crying for help and receiving no encouragement from the echoes of his own voice, he gave up the fight, and the water closed over his head.

Body Is Found.

A tin bucket containing fish bait, a newspaper, and two fishhooks were found on the wharf by policemen a few minutes after daybreak yesterday morning. Twelve hours later the body of Slater was brought to the surface by grappling hooks and a policeman was detailed to notify the widow.

Mrs. Slater was found in her home at 243 1/2 Fourteenth street southeast. The young woman last saw him when he said good-by about 3 o'clock Saturday night. He told her he was going fishing. A four-year-old child and an infant also survived.

Slater was a tinner, and worked hard to support his young wife and children. Besides his regular employment in the day, he worked at night, except on Saturdays. It was his custom to enjoy the few hours' rest in a fishing trip on the Eastern Branch.

He returned home about 6 o'clock Saturday night, and after eating supper donned a big storm overcoat, put fishing tackle in the pockets, and started for the wharf. He went to a wharf near the Washington end of the Pennsylvania avenue, then occupied by the Allegheny Company. It is not known how long the man sat there.

Men Heard Cries.

Shortly before midnight Charles N. and Arthur L. Baker, who were walking in Twining City, heard cries coming from the river. They ran out on the bridge, leaned over the railing, and listened. In a few seconds they thought they heard a man cry, "Oh, my God, help me, help me. I can't hold on much longer." The men thought the cry came from the Washington end of the bridge, and ran that way.

They scanned the surface of the water on both sides of the bridge, but the cries could no longer be heard. When they reached the Washington end of the bridge there was nothing to show a tragedy had occurred.

Slater evidently let go the pile before the men started, and was his last appealing cry they heard when in Twining City. The men notified the police, and a search was made of the ground below the Washington end of the bridge. Nothing was found to excite suspicion, and the policemen gave up the search after an hour's work.

Effects Are Found.

Early in the morning policemen were sent to the scene to see if there were signs of a struggle on the coal company's wharf. The tin bait bucket, newspaper, and fishhooks were found on the edge of the dock. This discovery led to the belief a man had fallen overboard, and police of the harbor precinct were notified.

Throughout the day the police boat dragged the bottom of the river in the vicinity of the wharf. Just before nightfall the body was found in fifteen feet of water, about 200 yards below the dock. The body was removed to the morgue. A knife, two old coins, and other personal effects were found in the man's clothing.

Coroner Nevitt viewed the body, and gave a certificate of death by accidental drowning. The coroner made a complete investigation before issuing a death certificate. The police had suspected foul play, but there was nothing to substantiate the theory.

Girls Form Bucket Brigade.