

Paris Police Order Autopsy Tomorrow in Further Probe of Olive Thomas' Death

ENTIRE CASE IS REOPENED

Aim of Post Mortem is to Show if Death Really Was Accidental.

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shrewd judicial officials of this capital.

"Why did she drink from the bottle?" is another query heard this afternoon in the halls of the prefecture of the police. With the array of bottles lined up on the bathroom table, the presence of glasses is presumed, and it is pointed out that it is not the custom of women of the refinement of Miss Thomas to lift a bottle to their lips unless in a state of extreme, perhaps desperate, excitement.

But the main thing which the authorities hope they will be able to reveal is the precise quantity of the deadly poison the actress drank. Much hinges on that. Bichloride of mercury may be taken in tablets of seven and a half grains with impunity; the taste, the effects will not make themselves felt for an hour or so. But with a solution of the poison, medical observers pointed out today, it is different. Taken in that form, it affects the throat like liquid fire and the first drops, when they reach the stomach, cause a terrific burning sensation.

To drink a large quantity of the poison in this form is conceivable to the authorities only in two cases—that of an intoxicated person whose burning throat might be impervious to the fervent fluid, or that of a mind intent to "end it all" and therefore willing to stand the worst of pains to terminate all pains forever.

HAVE JACK'S STORY ONLY.

M. Catrou's findings were based practically on what Jack Pickford told him of how his wife came to swallow the deadly poison. Miss Thomas' condition was such toward the end that no ante-mortem statement could be taken and the judicial authorities were indisposed to close the matter until Jack Pickford's story is supplemented by additional facts.

The reopening of the case, after it appeared to have been closed, proved a sensation. "Owing to Mrs. Pickford dying without making a statement and also because of the fact that she was alone when she took the poison, the only possible verdict is accidental death from poisoning."

Such was the summing up of M. Catrou, as submitted to the higher officials. His inquiry dealt only with the cause of death, Jack Pickford, the physicians and Mrs. Florence W. Wulfe, who says she was Olive's best friend, being the only witnesses.

RETURNED VERY NERVOUS.

All testified that Miss Thomas had been in a very nervous and abnormal condition when she returned to the Ritz Hotel early Sunday morning following her round of the night clubs and restaurants.

Jack Pickford testified that he, his wife, and some others went to the room where the party talked for half an hour, when the gathering broke up. When he was preparing to retire he heard a scream from the bathroom, followed by this from his wife:

"I've taken poison. Goodbye, Jack."

Pickford added that he administered first aid and then called the hotel physician, who ordered the transfer of the patient to the American Hospital at Neuilly, where she died Friday morning.

Pickford stoutly denied all reports that he had quarreled with his wife and that she had threatened to commit suicide.

It was learned today that the tragedy may mean the death knell of Lewis J. Zeinick's plans for a Paris studio in which Miss Thomas was scheduled to star. It is intimated that the dead actress affirmed the Zeinick offer, which was made in New York a month ago. Olive accepting deeply the objections of her husband, who urged her to throw over Zeinick's offer and return to Los Angeles to

play there with him for the Artcraft Company.

According to the story told here, Miss Thomas declared:

"The highest of girls is me." Whereupon Zeinick offered her a huge sum contingent on her agreeing to star in his Paris productions.

Jack Pickford refused to top this sum, as Miss Thomas, telling her friends, "Zeinick thinks I'm worth more than my husband does," closed the former's offer, agreeing first, however, to take a "second honeymoon" with her husband.

The plans were, it is said, for Miss Thomas to return to Paris in November with Zeinick.

Although most reports indicate that Miss Thomas did not speak once after her first crisis following the taking of the deadly poison, there is a story among close friends here that just before she died she whispered between spasms of intense pain:

"Well, doctor, this what Paris did for me!"

A few minutes previously, according to the story, she gasped:

"I am going to fight death like I have fought life since I was a kid."

FOUGHT DEATH GAMESLY.

Then, according to the story, Olive went into a semi-coma, which was marked by agonizing periods, the handsome young matron continuing to fight gamely through fully three hours of excruciating attacks of pain which the doctors and nurses were unable to relieve.

This was at 10 o'clock a. m. Friday, when, after the last convulsion, she died in the arms of her husband, Jack Pickford, who immediately afterward collapsed across the death-bed and had to be lifted out of the room.

After the last gasp Olive's face, which for hours had been convulsed with terrible pain, suddenly relaxed, assuming a peaceful look and embodying all her former beauty.

The body was embalmed by the same specialist who prepared the late W. G. Vanderbilt for burial. It was then laid at rest in a bed of roses, white chrysanthemums, and orchids, which were rushed to the hospital by innumerable friends and admirers.

PICKFORD IN COLLAPSE.

Jack Pickford was taken to the Ritz Hotel under a doctor's care and in such a weakened condition after five days and nights of vigil, during which he had no sleep and no food, that he was unable to make even a short statement.

The lobby of the Ritz was crowded today by movie stars, including Norma Talmadge, Lois Meredith, and Owen Moore, former husband of Mary Pickford, all expressing sympathy for the bereaved husband. From all over Europe telegrams are pouring in for Jack Pickford, scores of actors and actresses announcing their intention of coming to Paris to follow the bier at the funeral on Tuesday.

Dr. Warden, famous poison specialist who had charge of the investigation into the circumstances under which Miss Thomas died would be of the utmost value in revealing the facts.

WILL BE OF VALUE.

"It would show," he said, "whether Miss Thomas committed suicide, as the medical evidence indicates, or whether she took the stuff (mercurial tablets) by mistake, as claimed."

"Personally, I am convinced that if she had taken a sleep potion in the same quantity as she took the poison she would be dead just the same."

It had been claimed that Miss Thomas took the mercurial tablets in mistake for a sleeping potion.

Immediately after word spread of Miss Thomas' death it was learned that efforts to force an investigation were being made by highly placed Frenchmen. These Frenchmen, it was said, believed that the tragedy would force a revelation of the dangerous lure of "wide open" Paris. They are hoping, it was learned, that the stark facts, when based on the witness stand, will force a stricter supervision of the dens camouflaged as "restaurants," which not only crowd the Montmartre, but also have invaded the residential quarters of the Champs de Elysee.

SUPPORTED BY AMERICANS.

The source of revenue for such places is almost entirely supplied by rich Americans, who, like the Pickfords, come seeing "a good time."

The tragedy is the sole topic of talk throughout the city, a comparison being made to the case of the fa-

COL. R. G. CHOLMLEY-JONES, director of the War Risk Bureau, was unable to appear yesterday for a speech at an American Legion meeting at Atlantic City. His assistant, Major George F. Sexton, was detailed to represent him, but not until after the trains had pulled out. Major Sexton (left in photo) rushed to Bolling Field and at 11:18 o'clock yesterday "took off" with Lieut. Charles R. Colt in a De Haviland plane. He filled the engagement.



mous and beautiful actress, Mile. Lantime, wife of the millionaire theater manager, M. Edwards, who met her death by drowning in the Rhine after a wild party aboard her husband's palatial houseboat on the river.

It is reported that Miss Thomas took out the policy some time previous to her departure for France, and after she had been examined by Dr. Joseph Choate, of Los Angeles, who is now stationed in Paris and who attended her after she swallowed the poison.

Behrendt & Levy, a firm of insurance brokers, were quoted today as refusing to comment on the matter of the policy, but admitted that Miss Thomas was a client of theirs. A contest over paying the insurance would be based, it is said, on the possibility that Miss Thomas may have committed suicide.

BLAMES DRY AMERICA.

"The trouble is that America is dry and young girls like Olive, who are making immense salaries in the movies, come over here with oceans of cash and cut loose to see the coast. Believe me, this is a lesson to many."

"Too many men are about Paris rolling in wealth and willing to show the movie people a good time," said Owen Moore, "I don't blame the young girls. Somebody ought to show up some of these dress-suits Maxims and other resorts eager to take advantage of young American girls out to enjoy themselves."

RUMOR ASSERTS OLIVE HAD PLANNED DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 12.—The feeling in moving picture circles here today when word was received that an autopsy will be performed on the body of Olive Thomas tomorrow was that much remains to be revealed before the entire tragedy will be understood.

Before Miss Thomas sailed for Europe with her husband, Jack Pickford, there were persistent reports here that she contemplated obtaining a legal separation from her husband. Announcement that Olive and her husband had sailed for Paris on a "second honeymoon" was received with very evident surprise.

EXPECT STRUGGLE OVER OLIVE'S \$300,000 POLICY

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12.—A big legal fight over the \$300,000 insurance policy on the life of Olive Thomas, who died of mercury poisoning in Paris, loomed today.

Following the action of the French court officials in refusing to accept

COX FAILS TO PROVE CHARGE

Senators End 15 Million Campaign Fund Inquiry, Declaring No Facts Presented.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—The Senatorial subcommittee closed the investigation of Governor Cox's charges against the Republican fund collectors and adjourned yesterday, leaving the proof of the Democratic candidate's case still to be discovered.

The unofficial verdict of the committee is that the governor's subordinates had produced evidence to prove either the plan of a \$15,000,000 G. O. P. campaign fund, the "sinister source" of the money, or the intention of any of the contributors "to secure an underhold in industrial controversies."

Chairman Kenyon declared at the close of the session that the plan to subpoena Cox personally to testify had been abandoned.

INVITED COX TO APPEAR.

"We invited the Democratic candidate to come before the committee and submit his case," said the Iowa Senator. "He promised to send us material and leads. He sent Edmond H. Moore, his former campaign manager, who declared he brought everything the governor had. Moore himself gave an interesting turn by the appearance of Eunice Coyne and Jessie Barchard, of Aberdeen, S. D., with testimony of how girl Federal employes under civil service paid \$40 each into the Democratic campaign fund after a Democratic collector suggested it."

Senators Kenyon and Reed, the opposite poles of the inquiry, were together in their indignation at the "muck" exposed by the girls, and made special inquiry to connect the collector with the internal revenue collector for whom the girls worked.

SENT LETTERS TO GIRLS.

Miss Barchard testified, she was employed in the office of Internal Revenue Collector J. Walter Mee, whose father, Clarence H. Mee, was the chairman of the Democratic budget committee. She testified that she and others of the \$120 a month girl employes had received letters from E. M. Waterbury to meet him in a room at the Sherman Hotel, that about twelve of the girls went, and that six of them decided after Waterbury "suggested it" to contribute \$40 each to the Democratic fund. She gave two postal checks for \$20 each, she said, one payable September 1, and the other October 1.

"The letters were sent to the girls' homes," said Miss Coyne, "and most of them were shy of postage, so the girls had to pay a cent postage."

"I knew these girls couldn't afford to pay a campaign assessment," the girl testified. "They were about twenty-five of them that got the letters to go to this hotel meeting and so I went after the connection between this assessment and their jobs."

"I asked William Young, Collector Mee's chief clerk, what the room in the hotel was and he said it was the Democratic headquarters. Then I got hold of Waterbury and asked him who he was working for and he said for Clarence H. Mee, the Democratic chairman, who is J. Walter's father."

Miss Coyne insisted that several of the girls who attended the conference at the hotel said that Waterbury told them:

"These contributions are entirely voluntary, but your jobs depend on it. If you don't contribute, you'll be out of a job. I don't recall anything like that."

BIG SPLASH ENDS TODAY AT CHESAPEAKE BEACH

Thousands of Excursionists to Take Part in Closing Outing of Season of 1920.

Thousands of excursionists are at Chesapeake Beach, the nearby Maryland salt-water resort today on the closing outing of the season. The summer season at the resort will come to a close at 10 o'clock tonight, when the last train will leave for the city.

Special train service is being provided today to accommodate the large crowd. Trains are scheduled to leave the District Line at 2:30, 3:20, 4:45, and 8 p. m. Returning trains are scheduled to leave the Beach at 3, 6, 8, and 10 p. m.

All of the numerous boardwalk amusements will remain open until blast until closing time tonight. Salt-water bathing, fishing, crabbing, boating, and free dancing are the principal attractions at the resort.

The winter schedule of trains becomes effective tomorrow. Special excursions, with adequate train service, however, are scheduled for the last two Saturdays of the month. The excursion parties will be composed principally of fishing enthusiasts.

GOTHAM PASTOR'S SON IS REPORTED DROWNED

Grandmother Tells of Death of Youth Who Dropped Out of Sight During War.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The death by drowning of Henry Blakely MacLeod, son of the Rev. Dr. Malcolm James MacLeod, pastor of the Collegiate Reformed Church of St. Nicholas, was reported last night by his grandmother, at whose farm at Eldon, Prince Edward Island, he was spending the summer.

The case of MacLeod attracted considerable attention during the war. Shortly before his company sailed for France, MacLeod suddenly disappeared from Camp Merritt. Almost two years later he was found in Richmond, Va. He was taken to a Government hospital and later honorably discharged from the army.

Nothing is known of the circumstances of young MacLeod's death.

U. S. To Use Soldiers' Homes As Sanitaria For World War Vets

"To bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who has borne the battle, for his widows and orphans."—Abraham Lincoln.

In line with the above, Director Cholmeley-Jones of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance today announced that the bureau had secured the buildings of the National Soldiers' Home of Tennessee and the National Military Home of Indiana for the exclusive use of veterans of the world war, each with a capacity of 1,000 men.

The Tennessee home, which is practically new and was erected at the cost of more than \$2,000,000, will be used to care for and cure soldiers of the world conflict suffering from tuberculosis.

The Indiana home will be used for those patients suffering from mental disorders and nervous diseases, and according to Director Cholmeley-Jones, will be the foremost institution of its kind, not only in the United States, but in the world.

STAFF OF SPECIALISTS.

Both institutions, according to Director Cholmeley-Jones will be under the direct supervision of the country's foremost specialists in tuberculosis and mental and nervous diseases, and the staff of doctors will be composed of men who have established reputations as leaders in their profession.

The Home in Tennessee is said to be ideal for tubercular patients. It is located near Johnson City, on a site consisting of 447 acres and having an altitude of 1750 feet. The climate is balmy and inviting, with wonderful scenery, while the water supply is from the purest mountain springs.

There are forty buildings on the reservation, modern in design and for the most part examples of architectural beauty, and so arranged in their relation to each other as to show harmony of plan as well as service in the matter of convenience, and with accommodations for upward of 1,000 men.

PLAYS TO BE GIVEN.

A propagating plant, in which rich flowers of great variety are grown, adds beauty to the house, and is expected to contribute pleasure to the

GILLEN TO BE NAMED.

The appointment of Martin Gillen, of Racine, Wis., as director of finance with the Federal Railroad Administration will, it is understood, be an-

LIQUOR ISSUE DEAD, SAYS COX

Tells Seattle Hecklers He "Knows When An Event Has Passed By."

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 12.—The "wet" and "dry" question is a past issue, Governor Cox declared by inference in a speech here last night.

The Democratic Presidential candidate was replying to one of a barrage of questions which greeted him upon his arrival at the Shortline of the Pacific, the end of the first leg of his Western pilgrimage.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer yesterday published a picture of the governor along with a facsimile of a letter signed by George T. Carroll, president of the New Jersey liquor interests, declaring Cox to be a "pronounced wet" and appealing for funds to aid his election and the Post-Intelligencer asked in plain terms that the candidate make his attitude clear.

Governor Cox left to George F. Cotterill, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, who presided at the meeting, the task of making a direct reply to the newspaper inquiry and passed over the query himself with this comment:

"As a progressive in government, I know when an event has passed and become a part of yesterday. The reactionary rarely does. The friends of world peace and the friends of progress will win the election and any attempt to divide on any question not at issue will be unavailing."

The Governor's voice which began faltering yesterday, was failing him fast today.

G. O. P. LAYS 8-5 ODDS ON MAINE ELECTION

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Eight to five are the odds quoted in Wall street on the Republican chances of winning the election in Maine tomorrow. A bet of \$1,600 to \$1,000 was reported.

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The 8 1/2-inch Boots of last Spring have now been heightened to nine, ten, and now we are glad to announce that new

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FUNERAL OF MRS. HUNT WILL BE HELD MONDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Henrietta Hunt, one of the oldest residents of the District of Columbia, who died Thursday morning after a brief illness at her home, 1105 Four-and-a-half street southwest, will be held at Gorsuch Methodist Episcopal Church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Had Mrs. Hunt lived until yesterday, she and her husband, William R. Hunt, would have celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. The couple had made elaborate plans for the celebration.

Mrs. Hunt was born in Baltimore, Md., March 21, 1859. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Frazer, one of the most prominent merchants of the Maryland city.

At the age of eighteen she came to Washington to live. At the outbreak of the Civil War, she, who enlisted in the Federal army, and Mrs. Hunt were married. The wedding took place just prior to his departure for camp.

Mrs. Hunt was an active worker in Gorsuch Church since 1887. She was a member of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, and was affiliated with South Washington Tent, Order of Rechabites.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Hunt is survived by two children, pastor R. Hunt and Mrs. Hattie Middaugh-Cochran, both of this city, and her sisters Mrs. Olivia Hunter and Mrs. Joseph L. Hazard.

THIEF GETS \$116 FROM SAM WAH'S CASH BOX

Gaining entrance by a rear window, a thief early this morning stole \$116 in bills and 15 in small change from the cash drawer, in the laundry owned by Sam Wah, a Chinaman, at 333 A street northeast.