

## VICTOR BROWASH SHOTS TWO THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

### Quiet Little Village of Steele Is Scene of Tragedy Last Saturday Evening.

### CAUSE FOR DEED IS A MYSTERY

#### J. G. T. Stauffacher Goes to Rescue and Receives Bullet Wound in Side.

The quiet little village of Steele was thrown in an uproar last Saturday evening over a triple shooting that occurred about 5 o'clock, about a mile and a half from the village center, at the farm house owned by J. G. T. Stauffacher, a well known and highly respected citizen of that community.

The shooting was done by one Victor Browash, who has been located in that vicinity for some time, coming there from Wisconsin. Coming to the kitchen door of the Stauffacher farm house, Browash presented a .22 caliber revolver at his wife, who was in the employ of Mr. Stauffacher, and fired point blank at her head. The bullet struck her in the forehead and lodged there. Her employer interceded in an attempt to save the life of Mrs. Browash and received a bullet wound in the side during the struggle that ensued.

### Commits Suicide.

Browash evaded Mr. Stauffacher and, dashing outside, fired four shots at himself, three bullets taking effect. When picked up he was found to be in a dying condition, one bullet having lodged in his chest, one in the lower extremity of his jaw and the third hitting him in the temple. He was given medical attention at once, but all efforts to save his life were unavailing and he died at 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

Dr. Lodge of Steele attended Mrs. Browash and succeeded in dislodging the bullet from her forehead. Her condition is reported as very favorable.

Mr. Stauffacher felt no ill effects from the would he received in the side and came to Bismarck Sunday and was given an X-ray examination yesterday at the St. Alexis hospital. His wound was probed and the bullet removed. He is feeling fine, after his exciting experience, and expects to be able to return to his home in a few days.

Mr. Stauffacher is considered a hero by his neighbors and others acquainted with the facts in the case. Had he not intercepted Browash, there is no doubt that he would have carried out his intention of first killing his wife before doing away with himself.

### No Reason For Deed.

As far as can be learned there is no reason that can be attributed to his actions. A few days prior to the shooting he complained of not feeling well, stating that he was of the opinion he had a slight attack of appendicitis. Mr. Stauffacher suggested that he go to Bismarck and enter a hospital for treatment and the man went away with the intention of following out this advice.

Mrs. Browash has been in the employ of Mr. Stauffacher for several years and it was while she was connected with the Stauffacher family that she became the wife of Browash. According to Mr. Stauffacher, Browash never made a pretense of caring for his spouse and left her in his employ while he continued his travels from one point to another.

Saturday morning he appeared at the farmhouse and announced that he had decided to go back to his home in Wisconsin for medical treatment for the ailment he seemed to think had afflicted him. Mrs. Browash, realizing that financial conditions would not permit this course, told him to journey to Bismarck and she would remain at the Stauffacher residence and attend to her duties. Browash went away, apparently satisfied, but returned about 5 o'clock in the evening and demanded that she come with him to Wisconsin. Mr. Stauffacher was reading in the room adjoining the kitchen and heard the conversation between the two and then heard a shot and Mrs. Browash scream, "I'm shot," and came running into the room occupied by the Stauffacher family with her husband close on her heels. Browash was intent on finishing his wife and it was at this juncture that Mr. Stauffacher came to the rescue as mentioned before and received the wound in his side, although he kept Browash from completing the deed he had set out for himself.

It was one of the most startling crimes that has been committed in Steele for many years and the residents of the community were greatly excited over the affair.

### LIGHTNING KILLS RACE HORSES

Fessenden, N. D., July 31.—Ten horses, including William Rose, the well-known racing stallion, were killed by lightning which struck the L. V. Kurler stables, near here, last night. The barn and farm machinery were destroyed in the fire that followed. The loss is \$12,000.

## Relief From The Heat Yesterday

Weather reports yesterday indicated that the heat wave had passed. The maximum yesterday was 84.

The lack of rain and the low temperature is unfavorable to rapid spread of rust, and although considerable damage, according to reports from most sections of the state, has already been done, this favorable change may mean an increased yield of millions of bushels of wheat.

Experts declare that at the same time it is not unfavorable to corn, as much lower temperature would be.

### "BERMUDA HIGH" IS ABOUT SPENT

Washington, July 31.—A Canadian high pressure area, bringing down cool air from the Canadian northwest swept along the whole of the northern United States today and afforded some relief from the hot wave, which has been the worst in 15 years. Roughly, the new high pressure area brought a drop in temperature everywhere north of a line drawn due west from New York. Below this line its effects were felt in some districts with a change of a few degrees.

The "Bermuda high," which for the past ten days has been sweeping up currents of high water-laden air from the tropics over the whole of the continental United States, showed signs today of having pretty well spent itself.

## BOARD AND WARDEN TO INVESTIGATE

### Prison Officials Will Try to Discover Cause of 17 Escapes in 60 Days.

### CONVICTS AND GUARDS TO BE QUESTIONED

Glendive, Mont., July 31.—Three men were picked up here today by Northern Pacific special agents. Their descriptions tally closely with those of the men who escaped Saturday from the North Dakota state penitentiary. Special Agent Murphy is coming to identify the men.

A searching investigation of conditions at the penitentiary that are responsible for the 17 escapes in two months will be made by the board of control, in co-operation with Warden Talcott.

Two guards were ordered to search the cars just before the train pulled out. Two other guards watched the cars from the outside and two other guards were outside the grounds watching for escapes.

In the investigation to be made, both guards and convicts will be asked to tell their stories without fear of being punished for anything they may say.

None of the three prisoners who escaped had been captured up to an early hour this morning, although the men are following a clue which they believe will result in their early capture.

## Two Americans Killed When Bandits Attempt Raid Over Border

El Paso, July 31.—American soldiers, reinforced by a small detachment of Carranzistas, engaged Mexican bandits who had crossed the Rio Grande into the United States, about five miles below Fort Hancock, Tex., 55 miles east of here early today. Two Americans were killed and one was wounded, while three of the outlaws were killed and two escaped across the river into Mexico, and are now being pursued by Mexican troops and a detachment of the Carranza custom guard. Upon receiving reports from Robert Wood, a United States custom inspector, that the bandits, who had committed numerous depredations on the Mexican side of the frontier, recently had crossed the border, six men of Troop F, 8th U. S. cavalry and a hospital corps under Lieut. Charles Telford, with Wood and Customs Inspector Bean, rode to the abandoned adobe hut where the Mexicans were said to be hiding.

The bandits opened fire from the building and adjoining outhouses, killing Wood and Private John Towney and wounding Sargent Lewis Thompson in the shoulder.

Bean, fearing that the Mexicans would escape the small American detachment, called upon the Carranzista commander on the opposite side of the river. He responded with a

## HUGHES MAKES ATTACK UPON ADMINISTRATION

### Republican Nominee Declares for New Policy of Firmness and Consistency.

### DENOUNCES ALL ALIEN INTRIGUES

#### "Weakness and Inexpertness," Features of Democratic Foreign Policies.

New York, July 31.—Charles E. Hughes tonight outlined in his speech of acceptance the issues upon which he will conduct his campaign for the presidency.

Mr. Hughes assailed the administration for the course it has pursued with reference to Mexico, maintenance of American rights during the European war, preparedness and other great questions of the day. He declared for a new policy of "firmness and consistency" toward Mexico, for "the unflinching maintenance of all American rights on land and sea" and for "adequate national defense."

"Adequate protection on both our western and eastern coasts."

Denounces Plots. "We denounce all plots and conspiracies in the interest of any foreign nation," Mr. Hughes said. "Utterly intolerable is the use of our soil for alien intrigues. Every American must unreservedly condemn them, and support every effort for their suppression."

The nominee criticized the administration for its direction of diplomatic intercourse, from the beginning, declaring that where there should have been conspicuous strength and expertness there had been weakness and inexpertness. He cited San Domingo as an instance, where appointments had gone to "deserving democrats" and in the future Ambassador Herrick at his post in Paris after the war had started, as "a lamentable sacrifice of international repute."

Endorses Woman Suffrage. "I will endorse the declaration in the platform in favor of woman's suffrage," Mr. Hughes declared. And he added: "Opposition may delay, but, in my judgment, cannot defeat this movement. I favor the vote for women."

Devels Into Mexican Question. One-fourth of the speech was devoted to Mexico. Step after step taken by the administration with reference to Mexico was assailed. From the days of Huerta to the note sent the de facto government by the state department June 20 last, part of which was quoted in the speech. The seizure of Vera Cruz, the nominee said, "was war, of course."

"Later, we retired from Vera Cruz," he continued, "giving up this noble warfare. Recently the naked truth was admitted by a cabinet officer. We are now informed that we did not go to Vera Cruz to force Huerta to salute the flag. We are told we went there to 'show Mexico that we were in earnest in our demands that Huerta must go.'"

"America," Mr. Hughes continued, "had no policy of aggression toward Mexico, no desire for any part of her" (Continued on Page Two)

## "Dog Days" in Mexico!



A shower bath in the heart of northern Mexico's desert! That's what our boys with Gen. Pershing's force have made of tree limbs covered with leaves and herbage, a pipe sunk into the ground and a hand pump fitted into the top. Bunkies take turns pumping the "shower" and terrors of "dog days" are dispelled.

## Heat Wave Is Broken By Storm

Peoria, Ill., July 31.—A rain and wind storm late this afternoon broke the heat wave and caused damage to property which is estimated at \$500,000.

The storm blew down trees, unroofed private residences and business houses, poles and awnings. Street car service was suspended for 30 minutes, and light and power service was cut off for a time. The temperature dropped from 100 degrees at 12:15 p. m. to 70 degrees at 7:30 p. m. Lightning struck in a score of places, starting numerous fires.

## GERMANS ON DEFENSIVE IN THIRD YEAR

### Kaiser's Forces Forced Back in Numerous of Main Theaters of Operations.

### HER ALLIES HAVE ALSO YIELDED THE INITIATIVE

#### Russians Continue Their Perseverent Drive; Gains for British and French.

London, July 31.—Germany entered upon the third year of the war with her forces in nearly all portions of the main theaters of operations on the defensive, and the lines in numerous places in France and Russia pressed back from where they stood a year ago.

Her allies also have yielded the initiative to the Entente Allies almost everywhere—the Austro-Hungarians in Volhynia and Galicia and in Italy, respectively, to the Russians and the Italians, and the Turks in Asia Minor to the Russians.

Along the Greek border unofficial reports indicate that Serbs, British and French are preparing to break down the gates of battle to the Bulgarians, Germans and Austrians.

Russians Continue March. The Russians, according to official reports, continue their march against the Teutons in the Stokhod river region of Volhynia, and have captured the entire Thirty-first Honvéd river regiment, with its officers. To the south, near Brodick, the Russians also are pressing the Austro-Germans, who are bombarding Brody, and the crossings of the Boldurovka river. Large reinforcements are being brought up to keep the Russians from Lemberg.

An official report from Petrograd says the Russians have crossed the Stokhod, the Kovalsari, the Kovel and Kovel Rofitze rivers, but Berlin says that on both sides of the Turza-Sarny railway, south of the Lipa, attacks by the Russians were repulsed, and nearly 2,000 prisoners were taken. In the sector of Bucacas, Galicia, Russian attacks were also repulsed, Berlin asserts.

In the Somme region of France, both the British and the French are engaged in consolidating positions won Sunday from the Germans. The French sustained counter attacks Monday in the Hem wood and at the Monacu farm, which, Paris says were put down with serious losses to the Germans. There was no fighting on the British front during the day. Violent artillery duels are in progress in the Thiaumont and Flueury sectors, near Verdun.

## GENERAL STRIKE ON IN MEXICO CITY

San Antonio, July 31.—A general strike in all affiliated labor unions in Mexico City occurred Sunday morning, according to messages received today by Mexican Consul Bertratin. The men are demanding pay on a gold basis, inasmuch as all business houses are operating on a gold basis. "The tramways, electric light and power and mining district employees are out, and operations are suspended," the message said. "All stores are closed. Military and civil authorities are making efforts to solve the situation."

## STEAMER RUNS INTO MINES

The Hague, July 31.—The steamer, Wilhelmina, carrying mail, ran into a mine near Northinder lightship, whither the first passengers in English lifeboats were rowed. Arriving at the lightship, it was seen that the vessel still remained afloat, seemingly justifying the hope that the thousands of empty barrels which she held would keep her buoyant.

The lifeboats, accordingly returned to the ship, the Wilhelmina, however, began to sink and soon disappeared. The lifeboats with the passengers then returned to the Northinder lightship, where they were picked up by a British destroyer.

## SENATOR HEALY'S WIFE KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Billings, Mont., July 31.—Mrs. John A. Healy of Hibbing, Minn., wife of State Senator John A. Healy, was killed Friday when an automobile driven by her husband went over an embankment at Elbo creek, about 30 miles southwest of here, and turning a complete somersault, pinned the woman's body beneath it. Senator Healy was not seriously injured. Their 16-year-old daughter was slightly hurt.

## 184 BURNED IN CANADIAN FOREST FIRES

### Towns Completely Wiped Out in the Northern Ontario Woods.

### GREATEST LOSS OF LIFE AT NUSKKA

Toronto, Ont., July 31.—With one town completely wiped out, another almost in ruins, and a score of small settlements obliterated, Premier Herst announced tonight that 184 persons lost their lives in the forest fires in northern Ontario. Only a heavy rainfall today probably saved a great part of the province from destruction. Hundreds are homeless and the dominion government has taken extraordinary measures to provide for the refugees.

Where the town of Matheson once stood tonight there are only smoldering ruins and ashes. The country surrounding it is as barren as a desert. Only a few structures in the village of Cochrane remained standing. The greatest loss of life occurred at Nushka and Montoth, partly in ruins, where 98 persons were burned to death. At Matheson 35 perished. In Quokis Falls, where great paper mills are located, were not entirely burned, as reported last night. One paper mill and the store were saved from the flames. No serious damage was done at Engelhardt, although one or two fires occurred. At Timmins 17 houses were burned down.

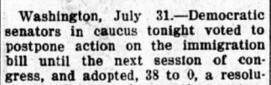
"The relief work throughout the district is well in hand," said the premier tonight. "Everything possible is being done. We will spare no expense to give the necessary relief."

## TO DEFER ACTION UPON IMMIGRATION

Washington, July 31.—Democratic senators in caucus tonight voted to postpone action on the immigration bill until the next session of congress, and adopted, 38 to 0, a resolution binding all democratic senators to that decision. A resolution then was adopted, 32 to 7, pledging the majority to vote down any attempt to attach the immigration measure to the child labor bill as a rider.

## OUR CARTOONET KING FOR THE SEASON

ICE ON WELL WINTER'S COMING COAL



## Donations Swell Fund To Purchase Ambulance For First Regiment

Henry J. Linde	\$210
Miss Jenny Jenkins	10
Dr. R. H. Treacy	5
Judge Newton	5

State-wide interest has been aroused in the campaign to raise funds for a motor ambulance to replace the ancient vehicle now in use by the First North Dakota regiment at the front.

The people of the Capital City are responding splendidly, \$235 already having been subscribed. All readers

are invited to send their contributions to the Bismarck Tribune at once, either personally, by messenger or through the mails. The Tribune is receiving funds for Bismarck and nearby territory, holding them in trust for Major Steedman, who will purchase the ambulance and see that it is sent at once to the border.

An efficient motor vehicle for transporting the sick and injured is what the boys at the border need more than anything else. Sickness is what they have to fear; not the guns of the enemy.

every blockade established in the past," and suggests that if the American people really desire to send relief supplies into the Teutonic countries, they can find a way for financing Red Cross hospital units to take the places of those whose recent withdrawal lead the Allies to impose the restriction against shipments.

Without hospital units to supervise the distribution, the Allies contend, there can be no guaranty that the supplies will not be put to military use.

## REPORT ON RED CROSS QUESTION

### for Refusal of American Request.

Washington, July 31.—With the apparent intention of closing the negotiation in which the United States has endeavored unsuccessfully to secure permission to send Red Cross supplies through the Allied blockade lines into Germany and Austria, the Allied governments have submitted, through Ambassador Page at London, their reasons for refusing such permission.

The communication handed to the ambassador at the British foreign office, and made public tonight by the state department, declares "supplies

## Flames in New York Fire Center About Cartridges; 3 Killed, Scores Injured

New York, July 31.—Fire broke out tonight among the ruins on Black Tom island, and one-half the fire department of Jersey City, with fireboats from New York and New Jersey, fought the flames, which centered about a pier where large quantities of shrapnel and cartridges were stored. Shells exploded in an almost continuous cannonade. With three officers of corporations doing business on Black Tom island under arrest and a warrant out for a fourth, preparations were under way at Jersey City for a joint federal, state, county and municipal investigation to fix the blame for Sunday morning's disaster, which caused \$20,000,000 property damage.

Mystery still surrounds the origin of the fire.

The theory that the fire, which caused the disastrous explosion started on a munitions barge tied up at the island was combated today by Robert S. Hudspeth, prosecutor for Hudson county, and Theodore Johnson, president of the Johnson Lighterage company, owner of the munitions barge. Both declared the fire originated in two Lehigh Valley railroad freight cars, laden with explosives.

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