

LETTERS TELL OF TRAGEDY

Widow's Testimony Against Stackpole Is Clinched

Attorneys for Defendant Admit Client Wrote the Epistles

At Night Trial Barber Testifies He Cut Stackpole's Face, Thus Explaining Prisoner's Bloody Handkerchief.

Arguments Expected Monday

"Now I don't care if I don't get there before the 18th of May, but I will get there in time to take three strange faces to hell with me. For I am going to start for hell when I leave here unless your next letter changes my mind."

Such was the last paragraph of the last letter ever written Mrs. Aurelia Scheck by Ernest G. Stackpole before he came to Los Angeles, just prior to the murder of Joel Scheck, for which Stackpole is now on trial, and although the letter was never sent, some strange trick of fate caused the accused man to place it among his other papers.

Yesterday the prosecution in the Stackpole case played its last card, and when the session of court had closed the prosecution had passed into history and the defense announced itself ready to take up the fight at a night session.

As stated in the earliest stages of the trial the documentary evidence was regarded as the trump card of the trial in that it corroborated the story of the murder as confessed by Mrs. Aurelia Scheck, the self-confessed assistant at the hideous deed.

Waves Two Letters But the documentary evidence proved even stronger than expected and when late in the day Deputy District Attorney Ed Fleming leaned forward and waved two letters in his hand the attorneys for the defense turned toward Stackpole, for they were confronted with evidence which even Stackpole never dreamed existed.

The letters were in Stackpole's handwriting and addressed to Mrs. Scheck, but they had never been mailed, for they were found in the private papers of the accused after his arrest.

It is conjectured by the attorneys for the prosecution that Stackpole, after having written the letter, decided to come to Los Angeles and therefore cast the pieces of damning evidence aside only to sweep it up with many other letters received from Mrs. Scheck and deposit it in the safe deposit box in a Los Angeles bank. For there it was found and yesterday the accused looked a trifle pale and his face shrank when the letters were handed his attorney and he was called upon to look them over.

Admits the Authorship With bulging eyes he read them from start to finish and then nodded and his attorneys, with a nod of resignation, admitted that Stackpole was the author of the epistles.

In one, considered the chief scrap of evidence in the trial, is a statement from Stackpole to the effect that he had written to Mrs. Scheck on certain dates in the month of May, and the pertinent corroborating letters of Mrs. Scheck to Stackpole written on corresponding dates and produced as evidence in the trial to show the plot and establish the relation between the man and woman.

In turn these letters corroborate to a great degree the statements of Mrs. Scheck in her testimony given on the witness stand, in which she accuses Stackpole of having murdered her husband and in that way the prosecution, through the persistent and clever work of Deputy District Attorney Fleming, has established a chain of evidence which they are confident will secure a conviction of Stackpole on the charge of murder in the first degree.

What the defense will be is yet to be learned, but the game will soon be played and it is expected that the defense will close its testimony either this evening or tomorrow, and thus bring the arguments up for hearing Monday morning.

To Jury Next Week In that case, for it is stated by attorneys for both sides that the arguments will be brief, the case will go to the jury about the middle of next week or even sooner, and Stackpole will learn his fate.

Early yesterday the case was called and the famous letters produced. Every objection possible was registered by the defense but all in vain.

During the morning Assistant District Attorney McComas was called into the case. Since the beginning of the trial he has been working on the expert testimony regarding the handwriting on the letters, and he appeared in the case to assist Attorney Fleming in prosecuting that point.

Finally the letters were called for and produced. The hundreds of morbid spectators were tendered a rare treat in the case to assist Attorney Fleming in prosecuting that point.

Stackpole to Scheck Here are the four letters written by Stackpole, the first two to Joel Scheck, in which he proposes that Joel visit him in Arizona, and the other two,

WOMEN FUSS WITH HUSBANDS AND BOTH SEEK TO END LIVES

DISCOVERED IN ROOMS IN HOTELS

Mrs. J. Brand Takes Laudanum at the Anjou and Mrs. Marian Ross Uses Cocaine—Quick Work by Physicians Saves the Despondent Females From the Grave

Because of a quarrel with her husband over the furnishing of a house, Mrs. J. Brand, wife of a butcher, attempted suicide yesterday afternoon at the Anjou, a rooming house, 639 Ruth avenue, according to the information obtained by the police.

The woman is said to have swallowed two ounces of laudanum and was in a dangerous condition when discovered in her room about 4 o'clock.

She was taken to the emergency hospital and was reported to be recovering early this morning.

Owing to the refusal of the landlady at the Anjou to furnish any information regarding the alleged attempted suicide of one of her lodgers, the police assert, it was found necessary to send Detectives Dixon and Cowen to the rooming house to obtain the desired information from the landlady.

Temporary Insanity The detectives said as a result of their investigations that it was probable the woman was suffering from temporary insanity, following a quarrel with her husband over the furnishing of new quarters to which they intended moving within a few days.

At first the proprietor of the Anjou denied any woman had been removed from the house during the afternoon but upon being sharply examined she admitted the fact, but only gave a few details concerning the attempted suicide.

The discovery of the unconscious woman in her room created a panic in the hotel, it was said by the police, and the other lodgers were roused to a pitch of great excitement.

Police Indignant The police were indignant last night at the attempt to cover up the removal of the woman from the Anjou.

They asserted that the officials at the emergency hospital neglected to make any report on the woman until late in the evening, when the morning newspapers forced some information from the apparently reluctant officials.

When it was thought that a crime might have been committed at the Anjou, Detective Sergeant Kelly detailed the two detectives to make a full investigation, as a report had been received at the station that the woman had been poisoned by some unidentified person.

MAYOR DEFIES SHIP OWNERS

REFUSES TO FURNISH EXTRA OFFICERS

San Francisco's Chief Executive Declares Policemen Cannot Be Spared to Guard Private Property

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—In reply to a threat made by the United Shipping and Transportation company to tie up the lumber trade of San Francisco if more police are not furnished on the water front to protect non-union sailors and stevedores, Mayor Schmitz has refused the request and virtually defied the association to make good its threat.

The association's letter to the mayor sets forth the claim that the non-union men are unjustly treated and that in order to carry on the business of furnishing the lumber these men must have protection.

In his reply the mayor states that the water front is more peaceable now than before the strike, according to reports from the police department. Policemen cannot be spared now from other places, he declares, for that work.

If the shipping is stopped, as intimated, he says the people of San Francisco will know where to place the blame.

POPULIST DELEGATE INSTANTLY KILLED

By Associated Press. LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 16.—John Waters of Doniphan, Neb., a delegate to the Populist state convention, while suffering heat left his hotel early this morning and wandered to the Burlington railroad yards, where he was struck by a switch engine.

He died in the hospital tonight as a result of his injuries.

In the same yards tonight a stranger, supposedly overcome by heat, fell on the track and was run over and killed. The temperature in Lincoln today was 98.

Murray Goes Free By Associated Press. BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 16.—Fred O. Murray, collector of customs and former deputy county treasurer, today was acquitted of grand larceny in connection with the "graveyard" scandal by which the county was mulcted out of thousands of dollars.

Shortage Is \$755,000 AKRON, O., Aug. 16.—A report of an examination of the county treasury filed today charges former County Treasurer Smith with a shortage of \$755,000. This amount was found missing from the vaults.

Jealousy and a quarrel with her husband are the alleged reasons that drove Mrs. Marian Ross, a young woman of 533 Central avenue, to attempt suicide last night about 10:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Ross and her husband, W. F. Ross, quarreled violently earlier in the evening, according to the landlady of the Berkeley rooming house, where both lived.

Other inmates heard the woman sobbing after Ross left the apartment.

On Bed Awaits Death Mrs. Ross retired to her room and swallowed several grains of cocaine and laid down upon her bed and waited for death. Apparently it was not a sudden impulse, as the woman took time to write a farewell note before taking the poison.

She was found in an unconscious condition by her husband soon after she took the poison. He immediately applied remedies, had a physician summoned, and then dreading the loss of time phoned for an ambulance and had the patient hurried to the receiving hospital.

In a note which she left the woman, who is only about 17 years old, stated that her husband had ceased to love her and that she desired to die.

By reason of the fact that the woman signed the name Mary McNeill to the note the police are in doubt as to her real name.

They were quiet and popular at the house, but little was known of their affairs.

Sory She Took Poison The woman was given the usual treatment at the receiving hospital, where she remarked she was sorry she acted so hastily.

She was later taken to her room at the Berkeley.

"There was no occasion for her taking things so hard as we just had a few words."

"But she had not been feeling well for several days and her nerves seem to have been unstrung."

"I am not certain that she attempted suicide. It may have been an accident."

TRAMP SAVES LIFE OF CHILD

ENTERS BURNING BUILDING JUST IN TIME

Nine-Month-Old Baby, However, Is Enveloped in Flames and Dies a Terrible

By Associated Press. CHICO, Cal., Aug. 16.—The nine-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buck was burned to death in the family residence in the suburbs of Chico this afternoon and but for the timely efforts of a passing tramp another child would have met a like fate.

The three Buck children were at home with the great-grandmother, aged 80, who had left the children on the rear porch.

The fire had progressed so far before being discovered that the old lady could do nothing. The tramp ran into the home and saved one child, but when he arrived the baby was enveloped in flames and nothing could be done to save it.

JEALOUSY LEADS TO SUICIDE

By Associated Press. TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 16.—Armed with two 38-caliber revolvers and crazed by jealousy, Peter Reynard, a longshoreman 44 years old, committed suicide on the street this evening after a desperate attempt to murder 17-year-old Emma Fox and Robert Corey, a young man with whom she was walking.

Reynard secreted himself in a doorway and when the young couple passed on their way from a party he confronted them.

After firing five shots at them, one of which took effect in the girl's shoulder, he turned the weapon on himself and blew out his brains.

Reynard had boarded with the girl's family for five years and was insanely jealous of the attentions recently paid her by the young man.

WARSAW'S STREETS RED WITH BLOOD

By Associated Press. LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Tribune's Warsaw correspondent telegraphs a description of the scenes as witnessed by him after the disturbances Wednesday.

"The hospital surgeons, fatigued by their labors," he says, "were unable to attend to cases and wounds diagnosed as fatal were left to take their course."

"Scenes in the morgue were horrible. In one I counted thirty-two civilian bodies, all dirty and dressed as they fell."

"The people have grown callous with so many deaths. I heard a young girl laugh heartily at the sight of a woman whose brain pan had been torn off by a bomb."

"In one hospital I saw a youth who, when bayoneted yesterday, feigned death. The soldiers trod over him and their heavy boots crushed his fingers to a pulp, but he successfully stood the ordeal."

"He was carried to the morgue, where it was discovered he was alive. He is now progressing favorably."

"Last night resulted in an orgy of death in the Jewish quarters. The number of persons clubbed or bayoneted exceeds 300."

DETAILS OF OUTBREAK GIVEN

Disturbance at Warsaw Ends Lives of Scores—Hundreds Wounded

By Associated Press. BERLIN, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Vossische Zeitung from Warsaw gives details of yesterday's rioting. It says:

"The disturbance was due to the demonstration of the revolutionists to revenge the arrest of 10 workmen of an enamelware factory."

The firing began at 10 o'clock in the morning in various parts of the city, as if by concerted signal. The first shots were fired by a young workman, who killed a soldier and policeman and then fled into a shop.

In many places the military fired into the crowds indiscriminately and the number of killed has not yet been learned.

The bodies picked up in the streets continue to be brought to the morgue in Theodore street, which is guarded by troops. Many of the wounded continue to be brought to the soldiers' hospital.

Patrols Search Houses "Strong patrols of forty to fifty cavalry men are riding through the streets, searching houses for arms. The streets in the Jewish quarter are deserted because the military patrols knock down with the butts of their rifles everybody they meet."

The rioting began at 2 o'clock in the afternoon through the windows of the police station, wounding seventeen policemen and twenty passersby. No body was killed.

A characteristic of the panic conditions of the rioting was that the members of the volunteer hospital corps arrived on the scene of the shooting the soldiers leveled their rifles at the physicians, but a police official present saved the doctor's lives."

Anarchists Kill Four

LONDON, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to a news agency from Odessa says that early this morning seventeen anarchists took possession of the railway freight station there, killed a police inspector and three policemen who resisted them and carried off \$8000.

Cossacks Fire into Crowds

By Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 16.—Today's dispatches from Poland are hardly less grave than those of last night. At Lodz, after the police station had been blown up and burned, Cossacks and other troops fired volleys into the crowd and much street fighting followed. The casualties are unknown.

Execute Five

DRESSLAGER, Russia, Aug. 16.—A field court martial today condemned a sergeant and four soldiers to death as ringleaders of the recent mutiny. The sentence was at once executed.

OVERSEES HARRIMAN TRAFFIC

McCormick of Chicago May Take Charge of California and Oregon

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—It was reported today that E. O. McCormick, assistant traffic director of the Harriman lines with headquarters in Chicago, may soon come to San Francisco to assume direct supervision of the traffic business of the Southern Pacific company's lines in California and Oregon.

DOCTOR'S VICTIM HAS CHANCE TO RECOVER

By Associated Press. COLUSA, Aug. 16.—Dr. Francis, who shot S. R. Worthington in self-defense at Princeton on Wednesday morning, had his preliminary examination today.

Ball was fixed at \$2000, which was furnished by James Hart and J. Lyon. Morton's condition is unchanged, with the chances favorable for his recovery.

The bullet entered under the chin, taking a downward course and lodging in the left shoulder.

Hundreds of people who came to attend the G. A. R. encampment have already left for their homes because of the almost unendurable heat.

ASSAULT NON-UNION MINERS

Union Men Use Sticks, Stones and Knives, Injuring Twenty—Five

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 16.—A number of non-union miners were suddenly attacked at Butler Junction last night by men whom they had supplanted.

One of the non-unionists was fatally stabbed and twenty-five more or less seriously injured.

Sticks, stones and knives were used by the unionists. Eleven suspects were arrested.

TABLE OF TEMPERATURES

City, Max. Min. Los Angeles 80 64 Salt Lake 94 68 Denver 90 60 Little Rock 80 72 Jacksonville 88 74 New Orleans 88 76 Omaha 88 72 Atlanta 86 70 Cincinnati 86 70 Pittsburgh 84 66 St. Louis 84 72 New York 82 64 Spokane 82 50 St. Paul 80 72 Boston 76 60 San Francisco 72 52 Yuma 102 78

SOLDIERS SHIVER AT CAMP TACOMA

By Associated Press. TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 16.—After a cold night in camp, the mercury dropping to within three degrees of freezing point, the blues and the browns were glad to warm up with hot coffee and a long hike.

The blue brigade under command of Colonel Maus marched to Muck creek, while the browns under command of Colonel F. A. Goodwin marched to Stellacoom, leaving their fifteen miles apart at noon.

General Funston went to Stellacoom early this afternoon and will stay overnight, making a critical examination of the troops.

MANIAC KILLS WIFE IN HORRIBLE MANNER AND COMMITS SUICIDE

TRAGEDY SHOCKS ALL WESTLAKE

Edward H. Sanderson, Prominent Business Man, Goes Suddenly Insane, Cuts Woman's Throat With Razor, and Nearly Severs His Head With Same Weapon

After a terrible struggle, in which the insane cunning of a maniac was pitted against the desperate strength of fear, Mrs. Annie Sanderson was murdered by her husband, Edward H. Sanderson, at their residence at 1336 Westlake avenue yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Immediately after killing his wife Mr. Sanderson committed suicide.

Sanderson was president of the California Truck company and was one of the oldest residents of Los Angeles. For several months past he had been unable to attend to business affairs for the reason that his brain had been slightly affected, although his son and wife did not believe that he was dangerous.

When Olive Carson, the maid who was employed at the Sanderson home, returned to the house from her afternoon off yesterday she found Mrs. Sanderson in the little downstairs conservatory soaked in her own blood. Her throat had been cut from ear to ear by her husband and the room was spattered with her blood.

The struggle and subsequent crime occurred in Mrs. Sanderson's room upstairs. Chairs and a writing desk were overturned and Mrs. Sanderson's room was also covered with blood.

Terrific Struggle for Life In the staring eyes of the murdered woman was an awful look of terror which death itself was not strong enough to efface. Sanderson is believed to have come upon his wife unexpectedly, seized her, thrown her to the floor, pinioned her arms with his knees and then deliberately taken the razor from his pocket and cut her throat.

After committing the crime the frenzied man went back to his own room, whence he had emerged to kill his wife, and after prostrating himself upon a leather divan almost severed his own head from his body by a single sweep of the razor.

The condition of the room in which Sanderson died, was more terrible than the one in which he killed his wife. The leather couch was literally soaked with blood and the clothing worn by the murderer reeked with gore.

The most terrible and ghastly feature of the murder was that Mrs. Sanderson was not killed immediately, but lived long enough to rise from the prone position in which she had been when her throat was cut and to cross the room and hall and jump from the balcony on the second story to the conservatory on the first floor. Her progress was a bloody one and every step was marked with her life blood.

Tries to Summon Assistance For a few seconds after she fell to the first floor she lay unable to move, but by slow stages she dragged herself into the dining room, where she endeavored to get to the telephone to summon help. The anguish of the last few minutes when she was trying to get help with the last bit of life left her was undoubtedly terrible and a mute witness to her agony was the ghastly trail which she left.

Mrs. Sanderson perceived that she was not strong enough to call help over the telephone and again went to the conservatory, and there she died.

Man's Mind Affected When she was first attacked by her husband it is doubtful if Mrs. Sanderson knew his purpose and it was probably not until she was thrown upon the floor and held powerless that she realized her arms under his knees and Sanderson drew the weapon from his pocket, that she realized that she was about to die. Even then the terror which was awakened in her by the awful deluge of blood which she saw her husband shed, rendered her unable to scream for help.

The latter fact is shown by the fact that although there were neighbors within easy hearing distance not a sound was heard from the house in which the grim tragedy was taking place.

Sanderson, it was stated yesterday by the police, might have been planning the crime for weeks and chose the moment when there was the least likelihood of being disturbed for the consummation of his scheme. The bodies of both Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson were taken to Orr & Hines' morgue and although there can be no doubt whatever as to the manner of the death of the two, an inquest will be held this morning at that morgue.

The razor with which the crime was committed was taken charge of by Coroner Trout. The family physician, who had been attending Sanderson for several months past, stated last evening that the murderer had been in a most uncertain state mentally for a long time and that he had sent him to a hospital for the insane where he had been unwarranted, the very uncertainty of the man's condition should have given warning.

EXCESSIVE HEAT CLAIMS VICTIMS

ONE HUNDRED PROSTRATIONS AT MINNEAPOLIS

Women and Children Fall in the Street While Watching G. A. R. Parade. Many Leave the City

Special to The Herald. MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 16.—Fully one hundred prostrations from the excessive heat resulted today, many women and children who were witnessing the G. A. R. parade being among the number.

The weather prediction tonight is that the hot wave is to continue and many who can afford to do so have already left the city for lake resorts to obtain relief.

As the old veterans wended their way down the principal thoroughfares scores of pedestrians who had become exhausted by standing in the hot sun for several hours fell to the sidewalk and were revived with difficulty.

Few deaths have resulted, but many of those who were affected by the heat are still in a precarious condition tonight.

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Horses and Cattle Perish

By Associated Press. NIZHNI NOVGOROD, Aug. 16.—The fire which started yesterday in the Gorostovsky suburb of this city was extinguished after destroying five precincts. In addition to twenty houses burned many horses and cattle perished.

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FAILURE FOLLOWS FAILURE

Still Another Bank Is Doomed at Chicago

Closing of Doors Brought About by Recent Crash

Woman Who Lost Her Earnings Attempts to Kill Child and Is Now a Raving Maniac

Special to The Herald. CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Words fail to picture the suffering which has followed the failure of the Milwaukee Avenue bank in this city.

The day the crash came one depositor dropped dead from heart failure. Later two depositors committed suicide.

Today Mrs. Mary Jara attempted to kill her child by throwing it from a third story window and is now a raving maniac in a hospital.

Her condition was brought about by the loss of money which she had hoarded and placed in the Milwaukee Avenue bank.

Gustave Burkhardt, another depositor, is also insane. His wife claims he was perfectly rational until the bank's doors closed and he realized that their earnings of years had been swept away.

Thousands of homes have been saddened by the failure of the institution, the funds of which are now known to have gone for pleasures which gambling and fast living afforded the officials.

But this is not all, for today the Garfield Park bank closed its doors and was placed in the hands of a receiver. It was because of the wrecking of the Milwaukee Avenue bank that the failure of today was recorded. Thus still other depositors are left penniless and still other suicides may be expected as a result.

As revelation follows revelation in the clearing up of the Milwaukee Avenue institution's affairs, Chicago citizens who have heretofore entrusted their all to various banks are withdrawing their deposits and secreting their hard-earned savings elsewhere.

Thousands of men and women are daily joining the crowds of depositors who have lost faith in bank officials, and each day a long line of wage-earners march to the cashiers' windows to secure their deposits.

The picture is not a pleasing one, but it is a picture of actual conditions nevertheless.

Every financial institution in Chicago has been made to suffer for the acts of the Milwaukee Avenue bank's officials.

THE DAY'S NEWS

Southern California: Increasing cloudiness Friday; probable thunder storms in mountains; light southwest winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 83 degrees; minimum, 64 degrees.

1—Kills wife and commits suicide. 2—Governor fails to save negro. 3—Damning letters read in court. 4—Editorial. 5—City news. 6—Sports. 7—Southern California news. 8—Markets. 9—Classified advertisements. 10—Railroad news.

FORECAST

MINNEAPOLIS

NEW YORK OFFICIAL ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Citizens Called Upon to Refrain From Disturbances Along Line of Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Acting Mayor McGowan today issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens to refrain from further disturbances along the lines of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company leading to Coney Island, assuring the people that their rights are to be fully protected under the rebate receipt plan, which has been adopted for the pay of the double fare now in dispute.

For the third time since the two fare dispute began William Newberry, district superintendent of the B. R. T., was arrested tonight charged with assaulting a passenger last Monday.

Early in the day Newberry, together with J. F. Calderwood, vice president, and D. S. Smith, general traffic manager of the company, had been held in \$10,000 bail on a charge of inciting to riot.

Two inspectors were arrested tonight on a warrant charging assault.

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