

KILLING HELD TO BE JUSTIFIABLE

JURY EXONERATES MAN WHO PROTECTED WIFE

PROVED THAT VICTIM ENTICED WOMAN FROM HOME

Story Told at Inquest Shows How Chicago Citizen Shot Lucas Sletton While Former Was Bedridden

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, July 25.—"We, the jury, believe that William T. Brantletsky was acting in the protection of his wife and home at the time of the shooting and exonerate him from all blame and recommend his release from further custody."

Thus concluded a coroner's jury yesterday at the inquest over the body of Lucas Sletton, who was shot and killed by a bedridden invalid husband at his home on Grand boulevard Tuesday night. The jury completely vindicated the man whose young wife was harassed and attacked, his children beaten and his home almost wrecked by Sletton.

Mrs. Brantletsky, a little woman, 26 years old, was the principal witness at the inquest. She related a story of ten months' intimacy with Sletton, how he enticed her away from her husband, her return to the invalid, Sletton's continued advances and her subsequent hate and fear of the man. Then she told of the final scene—her struggles with Sletton in the dining room and her husband's entrance into his bedroom, in which she was nearly choked to death and the two shots which ended Sletton's life.

Mrs. Brantletsky admitted that she ran out of the house and followed Sletton to where he had fallen on the pavement. She went with him in an automobile to the hospital, returning to her husband several hours later. Brantletsky at one time was a well-to-do architect. He is afflicted with tuberculosis of the spine and is paralyzed from the waist down. For several months he has been in bed with a strait-jacket which weighs twenty-eight pounds. Physicians say he cannot live long.

Mrs. Brantletsky fainted when she heard the verdict.

STEAMER ANUBIS MAY BE SAVED IS REPORT

Special to The Herald.

SAN PEDRO, July 25.—The steamer Anubis, which stranded on the reefs near San Miguel island, may yet be saved. The steamer San Diego reached here today, bringing 600 sacks of flour from the wreck. Besides the captain Albert von Salzman sends word that he feels confident that he will be able to lighten his cargo and get his ship off the reefs.

Owing to the dense growth of kelp about the wreck it is nearly impossible for tugs and steamers to reach her. A message must be sent through the seaweed before they can get alongside. The captain of the Anubis also denies the report that he was carrying passengers aboard his ship. Besides the crew of fifty-eight men, there were only two persons aboard and these were representatives of the owners of the greater portion of the cargo. There has been a camp established on Flea island, but only for the convenience and safety of the ship's crew.

With the San Diego and Captain Pillsbury, San Francisco underwriter for Lloyd's, who will endeavor to secure tugs and lighters to go at once to the wreck, with the hope of saving the cargo and vessel. There is \$15,000 worth of rice aboard, which is unharmed and can be saved if help comes in time. The San Diego returned this evening to the wreck for another load.

MAN SENTENCED TO DIE DECLARES HE IS INNOCENT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—When called upon to testify today in the case of George O'Connell, which occurred more than a year ago, John Byrne asserted his innocence and reviewed the evidence against himself in a remarkably able manner.

He said that the prosecution evidently had been influenced by the police, whom he accused of committing perjury to convict him. In conclusion he called attention to a recent paper by Prof. Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard, dealing with scientific experiments in the giving of the "third degree," the police method of forcing confessions, and regarding the lack of a scientific method of demonstrating that he was not guilty.

Judge Lawlor passed sentence without fixing a date and Byrne's attorney gave notice of an appeal.

STRIKES OUT 42 MEN; BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD

CORRY, Pa., July 25.—The Corry baseball club today won a 22-inning game from the Falconer, N. Y., team by a score of 3 to 1. Pitcher Bedient of Falconer struck out 42 men, a world's record, while Bickford of Corry retired only 15.

NEW YORK MAN STRUCK BY AUTO DIES OF INJURIES

NEW YORK, July 25.—Dr. Carlton Flint, a prominent physician of the city who was knocked down by a speeding automobile at Seabright, N. J., last night, died today. Dr. Flint was prominent in the Thaw trial.

TWENTY PERSONS DIE IN FIRE AT TELSHI

KOVNO, Russia, July 25.—A fire today at Telshi, the county seat, destroyed 200 houses, including the public buildings, the army barracks and the synagogue. Twenty persons perished.

Schooner Sinks; Crew Saved

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., July 25.—In a collision in a fog in Long Island sound today the New York line steamer Maine sank the Rockland schooner Charles Woolsey, but saved the Woolsey's crew of five men. The schooner, which was bound from Providence to New York, was practically cut in two.

Bullets Flying Too Close

H. Wolfer of 1259 Sunset boulevard was arrested last night for firing a rifle within the city limits. Wolfer was practicing marksmanship in his back yard with a .22 caliber rifle and, seemingly, cared little where the bullets went. Some of them flew too close to neighbors and they made complaint.

WOMAN NOW WAGING WAR ON DANCE HALLS



FLORENCE ("MOTHER") ROBERTS

TEDDY'S SON-IN-LAW DEFEATS HIM AT TENNIS

Longworth Still a Novice at Game, but Already Can Easily Outplay the Strenuous President

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Son-in-law Longworth has joined the tennis cabinet. He has not played enough games yet to have any sort of an average nor to give the other players a line on his form. He can beat the president, but that is no criterion. All of them do that.

The president plays the game because he likes it, and because it keeps his flesh down—some. He has devoted most of the afternoon this spring to tennis to the neglect of horseback riding and walking.

WANTS TO KNOW WHAT PAPERS SAY ABOUT HER

Mrs. Hetty Green Subscribes to Press Clipping Bureau to Keep Tab on Her Social Campaign

NEW YORK, July 25.—Mrs. Hetty Green, who recently moved from a modest little house in Brooklyn to a palatial suite in the Plaza and celebrated the change by an expensive dinner there, evidently has adopted the maxim of the cynical dramatist who said "There's only one thing worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about." This is apparent from the fact that a press clipping bureau has received from her an order couched in these words:

"Send me until for all newspaper references to Mrs. Hetty Green, especially in connection with social life, wherever found in the papers of America. This must include every paper of any prominence."

SOUTHERN PACIFIC BUYS PROPERTY COSTING \$800,000

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—The trustee of the Hastings estate today deeded to the Southern Pacific a block of land bounded by Third, Fourth, King and Berry streets. The price paid was \$800,000. The land adjoins the holdings of the railroad company at Third and Townsend streets, and it will be used for an extension of the company's freight yards.

WANTED IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR FELONY EMBEZZLEMENT

C. P. McLeod of San Francisco, who has been living in this city for more than a year past under the name of Charles Thomas, was arrested last night by Detectives Talamantes and Rico and placed in jail on a fugitive warrant.

BADLY HURT AS RESULT OF BUENA VISTA STREET FIGHT

Patrolmen Beaumont, Cook, Cline and in a fight with Ferdinand Saragoza at 15 Buena Vista street last night. Manriquez received a wound in the face which laid open his cheek from the outside corner of the left eye to the point of the chin, and also on the left wrist, the latter cut severing an artery. He was treated at the receiving hospital. Saragoza was lodged in jail.

POKER PLAYERS RAIDED AT LOS ANGELES CHESS CLUB

Patrolmen Beaumont, Cook, Cline and Busse raided the Los Angeles Chess Club last night and rudely interrupted a poker game being played there.

PROMINENT CHICAGO LAWYER WINS BRIDE FROM RIVERSIDE

L. E. Low, a prominent lawyer of Chicago, and Mrs. Eldora Lockwood Smith of Riverside were married last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Auger, 1033 West Seventh street, by Rev. E. W. Van Aken of Minnesota, assisted by Rev. J. H. Lash of Pasadena.

Stabbed During Fight

In a fight in the river bed, near the Salt Lake station last night, Juan Garcia was stabbed in the neck and chest by Jose Hernandez. Garcia was taken to the receiving hospital, where his wounds, which are not serious, were dressed by Drs. Quint and Wright. Hernandez escaped arrest.

LURE GIRLS TO SHAMEFUL END

"MOTHER" ROBERTS ATTACKS DANCE HALLS

TELLS HOW INNOCENCE AND PURITY ARE DEBAUCHED

Woman Making Great Fight Against Public Ballrooms Tells of Terrible Pitfalls in Primrose Path of Terpsichore

"The dance halls are among the great curses of the day," said Mrs. Florence Roberts, popularly known as "Mother" Roberts, in a lecture last afternoon. She is engaged in keeping young girls from the sad pitfalls of life.

"Young girls are lured in with the attractions of these halls. The proprietors are very genteel at first, and by one thing after another, with the side rooms and their environments, the girls are led on by degrees to their ultimate ruin."

"After a while these same proprietors become abusive to the girls, after they get them under their control, and force them to drink and to dance. They are then lured into the arms of beautiful girls attracted to the dance halls who have become utterly degraded and cast into the slums."

"Parents are not watchful enough over the welfare of their children. They should see that they are kept within their control all the time outside of school hours."

"Too many mothers show a sort of false modesty and will not give proper instructions to their children. They fearfully misrepresent conditions to them, resulting in absolute falsehood. Of course, they do not know these facts, and instead of the mothers and children making confidants of each other they practice deception. As soon as the girls find out these things they will slip away to their downfall."

Tells Own Experience In speaking of the dance halls and their evils in luring the girls, Mrs. Roberts gave a graphic description of how near she herself came to being drawn into the net of ruin.

"When I was 18 years old," said Mrs. Roberts, "I saw an advertisement in a paper stating that an 'elderly lady' wanted a girl as a companion to go abroad with her."

"The advertisement read very smoothly and I answered it. The woman was prepossessing, seemingly a lovely old woman, and held out great inducements, and we made all arrangements for the trip."

"I had taken about all of my worldly goods to her place a few hours before we were supposed to start on our journey. But I changed my mind and went to the place where I was boarding to get my last mail before starting on what seemed to me a wonderful journey."

"But after telling the people of my adventure and good fortune they absolutely refused to let me return to meet my engagement."

"I returned to my home, engaged as a companion by that diabolical woman. I felt badly at losing my belongings which I had left home for, but I was thankful to get out of it so easily as I did, for, to prevent notoriety, the family where I was stopping chose not to create a disturbance."

"Ever since that time I have had great sympathy for young girls being enticed away by the various methods devised by unprincipled people."

WHAT SHE WOULD ESTABLISH

"I have been working hard to establish a system of formation to prevent the necessity of a reformation period."

"In order to do this I have planned to establish an extensive home for children at Gilroy. Through the kindness and generosity of Henry Miller Sr. in giving about seven acres of land I have been enabled to start the great project of building a school to cost about \$20,000. About \$5000 has been subscribed to the project since last April."

"I realize the need of training schools and homes for many of the very young, where they can be wisely cared for until they have passed the critical age and attained their maturity. To this end I have had a school for girls, where they will be received as young as 5 years of age and as old as 15, given a kindergarten training (including primary and secondary schooling) and in all that will eventually lead up to a thorough course in cooking and other domestic industries and economics, will result in much good."

"The means and sources from which we expect this home to eventually derive its main support will be in part as follows: "Through the sale of vegetables, berries and other products of the ground, to be largely cared for by our girls. Through the sale of the book entitled 'The Autobiography of a Girl' by Mrs. Florence Roberts; through the monthly aid from counties, also parents and guardians who see fit to place little girls under our care; through the sale of products of the home, such as sewing, rug weaving, etc."

"I am not a woman of any earthly means, but I will live on my own, and to not know rest until 'Rutherglen,' the Central California Housekeeping School and Home for Girls, is permanently established. The home is to be duly incorporated and will be under the control of a board of trustees, five in number."

"According to plans the entrance into the inclosure will be through a handsome gateway. Just inside will be the pretty cottage home for the gardener, where all visitors will register. The main building will be nearly in the center of the grounds. It will be two stories, consisting of two wings in the form of the letter 'H.'"

"On the first floor one wing will be for girls from 5 to 10 years old. In this wing will be the kindergarten and primary school rooms, dining room, sewing room, kitchen and storing rooms, all of which can be thrown into one hall with a seating capacity of about 500."

"The wing for girls from 10 to 15 years of age will consist of a grammar school room, reception and sewing rooms, large dining room, kitchen cooking school with all the accessories. In the center will be a public reception room, manager's private room, matron's rest room, bookkeepers' and supply room, with ample corridors."

"The second floor will consist of a dormitory for the smaller girls, divided into three departments equipped with andoubed beds. It is expected that the young people's societies of California will furnish these beds."

"The girls from 10 to 15 years old will have rooms each containing two single beds. The center will be the matron's and workers' private rooms and medical department. The garret will be equipped with work rooms for rug weaving by the girls. The building will be about 130 feet square, with three entrances, and will have modern and first-class lighting, heating and ventilation."

ROOSEVELT SENDS LOVE TO PAULINE KOHLSAAT

CHICAGO, July 25.—President Roosevelt has penned an affectionate little note to his old friend Herman H. Kohlsaat, agent of the approaching marriage of Mr. Kohlsaat's daughter to whom he referred as dear little Pauline.

The president enclosed an autograph letter for Miss Kohlsaat herself. The note conveyed Mr. Roosevelt's heartiest congratulations, his best wishes for her future happiness and tucked in neatly at the end an expression of his love, the president assured Miss Kohlsaat that "there are no lovers like wedded lovers."

This was President Roosevelt's wedding gift to Miss Kohlsaat on the eve of her wedding to Potter Palmer, Jr., which takes place Monday. In his letter to Mr. Kohlsaat the president begs him to hand the inclosure to "dear little Pauline, of whom I wish to hear all the news, and to assure his friend that there can be no one outside of her own family who wishes her all the possible happiness more sincerely than he."

COLLECTOR PAYS \$402 FOR RARE SILVER CENT

Previous Price Records Are Broken at Auction of Numismatic Rarities Held in New York City

NEW YORK, July 25.—Records for prices of American and English coins were broken recently when a rare silver center cent brought \$402 at the first day sale of the collection of Peter Gachwend of Pittsburg, which was held in the Collectors' club, 24 West Twenty-sixth street, under the direction of Thomas L. Elder. The dispersal of the collection brought to this city some of the best known numismatists in the United States, including Virgil Brand of Chicago, S. H. Chapman and H. Chapman of Philadelphia, De Witt Smith of Lee, Mass., and H. Ryder of Carmel, N. Y.

Bidding for the rare cent was spirited from the first, for the coin is regarded as the finest specimen of its kind. A silver plug had been inserted through the center of the coin, to give it an intrinsic value of one cent, for it is the size of the half cent of the period. The coin was classified as "uncirculated," and it has faint traces of red about the obverse letters.

A Virginia shilling, considered by Mr. Gachwend as the finest piece in his collection, was sold for \$395, after a prolonged battle of bids.

Two coins were withdrawn from the sale, one purporting to be the exceedingly rare New England shilling, and the other a threepence piece, because some doubt had been expressed concerning their authenticity.

Other interesting prices of the afternoon were: Half penny of 1684, 37½; penny, 1724, "Rose Without a Thorn," \$81; token issued by John Higley at Granby, \$275; Immune Columbia cent, \$165; "non vi virtute vinci" cent, 1786, \$300; cent, 1787, \$250; half dollar issued for French colony on the Black river, 1796, \$134; half dollar with bust of Washington, 1792, \$270. Washington's cent, 1792, \$100. The sum of \$8000 was realized from the session.

FOUR BUILDINGS DAMAGED BY FIRE IN RESTAURANT

Flames from Grease Boiling Over Spread to Adjoining Structures, Inflicting Loss Estimated at \$600

Four buildings at 2092-4-6-8 East Seventh street were damaged by fire last night at the exit of \$600. The building at 2096 was occupied as a restaurant by Mrs. Clara Williams. The fire started in the kitchen from a pan of grease, which boiled over on the stove. The damage there is estimated at \$100. The fire then spread to an adjoining blacksmith shop owned by C. J. Brauer, where \$275 worth of damage was done. A barber shop at 2092, owned by W. F. Sayles, was injured \$25 and a feed yard at 2098 to the amount of \$165. The buildings were all owned by H. A. Srodthall.

AMUSEMENTS

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SAYS LOT BUYERS ARE BEING DUPED

CARLSON'S AFFAIRS NEARING A CRISIS

LEWIS WOULD STOP INFLUX OF MONEY FROM POOR

Peck Demanding That Promoter Make Payments on Big Tract Subdivided and Sold on Installment Plan

Affairs in the Carlson middle are reaching a crisis, Evan Lewis having declared yesterday that he would use every effort to prevent any more deposits from paying another cent into the tellers' windows at the Consolidated bank on Broadway.

As a receiver of the bank Lewis is concerned only with the institution's finances, but he says that hundreds of dollars are coming into the Carlson offices weekly by mail from non-residents or from third lot buyers, who keep up their payments on Redondo villa and other lots with poor chance of getting legal possession.

George W. Peck, from whom the Redondo villa tract was purchased, has served notice, Mr. Lewis says, that his patience is up and that warranty deeds given to perhaps 9000 lot owners will be worthless, as he proposes to exercise his rights under the law and take possession because President Carlson has not kept up payments as agreed.

Much of Friday was spent in conferences between Carlson, Title Guarantee company officials and Peck. After several appeals by Carlson for delay Peck declined to extend further time.

The ultimatum was given at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, as it was feared, the Peck people said, that Carlson would take advantage of the Saturday half holiday and Sunday to prolong the negotiations over till Monday.

While these gloomy reports originate with the opposition Carlson keeps up his optimistic talk and his representatives at the Consolidated bank assure all the callers that everything is progressing nicely, that notes are paid as they mature and that all will be well in the end.

"Whereas" funds, amounting to about \$70,000, are entirely in Carlson's control, he having given three months' notes to many in lieu of their cash on deposit.

Who Is Who? "We have been unable to find the responsible heads and officers of the dummy companies which Carlson has created," said Receiver Lewis, "and I don't know how some of the poor people are going to fare."

"We know that money is coming in and that Carlson or his representatives are taking charge of it. "Lot owners have already been assessed \$20 each and this will have to be increased."

"All those who turn in their bank books and take Carlson's note for them will have to wait longest. Those who decline to sign—and they are wisest—must be paid before they will quit, and it is good policy for Carlson to take up the kickers' claims and pay them rather than have more trouble."

Carlson said last night that if he were not harassed and were given a chance to carry on his financial operations he would lift the whole proposition out of doubt.

WHEELS

He was a great inventor. "The thing I am working at now," he began, stroking his thin beard with a thinner hand, "will be a boon to every family and will startle the whole world. In fact, it will put the alarm clock trust out of business. The idea is simply specially prepared tablets that help you get up in the morning. For instance, if you want to arise at 5 o'clock, you take six tablets; if you want to get up at 6 o'clock, you take six tablets; and so on."

"But how will it affect the alarm clock trust?" "Why, these tablets will cause a ringing in the ears at exactly the hour desired—"

But the little crowd could wait to hear no more and hurriedly disbanded.—Harper's Weekly.

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