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OMAHA CRIME AT LAST SOLVED BY QUEER TALE

MRS. RICE SAYS SHE MADE SUICIDE PACT

NERVE FAILED WHEN SHE WENT TO KILL RUSTIN

Bank Clerk Also Involved—Latter Tried to End Life—Woman Says He Was to Have Murdered Doctor

By Associated Press.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 8.—The coroner's inquiry in the case of Frederick H. Rustin, whose tragic death at the door of his home in this city has given the police department a puzzling problem, developed sensations today.

The first was the testimony of Mrs. Abbie Rice, the woman who was last known to be in Dr. Rustin's company on the night of his death.

She declared for some time Dr. Rustin had been talking of committing suicide, but that he wished to disguise the act so as to protect his life insurance for the benefit of his family.

After much importunity he induced her to promise to kill him and then take her own life.

Arrangements to this end were made for Friday night, August 28, but her nerve failed her.

Designates His Slayer

On Tuesday night following Dr. Rustin pointed out to her on the street car a man who, he said, had promised to do the deed, saying that it would be done that night.

Later she identified Charles E. Davis, a clerk in a local bank and a member of a prominent family, as the man referred to by Dr. Rustin.

Davis was placed on the stand and testified that he attempted to commit suicide on the night in question by taking drugs furnished him by Dr. Rustin, but denied that he promised to kill the doctor or that he had anything to do with the latter's death.

He said the drugs taken had made him sick and he vomited, thus saving his life. He gave no special reason for wishing to end his life except that he had no desire to live.

He said he had made previous attempts at suicide.

Is Not Arrested

Davis has not been arrested.

Mrs. Rice in her testimony said Dr. Rustin first asked her to kill him about two weeks ago and finally she consented and agreed to shoot herself afterward. She said:

"I was to shoot him in his office. He wanted me to shoot him through the abdomen so his family could get his insurance money. He thought he could trust me.

"He wanted me to give him two or three days tto settle his business affairs before killing him.

"I hardly knew what to say when he said that. He wanted it done Sunday at his office. That was August 30. He thought the noise of the cars would drown the noise of any revolver shot."

Mrs. Rice said Dr. Rustin then said she could kill herself. She said a cunning scheme to avoid her suicide being connected with his murder had been broached by the doctor.

Bought a Revolver

Dr. Rustin had bought a revolver at a pawnshop, but had no ammunition. The woman said she bought some carttridges but in trying to load the revolver Saturday night she got it out of order, so that the killing could not be carried out on Saturday night as planned. The following Friday night she accompanied Dr. Rustin to his office and he loaded the pistol and asked her to shoot him.

"I lost my nerve and backed out," said Mrs. Rice. This made Dr. Rustin very angry and they debated the murder and suicide scheme for some time, finally agreeing to go to his home and commit the double tragedy in his barn. Rustin told her it would make it look like he had been murdered by some burglar or footpad if he was shot in the barn.

"He was to go in the barn and let me in the back way. He gave me the gun and I walked up to the alley back of his house, while he went in the front door of the house, intending to

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THE NEWS SUMMARY

FORECAST

For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair Wednesday, except overcast in the morning; light south wind. Maximum temperature yesterday, 84 degrees; minimum, 62 degrees.

LOCAL

Terrific gas explosion maims six firemen and 14-year-old girl on South Main street.

Wurtz is unable to secure bail.

Municipal Waterways association asks change in charter.

Seven-year-old boy falls to death in cesspool.

COAST

Fresno firm offers to buy entire raisin crop at 4 cents, estimating yield at 16,000 tons.

Harriman receives great reception in San Francisco and continues on way east.

Oakland jury sifts Donohue tragedies and finds woman was murdered; Arkell to face robbery charge.

California man asks Washington officials to donate money to build a railroad to the south pole.

Seventy thousand dollars mysteriously stolen from Wells-Fargo Express company in Portland, Ore.

EASTERN

Bryan addresses 1200 precinct committeemen in Chicago and predicts great victory for Demcoracy.

Raging forest fires in Minnesota threaten large towns and sweep over vast area, leaving thousands more homeless and destitute.

Grewsome murder brought to light in Ohio river country.

Stand-patters defeat Governor Cummins by deadlocking special session.

Kansas City negroes go armed in fear of race war.

Two New York women in despondency leap to death from windows.

Alleged effort to slay the president proves false.

Pittsburg insolvent bank fails to open as promised.

Omaha tragedy solved by strange testimony of Mrs. Rice, who confesses at inquest to suicide pact involving bank clerk.

FOREIGN

Circus girl breaks her back and receives fatal injuries in slide on wire at Toronto.

Scene of Explosion, View of Interior of Wrecked Building and Four Firemen Who Were Injured While Fighting Blaze

HOSEMAN THOMAS A. STEMBRIDGE (ABOVE) AND HOSEMAN T. F. HARCOURT —Photo by Coulson.

HOSEMAN J. H. PERLIN (ABOVE) AND CAPTAIN C. S. JENKINS —Photo by Coulson.

FOUR KILLED IN FIRE IN DENVER

SCORE INJURED AND MANY NARROWLY ESCAPE

One Suffocated, Three Die of Injuries from Jumping—Cripple Creek Fireman Proves Hero, Saving Dozens

By Associated Press.

DENVER, Sept. 8.—Four men lost their lives and a score of persons were injured, several of them seriously, in a fire that gutted the Belmont hotel, a three-story building at 1723 Stout street, this morning.

The Dead

The dead are:

EDWARD MOORE, aged 55, real estate agent, Philadelphia, killed by jumping.

JOHN D. KANE, Colorado Springs, suffocated.

GEORGE BODLE, Middleton, N. Y., died at hospital of injuries sustained in jumping.

GEORGE OTT, Dodge City, Kas., died at hospital of injuries sustained in jumping.

The Injured

The injured are:

William E. Lewis, brakeman, badly burned about face and breast; will die.

Mrs. W. A. Lanham, badly burned about face and entire body.

W. A. Lanhan, hands and face burned.

F. J. Bawden, city clerk of Silverton, Colo., two scalp wounds; jumped from second story.

O. E. Klinger, printer and formerly proprietor of the Silverton Standard, back wrenched in jumping from second story.

Charles F. Stewart, candymaker, left wrist broken and bruises resulting from jumping from the third story window.

Melvin Parker, Hillsdale, Mich., serious burns on face, arms and legs.

Mrs. Lydia Parker, badly burned and bruised.

Edward Kelsoe, hands and face burned.

Thomas Taylor, pipeman, engine company No. 5, broken left ankle.

Fire Spreads Rapidly

The fire broke out at 3:15 this morning on the third floor and spread with amazing rapidity. Nearly one hundred guests were sleeping in the house and many of them found all means of egress cut off when aroused.

More than a score of persons jumped from windows before the firemen arrived. Many others were carried down extension ladders by firemen and policemen working in relays.

The whole rear portion of the building, on which were two fire escapes, as well as the stairway, was quickly burned away. Several heroic rescues were observed by a crowd of more than 1000 spectators, who stood in the street watching the blaze.

Moore jumped from a third-story window and his brains were dashed out when he struck the pavement. He came to Denver for his health about six months ago from Philadelphia, where he had been engaged in the real estate business.

Saves Many Lives

Patrick Treadwell, a fireman of Cripple Creek, Colo., who was sleeping in the Belmont when the fire started, is credited with having saved at least a dozen lives by inducing entrapped guests to jump from the upper story windows across a five-foot alley to the roof of an adjoining building and catching them in his arms.

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In the opinion of officials of the fire department, the hotel was set afire, and a rigid investigation is being made.

Within the last week half a dozen small fires, believed to have been of incendiary origin, have occurred at rooming houses in this city.

Guests in Stampede

Guests awakened from their sleep by the cry of fire rushed pell mell into the halls, hemmed in by flames from all sides, and in a mad effort to escape

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NEW YORK HAS TURTLE WEIGHING 840 POUNDS, AND FROM NEW JERSEY

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—There is on exhibition at the aquarium of the Battery this morning the largest turtle ever heard of by the aquarium officials.

It is of the leather-back variety, the largest known sea turtle.

The turtle weighs 840 pounds and was captured in a fisherman's net off Belford, N. J.

The director of the aquarium, Dr. Townsend, secured the turtle from its captor and it was shipped to the aquarium.

Eight men were required to lift the turtle into the large tank in the middle of the old Castle Garden building, where the aquarium is located.

OAKLAND JURY SIFTS DONOHUE TRAGEDIES

INDEFINITE MURDER VERDICT OVER WOMAN

Police Decide to Turn Arkell Over to San Francisco Authorities to Face a Burglary Charge

By Associated Press.

OAKLAND, Sept. 8.—This morning the coroner's jury in the case of Alice L. Donohue, whose body was found buried beneath a furniture factory in Emeryville about ten days ago and who is suspected of having been murdered, returned a verdict that she had come to her death by either poison or being otherwise murdered by a person unknown to the jury.

In the case of Daniel L. Donohue, the man who was living with the deceased as her husband and who committed suicide on Saturday last when notified to appear as a witness at the inquest over the remains of the murdered woman, the jury returned a verdict of death by gunshot wound with suicidal intent.

The police this morning decided to turn Gustave Ahlstedt, alias Arkell, who was arrested in connection with the murder of Mrs. Donohue, over to the San Francisco authorities to answer the charge of burglary preferred by Mrs. Elizabeth Laumeister of that city. Mrs. Laumeister accused the man of having stolen deeds to property from her home in San Francisco.

This course will serve to forestall successful habeas corpus proceedings and keep Ahlstedt in custody until the Donohue murder can be more thoroughly investigated.

PITTSBURG BANK NOT OPENED AS PROMISED

Mount Washington Savings and Trust Company in Charge of State Examiner—Promise to Resume

PITTSBURG, Sept. 8.—The Mount Washington Savings and Trust company, which was closed Saturday by the tsate authorities, did not open for business today as was promised by the bank's officers. Instead the institution is in charge of tSate Bank Examiner White. Congressman James Francis White, counsel for the bank, said this afternoon:

"We will appear before the attorney general at Harrisburg tomorrow. There are several matters in controversy just now, and just as soon as these tangles are adjusted the bank will reopen."

The board of directors of the Cosmopolitan National bank, which was also closed Saturday by the federal authorities, held a meeting today. When the meeting adjourned this afternoon no statement was issued, but it is understood the directors took preliminary steps to demand that the bank be allowed to reopen.

BOY, 7, FALLS TO HIS DEATH

WHILE PLAYING LAD DROPS INTO PIT

Little Howard Bodine Meets Awful Fate—All Efforts to Revive Him Are in Vain

Howard Bodine, aged 7 years, son of Morrell J. Bodine, an employe of the People's Gas company, living at 3513 Pomona street, was instantly killed by falling into a 20-foot cesspool in the rear of his home at 6 o'clock last night.

The boy with a number of companions, including his two older sisters, Mabel and Ruth, was playing in the yard and the little fellow ran too close to the edge of the cesspool, which had been recently dug and was boarded over.

As he stepped near the edge of the pit the bank caved with him and he fell headfirst, striking in that position at the bottom.

The two young girls at once gave the alarm and a number of men ran to the place, and by splicing ladders together managed to reach the boy at the bottom.

He was carried to the top and Drs Baker and Foster were sent for. In the meantime everything was done possible to revive him, but he showed no signs of life from the time he was brought up from the hole in the ground, and when the physicians arrived they pronounced him dead.

The body was removed to the undertaking parlors of Paul & Son, where an inquest will be held by the coroner today.

The parents of the boy are prostrated with grief, and both are under care of a physician.

ALLEGED ANARCHIST SENT TO WORKHOUSE

CONVICTED OF ATTEMPT TO INCITE A RIOT

Alexander Berkman of Homestead Strike Fame Tries to Speak at Public Meeting, but Gets Arrested

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Alexander Berkman, said by the police to be an anarchist, will spend the next few days in jail. He was convicted in the night court at an early hour this morning of inciting a riot at Cooper Union and was sentenced to the workhouse.

May Smith, a woman who was arrested with him, was fined $10.

During the steel works strike at Homestead, Pa., a number of years ago, Berkman, it was claimed, shot H. C. Frick. He served a long sentence in jail, and attempted to preach alleged anarchistic doctrines at a meeting of the unemployed under the direction of the Brotherhood Welfare association.

The meeting was organized by J. Eads Howe, known as the "millionaire hobo," and by Dr. Ben Reitman, called by the police "king of the hoboes."

Dr. Reitman read a speech which he said had been written by Emma Goldman. He was followed by J. S. Overberger, former president of the Central Federated union, who severely criticised the alleged anarchistic doctrines in the address.

It was after this that Berkman created a disturbance by demanding that he be allowed to speak.

Police swarmed in and soon restored order, the audience having started what was declared by the police a small riot.

The woman arrested gave her name as May Smith. She attempted to assist Berkman and was arrested.

Emam Goldman, who was present, left the hall when told that unless she went she also would be arrested.

FEARS SHIP WAS SUNK IN STORM

GREAT ANXIETY FOR BRITISH VESSEL AEON

In Addition to Officers and Crew, the Steamer Carried U. S. Navy Chaplain and Wife of Lieutenant Riddle, U. S. N.

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—Anxiety in regard to the British ship Aeon, which sailed from this port on July 6 for Samoa and Australia and has not since been reported, has deepened almost into certainty that the vessel has met with disaster, either having foundered at sea or been stranded on some one of the many small islands in the South Seas which seldom or never are visited by mariners.

In addition to the officers and crew of the Aeon, which carried a cargo of food stuffs, she has on board Chaplain B. R. Patrick, U. S. N., and family, and the wife of Lieut. W. K. Riddle, U. S. N.

The Aeon was due at Apia about July 26, but up to August 2 she had not reached there. She is now long overdue at Sydney, and reinsurance on her is quoted at 50 per cent.

The steamer Lord Sefton, passing over the same route, has arrived at Australian ports without having seen the Aeon, nor has the missing ship been sighted by any other vessel.

Rear Admiral Swinburne, commanding the Pacific fleet, has been instructed to keep up a lookout for the Aeon, and a search is being made for her by the owners and underwriters.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY MAN IS FOUND HANGING BY NECK

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Believed to be a suicide on account of the anti-betting law which went into effect a few days ago, Reuben Goldberg, long a Sheepshead Bay business man, was found dead today. He had hung himself in the cellar of his house. Goldberg had built up a good business at the Bay, but the passage of the new law quickly drove away his trade.

'STAND PATTERS' FORM DEADLOCK

IOWANS CLAIM DEFEAT OF GOVERNOR CUMMINS

Only Sixty-five Votes Are Cast for Executive—Eleven More Are Necessary—Opposition Scatters Votes

By Associated Press.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept. 8.—By deadlocking both houses the "stand patters" today declare they have defeated Governor A. B. Cummins for election to the short term as United States senator from Iowa.

The house voted first today, giving Cummins 44 (the strength of the "progressives"); Claude Porter, 31 (the strength of the Democrats), while the "stand patters" scattered their votes.

There was no demonstration. The members rose to their feet and pronounced the name of their candidates when their names were called.

In the senate Cummins received 21 votes and Porter 14. The stand patters again scattered their votes.

The joint session will be continued Wednesday, at which time the stand patters declare they will be able to make their victory today permanent.

Seventy-six votes are necessary to elect and the stand patters claim Cummins will not get more than the number he did today—65.

CASE AGAINST LABOR MEN MAY BE POSTPONED AWHILE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The hearing in the contempt case of the Buck Stove and Range company against labor officials who are alleged to have violated an injunction to discontinue a boycott maintained may not be held until October.

Justice Gould of the district supreme court has intimated that the matter should go over until the regular court term in October.

The Federation today was allowed an extension of time for filing its answer to the Buck company bill, pending which the hearing may be postponed.

6 FIREMEN AND GIRL MAIMED BY EXPLODING GAS

TERRIFIC SHOCK WRECKS INSIDE OF BUILDING

ACCIDENT DUE TO CARELESSNESS IS BELIEF

Employes of Gas Company Declared to Have Been Negligent—As Result Heroic Men Fighting Blaze Are Injured

THE INJURED

Captain C. S. Jenkins, engine company No. 7; severe burns on right hand and slight burns about the face.

Lieutenant B. W. Trowbridge, engine company No. 7; right hand badly cut.

J. H. Perlin, hoseman, engine company No. 7; overcome by gas and burned about face and neck.

T. F. Harcourt, hoseman, engine company No. 7; badly burned about face, eyes and neck. Eyesight not impaired.

Charles S. Land, hoseman, engine company No. 10; entire face, neck, hands and arms badly burned; hair and eyebrows singed.

Thomas A. Stembridge, hoseman, engine company No. 7; badly burned about entire face, and both hands and arms.

Mildred Vejar, 11 years old, of 2514 South Main street, thrown from sidewalk into middle of street by force of explosion; back bruised, sprained and bruised about face and body.

SIX firemen had a narrow escape from death yesterday afternoon when an explosion of gas at the building at Twenty-eighth and Main streets hurled them from the doorway of the entrance to 2723 South Main street. The force of the shock threw the men into the street, shattered several of the large plate glass windows in the building, ripped up a section of stairway and tore a great quantity of plaster from the walls and ceilings of the building. That the men escaped a horrible death is marvelous.

Occupants of the building believe the explosion was due to the negligence of employes of one of the local gas companies. It seems that two workmen were in the cellar of the building installing meters, as the occupants of the building desired to change the service from one company to the other.

The men were working by the light of a candle, it is said, and in some unknown manner the candle was overturned and set fire to some rubbish that was scattered around the floor of the basement. Then, it seems, the workmen became frightened and rushed to the upper floor to notify the fire department and have it extinguish the fire. In their haste to seek safety, it is claimed, they omitted to turn off the gas, which penetrated every nook and corner of the cellar, escaped upward beneath the walls and floors and had thoroughly distributed itself about the building.

Call Fire Department

The two employes rushed to the nearest telephone and notified the fire department, and engine companies Nos. 7 and 10 responded with chemical engines and soon extinguished the flames in the basement. After all signs of the fire had disappeared the peculiar heat arising from the floor and openings to the cellar caused the firemen to make further investigations.

A hole was chopped in the floor just within the entrance to the stairway leading to the apartments above, a lighted lantern was secured and the men intended to lower it in the aperture to examine the lower floor. No sooner had the lantern been taken into the narrow hallway than a terrific explosion occurred and the men were violently hurled into the street.

Mildred Vejar, aged 11, living with her parents at 2514 South Main street, was passing along the sidewalk and was not quite opposite the hallway when the explosion roared forth. She was hurled clear of a water trough standing on the curb and landed ten or twelve feet in the street. She was bruised about the body and her back severely sprained.

The firemen quickly rushed to the aid of their stricken comrades. Perlin was the most seriously injured. The force of the explosion caused a quantity of gas to rush into his lungs and in addition to being severely bruised he was nearly asphyxiated and lay as if dead.

Harcourt, Land and Stembridge were painfully burned about the hands, face, neck and arms, and suffered intense pain while waiting for medical aid.

Rushed in Auto to Hospital

The University substation was notified and the automobile patrol was hurried to the scene of the accident and the men were placed in it and hurried to the receiving hospital. The other injured were lifted on the chemical engines and rushed to the receiving hospital, the patrol and fire equipment arriving there at about the same time. The men were tenderly taken in and laid on the couches and on the floor, there not being enough operating tables to accommodate all.

Police Surgeons Quint and Wright, assisted by Police Nurse John Morgan, attended the fire fighters and in a comparatively short time had the men bandaged up and their sufferings alleviated.

Captain Jenkins and Lieutenant Trowbridge were the last to be taken to the hospital. They remained at the scene of the explosion until they were satisfied that there could be no more danger from the gas and then allowed themselves to be taken to the hospital.

The building in which the explosion occurred is a three-story brick structure owned by Fred Espe of 4425 South Main street. The ground floor is divided into store quarters, No. 2721 being occupied by J. Hokom, who conducts a plumbing business; No. 2723, the entrance to the upstairs, which is occupied by Dr. A. H. Kirby, a dentist, and is fitted up as an apartment house; No. 2725 is vacant, and the corner is filled with a stock of wines and liquors belonging to the National Wine and Liquor company. This place has been closed since the fight on liquor dealers in that section, but the stock of goods had not been removed.

So terrific was the force of the shock that the plaster in almost every room of the building was torn from the walls and ceilings and scattered about the floors.

The entire third floor and a portion of the second are occupied by Mrs. E. E. Kettrey, who conducts an apartment house. The furniture and fur-

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