

BEAUTIFUL GIRL, IN TERROR AT ARREST, SWALLOWS POISON

Miss Donna Harding Dies in Receiving Hospital Despite Efforts of Surgeons

ACCUSED OF INCORRIGIBILITY

Tragedy Sequel of Relative's Effort to Save Her from Wayward Life

THIRD of a life of aimless wandering, and made desperate by her arrest as an incorrigible, Miss Donna Juanita Harding, 17 years old, a beautiful girl, by a clever ruse yesterday afternoon eluded the vigilance of Detectives Hosick and Zeigler, and under a pretense of getting extra clothing before accompanying the officers, entered the closet of her room in the Poinsettia lodging house, 612 South Spring street, drank the contents of two-ounce phial, and died an hour later in the receiving hospital.

Miss Harding came to California several years ago from Chicago. Her father died when she was a child, and later her mother remarried. She became dissatisfied with her life, and her mother sent her to Long Beach to live with relatives.

Later she came to Los Angeles and made her home with J. C. Lamasters, 3542 South Flower street. Mrs. Lamasters is her cousin, and looked after the young woman's welfare.

WANTED TO BE A NURSE Miss Harding was a spirited young girl, and was not satisfied to remain idle. She had an ambition to become a trained nurse, and for this purpose she had taken care of a young child. Her beauty attracted admirers, and she was compelled to give up her position because of being annoyed by the attentions of young men in the neighborhood.

It was not until Miss Harding began to arrive at the home of her cousin at early morning hours that the latter began to have misgivings as to the conduct of her cousin. She pleaded with the young girl to change her manner of living, but to no avail. Miss Harding left her home and took apartments downtown.

Mrs. Lamasters, feeling her responsibility as to the conduct of the young woman, implored her husband to employ means to keep Miss Harding from evil associates. Yesterday morning Lamasters, who is an old man, went to Judge Wilbur and explained the situation. Judge Wilbur advised him to swear to a complaint charging the young woman with being incorrigible, and the warrant for her arrest was issued.

Lamasters placed in the hands of Detectives Hosick and Zeigler. The detectives also were told that Miss Harding had been seen in the company of Miss Mildred McNulty, a telephone operator, who lived with her at 1444 West Twenty-second street.

The detectives, having a description of the two girls, traced them around town for several days, finally they entered room 20 in the Poinsettia. The officers followed them into the room and found the two young women alone.

Detective Zeigler read the warrant to Miss Harding, and having instructions to take into custody Miss McNulty, told the latter that she also was under arrest.

TAKES POISON IN CLOSET Miss McNulty burst into tears and wept bitterly for a few moments. She then recovered her composure and asked Zeigler to get her suit case and assist her in packing her things. Miss Harding, on the other hand, appeared cool and collected. She told Hosick to get her suit case and open it, while she went into the closet to get her kimono.

Before entering the closet Miss Harding took her handbag, which was lying on the bed, and entered the closet, several feet away from the officers, who had their backs turned toward her. She stepped out of the closet with the kimono in her hand, laid the garment in front of the officers and asked them to place it in the suit case. The girl then began to stagger, and pressed a handkerchief to her lips.

Miss McNulty said that something was wrong, and detecting the odor of carbolic acid, told the officers that Miss Harding probably had taken poison. Miss Harding fell unconscious on the bed. One of the officers then summoned a taxicab, and the two young women were hurried to the receiving hospital.

The police surgeons did all they could do, but despite their efforts the girl died a short time after she was placed in the women's ward.

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PITTSBURG, April 5.—Samuel Friedman, general manager of the Victor Banking company of McKees Rocks, Pa., was killed by bank robbers tonight. Friedman's assistant, Isaac Schwarz, was wounded by the robbers and died in a hospital later. A bystander, Robert King, was dangerously wounded. The robbers escaped with \$400 of the bank's cash.

Friedman and Schwarz were alone in the bank counting the day's cash, when four armed strangers invaded the place. Friedman was shot twice, while two started after the robbers, but as they escaped the wounded Friedman followed them, shouting for help, only to fall as the robbers fired another volley. A policeman's face that appeared around the corner at the moment was grazed by a bullet.

Thomas Neery also exhibited a wound in the arm. He and others started after the robbers, but were halted by the revolver shots. The only description of the robbers available was that they appeared to be young and wore slouch hats pulled far down over their faces. The cars disappeared in the maze of cars and tracks in a railroad yard.

HURLS OPIUM OVERBOARD SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—Consigning countless dreams to the fishes, Customs Clerk Anderson today boiled \$23,000 worth of contraband opium seized in recent searches of oriental liners and poured the valuable drug into the sewer.

MEAT ADVANCES; WOMEN RIOT NEW YORK, April 5.—Five hundred indignant women of the upper east side rioted today when they found the prices of meat had been substantially advanced in the butcher shops in the vicinity.

ROOSEVELT BANS RECEPTION AFTER TIPPLE OUTBREAK

Feels Methodist Leader Tried to Make Capital Out of Vatican Incident

PRIEST COMMENDS COLONEL

Many Catholics Express Dissatisfaction Over Action of Cardinal Del Val

ROME, April 5.—The chief material development in the Roosevelt-Vatican incident today was Mr. Roosevelt's repudiation of an attempt of the Methodist organization here to interpret his action as an indorsement of its work.

This repudiation took the form of calling off a reception to the members of the American colony, which was to have been held tomorrow night at the embassy, and it resulted directly from the issuance of a statement yesterday by the Rev. B. M. Tipples, pastor of the American Methodist church, in which he severely arraigned the Roman Catholic church.

When the Vatican statement, likening the situation to what might occur in Germany if he visited the Polish separatists after visiting the emperor, was called to Mr. Roosevelt's attention, he said:

"If the German emperor would place as a condition to an audience that I should not see the Poles, I would make a similar reply; upon that condition I shall be compelled to forego the pleasure of an audience."

CATHOLICS BLAME CARDINAL A phrase of the situation attracting more and more attention here is the open disapproval of the Vatican's action by numerous Catholics. This is not confined to laymen, but extends to the hierarchy and even to the Sacred College itself. Some of the cardinals have privately expressed disapproval of the action, but in a position in any way hostile to Mr. Roosevelt.

Responsibility generally is placed personally on the shoulders of Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state, an eminent ecclesiastic is reported to have said:

"It is not the church, but the private act of the Spanish secretary of state against the colonel of the Rough Riders in Cuba."

Merry Del Val's father, formerly Spanish ambassador to the Vatican, who is now in Rome, and who often complained of the haughty and boastful attitude of the United States in the days of Spain's defeat, said to a friend:

"It seems providential my son should be the man to humble a Yankee president."

MANY CONGRATULATE ROOSEVELT Mr. Roosevelt has received many messages, not only from friends in the United States, including his action, but from people throughout Europe, many of whom he does not know. Hundreds of telegrams from Catholics and Protestants in America congratulating him on his stand have reached him, and this afternoon when he returned to his hotel, he found an American priest, now located in Rome, who warmly felicitated him upon what he had done, saying he believed American Catholics would indorse his action.

The former president, however, declines to give out any of these telegrams on the ground that they would serve to envenom the controversy he seeks to abate.

GUERRASSIERS MANUEVER FOR ROOSEVELT AND KING Masons, Later in Day, Confer a High Title on Colonel and Receive Thanks

ROME, April 5.—King Victor Emmanuel visited Mr. Roosevelt this morning and, following a pleasant social chat, they motored to the barracks of the guerrassiers, where they witnessed a series of maneuvers. In the afternoon, in company with Prof. Jesse Carter, director of the American School of Classical Studies in Rome, Mr. Roosevelt spent considerable time exploring the Capitol forum.

Returning he stopped at an antique jewelry store which he visited forty-three years ago as a boy. The proprietor searched the old register and found Mr. Roosevelt's name. Signor Ferrer, sovereign grand master of the supreme council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, with a deputation, called at his apartments and conferred upon him a high Masonic title. Mr. Roosevelt delivered a brief speech in which he expressed gratification at the honor and insisted upon the principles of brotherhood, liberty and tolerance. He was elected to the basis of regular Free Masonry throughout the world.

WIDOWS OF FORMER PRESIDENTS WHO MAY BE GIVEN PENSIONS



MRS. GROVER CLEVELAND



MRS. HARRISON

WIDOWS OF GREAT MAY GET PENSION

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STOP WEARING BIG HATS TO CHURCH, SAYS PASTOR

New York Clergyman Takes a Stand in Behalf of Male Part of Congregation

NEW YORK, April 5.—Women parishioners of the Church of St. Mary, at Bensonhurst, L. I., must either eschew the current enormous varieties of spring millinery or stay away from church.

Their pastor, the Rev. Charles Wightman, in the ultimatum which he delivered to them, says: "Our church is able to seat only 275 persons. Women with big hats take up twice as much room as is necessary to seat them. The hats make it difficult for men either to sit or to observe the service. With the big hats two women have difficulty in one pew and often it is necessary for one woman to occupy an entire seat. The small hat is the best for church-going."

MARTIN, ACCUSING WICKERSHAM, HITS AT SUGAR TRUST

Says Philippine Investigation Will Bare Astounding Revelations

'SCANDAL BEING CONCEALED'

Colorado Solon Is Determined to Get at Bottom of Grants to Havemeyers

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COLORADO SOLON WHO DEMANDS INQUIRY IN FRIAR LANDS GRANTS



JOHN A. MARTIN

PERU AND ECUADOR ON VERGE OF WAR

Troops Under Arms in Lima and Ready to Advance—Cruisers Get Orders

GUAYAQUIL, April 5.—The Peruvian consul left here tonight for Callao. The American consul has taken charge of Peruvian interests. The government has established a censorship of all dispatches.

LIMA, Peru, April 5.—The forces of Peru are under arms awaiting eventualities with Ecuador. Admiral Villa Vicencio has been placed in command of the fleet and Colonel Alvarez put at the head of all the land forces in the department of Lambayeque.

The full fighting strength is prepared to advance at a moment's notice. The government has formed a naval division consisting of the cruisers Almirante Grau, Lima and the Coronel Bolognesi.

The excitement and indignation caused here by the attacks on the Peruvian legation at Guayaquil, where Peruvians were assaulted, their property destroyed and the colors of their republic dragged in the dust, continues.

Twenty thousand persons from Callao and Lima assembled in the principal square this afternoon and listened to patriotic speeches by President Leguia and Dr. Parras, the foreign minister.

The balconies and roofs of the town hall and surrounding houses were crowded. There was no disorder. It is rumored tonight that warships will proceed at once to the river Guayas.

WASHINGTON REGARDS SITUATION AS CRITICAL

American Consul at Guayaquil Receives Instructions from State Department

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The situation between Peru and Ecuador is becoming more and more critical and it is not improbable that war between the two countries may result. A dispatch from the American consul at Guayaquil confirms the previous dispatches that the Peruvian consulate there had been attacked, the flag destroyed and the windows of the consulate broken.

The Peruvian consulate at Guayaquil asked for asylum in the American consulate and the American consul was instructed to afford temporary refuge, at his discretion.

PHILANTHROPIST, AT 90, SAYS 'NO MORE GIFTS'

CHICAGO, April 5.—Dr. D. K. Pearson, the Chicago philanthropist who has given away so much money that he has lost all account of it, has decided on the threshold of his ninetieth birthday to give his pocketbook a well earned rest.

He will be 90 years old April 14, and says he is a "hale, hearty, happy old man."

Here is his birthday resolution, in which he refers to the colleges he has aided—his forty-seven children in twenty-four states: "For twenty-one years I've been giving away money, but I've kept no account of it. It was my ambition on my ninetieth birthday to pay off all my debts. But I can't do it. Five of my colleges have not come to the scratch. I shall not cut them off. I'll give them one year more to make good. "During the year I shall make no gifts. When I've paid off my debts, what little I have left will be for my children. I have forty-seven in twenty-four states and I must take care of them."

BALLOT BATTLE IN ILLINOIS RESULTS IN GAINS FOR WETS

Numerous Fights at Grape Creek Cause Call for Troops; Canceled Later

MANY CHANGES ARE SHOWN

Thirty-two Dry Towns Vote for Saloons, and Thirteen Shut Them Out

CHICAGO, April 5.—Incomplete returns on the local option issue, voted on in 240 cities and towns throughout Illinois today, indicate gains for the wets.

These figures showed that thirty-two towns changed from dry to wet, and thirteen changed from wet to dry. Of ninety-three towns, forty-eight voted wet. Among the cities which had been dry but which returned to wet were Decatur, Pana and Ilvorton.

The issue was not put before the voters of Chicago, the plans for doing so having fallen through because of insufficient signatures to the petition. Danville was up and voted wet, after one of the most exciting elections in its history.

At Grape Creek there were numerous fights, and at one time it looked as if it would be necessary to call out the troops. During the afternoon Judge Allen wired Governor Deneen asking him to order out the militia, but later the sheriff swore to a large number of deputies and the order for the troops was canceled.

The following important cities went wet, the numbers indicating majorities: Carlin, 106; Springfield, 1200; Decatur, 696 (dry by 1000 two years ago); Joliet, 1500 to 2000; Centralia, 178; Rockford, 208; Freeport, 1011; Elgin, 1001; Pana, 101 (dry two years ago); Danville, 485; Clinton, 70 (dry two years ago); Bloomington, 84; Mattoon and Rock Island.

Majorities were won by the dries in the following: Monmouth, 200; Taylorville, 41; Champaign, —. Returns from 210 towns and cities showed 98 went wet and 112 dry. In day's election, in a large number of cities changed from dry to wet and less than twenty changed from wet to dry.

CHICAGO DEMOCRATS WIN CONTROL OF CITY COUNCIL

Bath House John Is Re-elected in First Ward—Suffragette Is Denied Ballot

CHICAGO, April 5.—The complexion of Chicago's city council was changed from Republican to Democratic in today's election. In the thirty-five wards the Democrats elected twenty-one candidates, Republicans twelve and independents two.

The election was characterized by a crusade by the Municipal Voters' league, a non-partisan organization, against the selection of alleged "Gray Wolves" for the new city council. The new council will be composed of thirty-nine Democratic members; twenty-nine Republicans and two independents.

Alderman John C. Coughlin (Bath House John) of the First ward was re-elected by a large majority. It is probable the new council will have to deal with the problem of constructing a passenger subway and with gas rates.

Except for the arrests of about forty saloon keepers for keeping open during the voting time, the election was quiet. The suffragette attempted to vote in a ward where Dr. Sarah Janson appeared at the polls and demanded a ballot. Her name appeared on the list of registered voters, but she was not allowed to vote.

SOCIALISTS MAKE CLEAN SWEEP IN MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, April 5.—Social Democrats, led by Emil Seidel, candidate for mayor, swept Milwaukee in the municipal election today by approximately 8000 votes, or the largest plurality of any party in a similar contest in the history of the city.

The Social Democrats will control the common council, having elected 81 six aldermen-at-large, and carried fourteen wards out of twenty-three. "For twenty-one years I've been giving away money, but I've kept no account of it. It was my ambition on my ninetieth birthday to pay off all my debts. But I can't do it. Five of my colleges have not come to the scratch. I shall not cut them off. I'll give them one year more to make good. "During the year I shall make no gifts. When I've paid off my debts, what little I have left will be for my children. I have forty-seven in twenty-four states and I must take care of them."

'WET' SUBURB OF LINCOLN VOTES 'DRY' AFTER FIGHT LINCOLN, Neb., April 5.—Local interest in the election centered in the vote at the suburban town of Havemeyer, which has been the source of ill-qualified saloons a year ago. Havemeyer went "dry" by a majority of 84, after a hard fight.

TOPEKA ELECTION IS HELD UNDER THE COMMISSION PLAN TOPEKA, Kas., April 5.—This city will be first election under the commission form of government today, and (Continued on Page Three)