

# Northwest News

## SOMBER TRAGEDY IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Brother Kills Sister and Self as  
Officers Cross Threshold  
to Arrest Him.

## GOSSIP STARTS AN INQUIRY

Mitchell, S. D., May 20.—Tragedy, somber and spectacular, was enacted here yesterday when, with the officers of the law just about to cross the threshold of his home to arrest him, W. C. Gray, a long-time resident of this city, seized his sister, Edith Gray, suspended her from a rafter in the attic and fired a shot from his gun into her brain, killing her instantly, and then turning the weapon upon himself ended his own life.

### Lived With Sister and Children.

Gray, who was forty-five years of age, lived with his sister Edith, aged forty, in a small house on the south side of town. Living with them were three children of the man. They had all been living together for the last four years, and during that time rumors which were generally credited to idle gossip reached the townpeople.

But recently neighbors living in the immediate vicinity of the house made complaint to the authorities concerning Gray and his sister.

Finally, a complaint was formally lodged in the police court here, and yesterday Sheriff Plotner and State's Attorney Herbert went to the residence to make an investigation of the charge.

### Flees Into House.

Gray was plowing in a lot near the house and when the officers approached he immediately went inside.

The sheriff returned to the court to secure a warrant for the arrest of the man and sent another officer over to watch the house. He had barely reached there and was just about to open the door when he heard two shots fired from the attic.

Hastily climbing the narrow stairs he found the body of the woman suspended from the rafter, blood flowing from an enormous hole in her head. On a bed nearby lay the body of the man, half his skull blown off.

### Death Pact Suspected.

There was no evidence of a struggle on the part of the woman in an effort to resist being killed. The belief of the officers is that the pair, brother and sister, realizing they were about to be arrested and exposed, determined to die and carried it out in the nick of time.

## DEPUTIES GIVE TO CAMPAIGN.

Game Warden Admits He Took In \$1,425 for Gov. Davidson's Fund.

Madison, Wis., May 20.—Chief Game Warden J. W. Stone admitted to the senatorial investigating committee yesterday that he collected in all \$1,425 for Gov. Davidson's campaign fund; that he still had \$225 of the amount in his possession, having turned over only \$1,200. Mr. Stone said he would return every dollar of the balance to the game wardens.

Replying to questions, Stone said that everything pertaining to campaign funds was kept within the department; that Gov. Davidson did not know of the deal with State Chairman Edmonds.

## SUSPECTED OF FIRING HOME.

Striking Greeks Discharged, and Half Hour Later Residence Is Burned.

Fergus Falls, Minn., May 20.—Half an hour after a section foreman on the Great Northern railway near Carlisle, seven miles from Fergus Falls, had issued pay checks to a gang of twenty Greek laborers and notified them of their dismissal, his residence went up in flames. The Greeks had struck for higher pay and are suspected of having set fire to the foreman's home in revenge. The gang came on to this city and their leader is in jail, but it is doubtful if evidence to convict them can be secured.

## BURNS SELF ON PYRE.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 20.—A victim of ill health for many years, Miss Mary Sadler, near Toledo, chose a sensational method of suicide. Making an excuse that she was going to the home of her brother, Miss Sadler went to a small ravine, where she raked together a pile of leaves, saturated them and herself with three quarts of kerosene and applied a match. When found the body was burned to a crisp.

## CUT WOMAN OPEN WITH RAZOR.

Neighbors Perform Caesarian Operation, Believing Woman Dead.

Winnipeg, May 19.—An investigation into the death of Mrs. Loust, a young French woman, which occurred recently at a settlement near here, has developed some startling facts. Just before the expected birth of a child, the woman, attended only by neighbors, no doctor being present, went into convulsions and, as supposed by those present, died. A priest was called in, who urged that an effort be made to save the life of the unborn child. The neighbors performed the Caesarian operation by means of an ordinary razor and delivered the child alive. But the mother was not dead, and during the progress of the rude operation revived and by her shrieks, not being under an anesthetic, showed the awful agony she was suffering. It was too late to desist and the operation was completed, the mother dying at its close. The child is living yet and was baptized by the priest. The police will make a number of arrests.

## CHARGE DAUGHTER WITH CRIME

Louise Arbogast Taken Before Bar on Formal Charge.

St. Paul, May 19.—Louise Arbogast, aged twenty-three, daughter of Louis Arbogast, a wealthy butcher, who was murdered last Thursday morning was arrested on a warrant charging her with murder in the first degree. She was taken into the municipal court room.

When the formal charge was read the girl seemed about to fall. Her nurse caught her and supported her more firmly.

"You are not required," Judge Hanft said, "to plead at this time, but may defer pleading if you wish until you have consulted an attorney."

"I did not harm my father," said the girl. "I need no attorney."

A plea of not guilty was entered as a matter of form, and the hearing was continued until Thursday morning.

## SHOT DEAD WHILE FISHING.

Sacred Heart Man Fired Revolver at Random, It Is Said.

Grant Falls, Minn., May 19.—A Sioux Indian by the name of Thomas Quinn, whose home is at Sisseton, S. D., was shot and killed here yesterday by William O'Connor of Sacred Heart. O'Connor and his wife had come up from Sacred Heart for the purpose of fishing in the Minnesota river. Quinn was here visiting his relatives and was sitting on the bank opposite from O'Connor, fishing, when O'Connor took out a revolver and commenced firing into the river, and a bullet from his revolver passed through Quinn's heart, killing him instantly. Quinn was a wealthy Indian farmer.

## PRESENT BUST OF IBSEN.

Feature of Celebration of Norwegian Independence Day at Fargo.

Fargo, May 19.—The presentation of the bust of Henrik Ibsen, Norway's famous poet, musician and author to the North Dakota agricultural college was a feature of the celebration of Norwegian independence day in this city.

Dr. Fjelde of Abercrombie, a brother of G. Fjelde, the famous Norwegian sculptor who carved this bust, made the presentation speech.

President worst received the bust and responded in behalf of the students and faculty. There was great enthusiasm.

## MANY SICK AT ST. PETER.

Epidemic Traced to Drinking of City Water.

St. Peter, Minn., May 19.—An epidemic of bowel trouble has been prevalent in this city, cases having been reported in upwards of twenty families. The symptoms are somewhat similar to those which marked the early stages of the typhoid fever epidemic at Mankato a year ago, and in most cases they can be traced to the drinking of city water.

## FORMER SENATOR SHOTS SELF.

Northwood, Iowa, May 19.—C. F. Jewett, a pioneer resident of Worth county, wealthy farmer and former state senator, committed suicide by shooting himself. No cause for the act can be assigned.

Mr. Jewett was one of the most prominent men in Northern Iowa.

## Gambling Resorts Raided.

Sturgis, S. D., May 19.—States Attorney Milek and Deputy Sheriff Brown made two raids on alleged gambling resorts in Meade county Saturday night, one at Piedmont and one at Sturgis. At both places they are said to have found men in the act of gambling.

## MONTANA NEWS

BIG YEAR AHEAD FOR MONTANA.

Opening of Indian Reservation Will Add to Population.

That the present year will eclipse all its predecessors in the "Treasure State" is freely predicted. The fact that the Flathead and Fort Peck Indian reservations are to be thrown open to settlement will result in bringing many landseekers to the state.

The Flathead reservation is in Northwestern Montana and contains about 1,425,000 acres. There have been allotted to persons holding tribal relations and belonging on the reservation 22,109.52 acres.

The price of the land will be the appraised value as fixed by the commission on classification. Settlers who reside upon and cultivate the land for five years, as required by the homestead laws, will pay one-third the appraised value in cash at the time of entry and the remainder in five equal installments. If desired, commutation proof can be made at the end of fourteen months' residence and cultivation, and the full payment of the remainder of the purchase price made at that time.

Fort Peck reservations is said to contain nearly 1,000,000 acres of land, better adapted, perhaps, to stock raising and dry farming.

## FIGHT FOR TERRITORY.

Great Northern and Milwaukee Racing for Right of Way.

With the filing of another condemnation suit at Kalispell by the Milwaukee road, covering lands included in proceedings begun by the Great Northern more than hour before, it develops that with the exception of the state lands sought, the Milwaukee has amply covered all lands named upon which the Great Northern people believed they had secured prior action. The Milwaukee recently filed two additional maps of definite location, bringing it within five miles of the international boundary.

The Great Northern has so far covered only the first seven miles on its map. In a few days the Milwaukee will be across the boundary into Canada. The contest is growing more strenuous with each mile of progress.

## ACQUIT CHIEF OF POLICE.

Official Was Charged With Perjury at Divorce Hearing.

The jury hearing the case of the State of Montana vs. Fred L. Stone, chief of police of Dillon, charged with perjury, returned a verdict of not guilty at Dillon.

Stone was charged with committing the alleged crime when he sued his wife for divorce several years ago. Charges were not made against him for more than a year afterward and in the meantime his former wife has married again, becoming Mrs. Hahn of Deer Lodge. She was the principal witness for the prosecution. The case was first tried last November and at that time the jury disagreed.

## HELENA CLAIMS 24,240.

Estimates Put City in Second Place in the State.

The Polk Directory company announced that the population of Helena, based upon the number of names secured, and using the multiple of two and one-half, is 24,240. This is a gain of 1,988, compared with the corresponding director's census last year and places the capital city second only to Butte, whose figures for this year are placed at 75,878. Great Falls will have no new directory this year, but last year's showing was 17,928, and while there has been considerable growth there it is not believed it can overcome the Helena record.

## BIG CANAL SYSTEM SOLD.

\$300,000 Plant in Gallatin County Is Transferred to Bozeman Company.

The big system of irrigation canals on the West Gallatin river has been purchased by the H. S. Buell Land company of Bozeman from the West Gallatin Irrigation company. The canals are ninety-two miles in length and furnish water for the irrigation of 14,777 acres. It is the largest private irrigation project in Montana. The original cost of construction was \$300,000. The purchase price was not made public.

The new owners intend to double the capacity of the system within the next year and reclaim 15,000 acres more.

## Forsyth Lad Injured.

Lisle Finch, the eighteen-year-old son of Bud Finch, was quite badly injured at Forsyth by a bronco. The young man had hold of the halter when the horse plunged and knocked him down. He was found unconscious and taken to the home of his uncle, when medical aid was called. He was unconscious until late in the afternoon. Although he had no bones broken, he was severely bruised.

## IN THE SCANDINAVIAN NORTH

Gleanings of Important News of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, with Occasional Comments.

By MARTIN W. ODLAND.

## NORWAY.

Miss Amalie Holst of Christiania is the first woman in Norway to graduate from a school of agronomy. She will occupy a position in a school of agriculture and household economics at Drammen.

About 800 Norwegian sailors have gone to America this spring; 500 will have employment on the Great Lakes, and the other 300 will engage in whale fishing off the coast of Newfoundland. All but a few were from Tonsberg, Porsgrund, Larvig and adjacent districts of Norway.

It is reported from Brussels that Chr. L. Lange, one time secretary of the Nobel society, has been appointed general secretary of the Interparliamentary union. He will reside at Brussels, but will devote considerable of his time to travel, in order to keep in close touch with the governments composing the league. This is a great honor, not only to Mr. Lange, but to the Norwegian nationality as well.

The government of Norway is going into the lottery business. The law forbidding such institutions will be repealed, and a lottery will be opened, under the auspices of the state, Sept. 1, 1909. The proceeds of the lottery will be used for the good of the land. During the first three years the society for the prevention of tuberculosis, the national forestation propaganda and the Bergen museum will each get one-sixth of the net receipts, while these will each get a twelfth portion; the Nansen fund, the building fund of the Akershus castle, the Scientific Society of Trondhjem, the Tromso museum and the society for reclaiming marsh lands.

The lottery will be limited to 300,000 crowns, but may be increased to 400,000 crowns at the discretion of the king. The largest prize will be limited to 20,000 crowns.

The committee that has had charge of gathering money for the Michelsen fund has completed its labors, and last month turned over to the former premier 214,045.22 crowns. The distinguished statesman has signified his desires with respect to the fund in the following letter, addressed to the committee:

"I wish the honored committee will make known to the contributors my sincere thanks for the gift with which men and women, both at home and abroad, have so signally honored and gladdened me.

"It is my wish and purpose that the Christian Michelsen fund shall remain intact, that for some time to come the interest be added to the principal, and that later the interest be expended for the benefit of young men and women who reveal talents for work that would prove of general public usefulness.

"At a later date I shall give further particulars in reference to this."

## DENMARK.

A Swedish engineer has come forward with the interesting proposition of building a tunnel under Oresund.

The old frigate "Jylland" has now been fully repaired and has sailed from Frederikshavn for Aarhus, where it will be on exhibition during the exposition.

What is the matter with J. C. Christensen?

That is a question widely discussed by the newspapers of Denmark at the present time. Christensen is one of the leading men of the country, head of the party of the left and formerly prime minister. He was forced out of office last year, partly on account of the Alberti scandal and partly on account of a mistaken policy on the part of his cabinet. Since that time he has been the leader of the opposition to the government, at the head of which stands Nergaard. The thing that has brought Christensen into unfavorable notice at this time is his attitude toward the problem of fortifying Copenhagen. The readers of this column will recall the fact that the commission for the national defense reported in favor of fortifying the capital, both on the landward side and on the sea front. The Nergaard ministry took up the proposition and is trying to force it through the rigsdag. Christensen has come out squarely against the proposition, contrary to his former views and contrary to a large element of his party. Consequently his "flap" has created surprise and indignation within his party, which will be torn asunder on account of his attitude. He is being roundly denounced by his former friends and is defended by others who have been his enemies.

## SWEDEN.

The May-day demonstrations of the labor unions were not as prominent this year as in years gone by. This was due to indifference on the part of members, and in part to unfavorable weather.

The prize contest for the naming of the new restaurant at Stockholm has attracted a great deal of attention. Over 7,000 have already sent in names. The prize for the name finally chosen is 200 crowns.