

MURDERER M'CASLIN DIES; MAX PETERS IS VERY LOW

Author of Friday Night's Terrible Tragedy Succumbs to His Wounds at Hospital.

Miss Russell Daughter of Prominent New York Politician—Wife of Dead Man Talks of the Affair.

At 2:30 a. m. the authorities at St. Mark's hospital reported that Max Peters was resting more easily and suffering less pain than at any time since the tragedy, but the prospect of his recovery is vague.

A BULLET-RIDDLED brain conquered the tremendous vitality of Joseph W. McCaslin, and at 11:15 a. m. yesterday, ended a struggle with death that had been hopeless from the first.

It was the act of a mind diseased by liquor. Everything points to that. McCaslin had no grievance, imaginary or real, against any of the victims, but, being crazed by the whisky he had poured into his system for three weeks, he took the mad course that ended the lives of Miss Lottie Russell and himself, and, as the future may prove, the life of Peters.

Whenever McCaslin was drinking, he was seized by a homicidal impulse. When sober, he was a gentleman. When drunk, he had a murderer's heart.

This is the charitable and indisputable view shared by those who knew the man, including his wife and bosom friends.

Miss Lottie Russell, the first of McCaslin's victims, was not connected with the lunch counter at the Salt Palace, as at first stated, but was the daughter of Victor H. Russell of New York, a prominent politician and turfman.

Mrs. Russell was broken down in health after their cruel separation and as that account has traveled as much as possible, always accompanied by her mother and the daughter. About the 1st of April they came to Salt Lake from San Francisco and this climate being agreeable to the invalid mother, it was decided to remain here indefinitely.

plating every feature of the desperate move he was about to make, and finally called to Miss Auguston, the sister-in-law, to come to him.

Had Murder in His Heart. The girl started for the room. In an effort to restrain time, Mrs. McCaslin called to her sister: "Make some lemonade for Joe."

"Oh, you needn't be in a hurry," exclaimed McCaslin, at the same time picking up the pistol. The girl reached the door. McCaslin held the gun behind him.

"For God's sake, run for your life," cried Mrs. McCaslin, and as Miss Auguston rushed out of doors, the plucky little wife grabbed her husband's arms. A struggle for possession of the weapon ensued, and ended victoriously for the woman, the crazed husband being so drunk that he could not, in spite of his great physique, throw aside the frail little figure. She grappled with him until the gun fell on the floor, and by sheer force she pushed her big husband across the room and onto a sofa, where he lay in a groggy, half-conscious state.

Found a Note. It was at this time that Mrs. McCaslin found in her husband's pockets a note, addressed to which read: "If there is anything left after all my debts are paid, pay it to my ex-mistress and boy."

This was written at a time when he expected to kill his present wife and baby, and the "ex-mistress and boy" referred to are his former wife and an 8-year-old son by his first marriage. He never called his life partner wife, but when referring to either, he used the second wife, used the term "mistress."

Mrs. McCaslin once told her attorneys, Powers, Straup & Lippman, whom she engaged to protect some property she claimed her husband was trying to get from her, that she was afraid her husband would murder the entire family, but the attorneys considered her fears unfounded. Twice after their struggle for the possession of his pistol, McCaslin visited his house. Last Thursday morning at 2 o'clock he went there to change some clothing, and Mrs. McCaslin tried to get him to stay, but he left with the threat on his lips to return and kill everybody.

Wife was Frightened. The wife was more frightened after this than she had ever been. When McCaslin went to the house Friday, she ran into a neighbor's place. At this time McCaslin told his mother-in-law that she had better bid farewell to everybody and he made a search for his wife, but did not find her. This was the last time Mrs. McCaslin saw her husband before the above-mentioned tragedy by any member of his family.

The above is Mrs. McCaslin's story of her domestic unhappiness. It was entirely due to drink, she says, and although she would not admit that she is prey upon her mind and heart, her friends say that her removal from her life was the best and only way out of a life which he had made a hell.

Mrs. McCaslin was asked as to the statement of her husband that she had deceived him. She explained that one day early in the week, while down town, she met a former music teacher for objects of ancient Celtic art, with which to adorn his new mansion at Salt Lake City. Kearns, it is said, declares that he will spend \$2,000,000 in procuring the most antique furniture.

The widow is left in a most pitiable plight. She has no means of support for herself and daughter.



PARTICIPANTS IN AND VICTIMS OF FRIDAY NIGHT'S TRAGEDY.

KEARNS IS PREPARING AGAIN ON TRACY'S TRAIL. Utah Senator Will Spend \$2,000,000 For Decorations—To Entertain Roosevelt.

(Special to The Herald.) Paris, Aug. 2.—United States Senator Thomas Kearns of Utah has scoured Brittany and Ireland for objects of ancient Celtic art, with which to adorn his new mansion at Salt Lake City. Kearns, it is said, declares that he will spend \$2,000,000 in procuring the most antique furniture.

Belvin Was Employed to Sell Wabash Mining Stock. (Special to The Herald.) Boston, Mass., Aug. 2.—Wayne Belvin, the Salt Lake mining promoter, who was arrested on a mesne process the other day, has been released from jail. His arrest was at the W. W. Pratt, an associate of Colonel Nicholas Treweek.

Slipped and Fell While Getting Out of Cab. London, Aug. 2.—May Yole this morning called on the police to ask them to help her find Putnam Bradley Strong, but Scotland Yard men declined to have anything to do with the matter, as she had preferred no charge against Strong. Miss Yole then made all arrangements to take the 2:30 train for Paris, but abandoned the idea at the last moment.

SHOULD LEARN TO SHOOT. London, Aug. 2.—Rudyard Kipling made a characteristic speech at the opening of a miniature rifle range at Sydneyham, county of Kent, today. He said in the course of his remarks: "Recent experience has taught us that we must not allow a whole population to grow up in ignorance of shooting. Everything must be subordinated to shooting quickly."

FIRMIN'S TROOPS ROUTED. Cape Haytien, Aug. 2.—A body of troops of General Nord, the minister of war of the provisional government, commanded by General Piquet, has driven the army of General Salnav, who supports M. Firmin for the presidency, to a point five leagues from Cape Haytien. A number of the soldiers were killed or wounded.

WANT ROOSEVELT AS JUDGE. Denver, Aug. 2.—The Denver Horse Show association has sent President Roosevelt an invitation to attend its annual exhibition and to act as judge of the rough riding contest which will take place on the opening day, Sept. 1.

AGAIN ON TRACY'S TRAIL. Sheriff Cudihee on His Way to Join in Chase—Convict Traveling Thirty Miles a Day—Headed Toward Idaho Line—Rides Through Main Street of Coulee City.

SPOKANE, WASH., Aug. 2.—Riding all night, hiding and resting by day, Harry Tracy, the Oregon desperado, is traveling across eastern Washington at the rate of thirty miles a day. At 2 o'clock this morning he was close to Ephrata, seventy-five miles due west of Spokane. It is supposed to be his purpose to swing through the thickly wooded country north of this city into Idaho and Montana on his way to the "Hole-in-the-wall."

Herder's Heart Had Been Out Out and Thrust Into His Mouth. Florence, Colo., Aug. 2.—Samuel Randall, a cattle man of this town, while riding on the prairie south of Grand, Colo., near the Kansas line, found the body of a Mexican sheep herder, who had been murdered.

WANTED TO LYNCH NEGRO. "Black Stratton" a Murderer—Mob Tried to Enter Jail. Cripple Creek, Colo., Aug. 2.—William Wilkinson, a clerk employed by the Barwise Commission company, was stabbed to death on Meyers avenue today by John Randolph, a negro miter, better known as "Black Stratton."

RICHARDS RETIRES FROM RACE. (Special to The Herald.) Boise, Idaho, Aug. 2.—Close friends of Judge J. H. Richards announce that he is out of the race for the Republican nomination for governor. This leaves three open candidates—John T. Morrison of Caldwell, C. T. Heitman of Kootenai county and George W. Fletcher of Lewiston.

DEATH LIST APPALLING. Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 2.—The total number of lives lost by the explosion at the Mount Kimba colliery, Willoughby, on Thursday, was 120.

MRS. FLAGLER'S HEIRS. Standard Oil Magnate Lays No Claim to Estate of Divorced Wife.

New York, Aug. 2.—Evidence, hundreds of pages of it, has been taken by J. E. Hedges, referee, who has prepared his report for the supreme court as to kinship of relatives of Ida A. Flagler, formerly wife of Henry M. Flagler of the Standard Oil company.

ENTRIES ATTACKED AT NIGHT—No Arrests Made—Quiet Now Reigns. Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 2.—Shenandoah's eventful week closed tonight without the slightest indication of disorder. The town and surrounding country continue to remain peaceful, and no trouble is looked for hereabout so long as the troops are kept in this vicinity.

TO RESUME TRAVEL. It was said by one of the officers at headquarters that two collieries operated by individual companies in the Hazleton region will resume work on Tuesday. This cannot be confirmed.

JUDGE EXPLAINS ACTION. Lectures Men After Adjournment of Court—What They May Do. Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 2.—The trial of John Richards and others, charged with contempt of court, came to a close today, and Judge Keller fixed Aug. 12 as the date for adjournment. The prisoners were released on their own recognizance until that time.

NO OFFICIAL REPORT. Washington, Aug. 2.—The war department has received no information to confirm the information from Rome that the Spanish friars in Manila are to be removed, but it is stated that such a course would be in furtherance of the plan of Secretary Root which was presented to the cabinet by Governor Taft. It also is stated that if such action was taken it would greatly simplify the situation of the Vatican by Governor Taft.

STRIKERS STONE SOLDIERS. Sentries Attacked at Night—No Arrests Made—Quiet Now Reigns. Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 2.—Shenandoah's eventful week closed tonight without the slightest indication of disorder. The town and surrounding country continue to remain peaceful, and no trouble is looked for hereabout so long as the troops are kept in this vicinity.

MAKE REPLY TO MITCHELL'S NOTE

Citizens' Alliance Scores President of Miners' Union.

QUESTION HIS SINCERITY. MINERS SAY CERTIFICATES ARE ISSUED CONTRARY TO LAW.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Aug. 2.—The leaders of the striking miners promise to spring a surprise in a few days. They claim that after an investigation they find that miners' certificates are being issued contrary to law and that the recipients of the certificates, many of whom, it is alleged, never saw the inside of a coal mine, are being pressed into the service of the coal companies.

The new men, while they may not be able to mine coal, can load it. The bosses can do the mining. Between the two it will be possible for some of the mines to resume work on a small scale.

The strikers say that the certificates are not being issued by mine examining boards, but by some person or persons who have access to the official papers. Criminal prosecutions are talked of.

The controversy between President Mitchell and the Citizens' alliance is growing in bitterness. The alliance made reply today to the letter published yesterday by Mr. Mitchell, stripped of some of its personalities the letter reads: "Mr. Mitchell: You decline to say in behalf of the union and yourself that you condemn boycotting, hitting and violence perpetrated by discontented men from working. Indeed, you leave the distinct and unpleasant impression that you do not condemn these things."

Is Mitchell Sincere. "If you were sincere in your protestation against lawlessness, you would not refuse, as you do refuse to proclaim as you request, your positive, pointed and specific condemnation of the worst type of lawlessness which undertakes to prevent men from freely working for whom they please and upon such terms as they please; nor would you pour vials of your wrath upon an organization which we admit has no such foolish aim as to suppress lawlessness on the part of all who are guilty of its commission; but do claim to suppress that same worst type of lawlessness which thrives upon the fear of its victims to protest, and of civil authority, to protect against its perpetration."

You are credited with having said that you "deprecate lawlessness committed by anyone and particularly by men on strike," which, stripped of its hypocrisy, simply means that you object to law-breaking because it hurts the strikers and not because it hurts society.

As far as the alliance is concerned, it announces that the controversy is now closed. Grand Chief P. H. Morrissey of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen has sent a letter to one of the local officers of the Citizens' alliance, but that practical assistance will be accorded to the striking miners at the opportune moment. He does not favor sympathetic strikes, but admits that the executive officers of various brotherhoods have agreed upon a plan, the nature of which has not been disclosed.

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