

SLAYS RIVAL WHO WON THE GIRL HE LOVED

Merry Dance at Colma Is Interrupted by Murder Caused by Woman
Italian Who Fired Shot at Countryman Escapes From the Police
Fair Companion of Victim Veils Her Identity and Vanishes

THE dancers were wheeling merrily in Dizzio's park near Colma near sundown yesterday afternoon when the music was halted abruptly by a pistol shot. The picnickers were too bewildered to tell whose was the figure falling down the road. What they did see, however, was the body of a man, identified later as Orghitti Ragallo, prone on the ground, the blood rushing from an ugly wound in the temple.

A woman stood by for a moment and vanished rapidly into the fast gathering crowd of former revelers. The identity of the murderer and that of the young woman, who evidently was the object of the jealous assault, had not been discovered at a late hour last night. Ragallo was treated by Doctor Beasley of Hillcrest. His injuries were so serious, however, that he lived but a few hours.

A Sunday Festival
The occasion was a Sunday festival gathering. The people came in large numbers yesterday afternoon to Dizzio's park. Athletic exercises were indulged in. The men played bocci ball and the women sang and danced in gleeful freedom. Ragallo, who conducted a saloon on Point Lobos avenue and Wood street, was one of the merriest of the crowd.

There was another there whose identity is unknown, possibly as merry outwardly as Ragallo, but his heart was eaten away with jealousy for a fair young Italian miss who smiled on Ragallo. So far as the rest of the picnickers were concerned there was no outward display of hostility. The stranger stalked by himself.

SHOT ENDS MERRIMENT
But suddenly the merry making ceased. A pistol shot had stopped the guitar and the hum of the violin. The dancers ceased to wheel and whirl. The stranger had in a fit of mad jealousy stricken down his rival.

There was wild consternation. Joseph Ballanti, who lives at 110 Montgomery avenue, recognized the man lying on the ground with the oozing bullet wound on his temple as Ragallo. An effort was made to get a statement from him, but the wounded man was unable to speak coherently.

The woman in the case preserved a discreet silence, so with the complete escape of the assailant there is no clew as to the cause of the shooting, other than mere jealousy.

Ragallo's slayer was seen to disappear down the country road, using the railroad track to better his escape. An attempt was made to overtake him, but was afterward given up. The police took up the scent, but did not succeed in learning the identity of the murderer.

CITY NOT IN PERIL OF DYNAMITE CACHE
Experts Scoff at Pistolesi's Fear for Safety of Bay Cities
The fear of Supervisor L. C. Pistolesi of Marin county that the 1,400 tons of dynamite stored in the warehouses of the Dupont de Nemours power company at California City is endangering the lives of 1,000,000 people in the bay cities is not held by experts.

"Almost incalculable damage could be done with 1,400 tons of dynamite if it were properly placed," said Captain E. G. Davis, adjutant at the Presidio, yesterday. "It is sufficient to blow up all of San Francisco, but if it is left in warehouses in California City, San Francisco would be in no appreciable danger from its explosion."

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SAVES LIVE BUT LOSES MUSTACHE IN ASPHALT
Four Men Required to Haul Laborer from Glutinous Mass
LOS ANGELES, July 4.—Buried almost up to his nose in a barrel of liquid asphalt, Salvador Talamantes, a laborer, was found early this morning almost suffocated. It required four men to get him out.

Talamantes fell into the barrel while crossing a railroad trestle. Trying to extricate himself he plunged both arms into the asphalt and sank deeper. He was found by Deputy Constable Miklaushutz, who wrenched his back trying to save the man.

Three policemen were called and their combined strength gradually drew the Mexican out. Talamantes' mustache was uprooted almost to a hair as his chin emerged from the glutinous mass.

ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE POISONED AT PICNIC
Slightly Tainted Meat Brings Slight Sickness to Throngs
MODESTO, July 4.—As a result of eating slightly tainted meat at a barbecue in connection with Independence day celebration at Oakdale, yesterday, at least 1,000 persons are suffering from a mild attack of ptomaine poisoning. None of those stricken are seriously ill.

BAKER IS LOCATED—San Jose, July 4.—Caesar Augustus Baker, the aged gardener, whose disappearance four days ago from the residence of Mrs. C. M. Gorman, 2803 Forrest avenue, Berkeley, caused alarm, was located today at the Santa Clara college, where he had been employed since his disappearance.

TEN FIRES IN ONE CITY DUE TO FIREWORKS

Spectacular Blaze in Scattered Business District Drives Guests From Hotel
Numerous Accidents Throughout Country During Celebration of July Fourth

July Fourth Casualties, 15 Dead and 328 Hurt
CHICAGO, July 4.—Summaries of dead and injured in 1909 fourth of July celebrations:
Dead 15
By fireworks 8 By gunpowder 1
By cannon 2 By toy pistols 3
By firearms 2
Injured 328
By fireworks 153 By torpedoes 6
By cannon 27 By toy pistols 48
By firearms 46 By bomb cases 5
By gunpowder 49 By runaways 14
Fire loss \$68,050

SEATTLE, July 4.—Although the regular Independence day celebration will not be held here until tomorrow, 10 fires and two serious accidents resulted from today's celebration. With one exception, the blazes started by fireworks did little damage.

A spectacular fire occurred this afternoon in the fireworks store at 1407 Third avenue in the heart of the uptown business district. The blaze started when a "go devil," set off on the sidewalk, darted into the store, setting firecrackers and rockets on fire.

Feworks Stock Ablaze
In an instant the entire stock was ablaze. Cannon crackers and bombs were exploding and skyrocket and fiery balls from Roman candles were bombing the buildings on the opposite side of the street. So fierce was the fusillade that the crowd which had assembled to see the spectacle was driven from the street, pedestrians being forced to take refuge in hallways and vestibules.

Guests in a hotel, who occupied the upper floors of the building, were driven to the street, and one woman, nearly overcome by smoke, groped her way down the stairs and dropped unconscious in the street. She was sent to the hospital.

The entire stock of novelties and fireworks in the building was destroyed. The loss will not exceed \$2,500, with no insurance. Damage to the building was slight.

Eye and Foot Injured
As the result of the explosion of a large firecracker within a few inches of his face, Richard Christian, aged 18, is in a hospital. It is feared that he will lose his eyesight.

Late last night Michael Albergoff was sent to the emergency hospital with a badly mangled foot due to the explosion of a bomb thrown by a hilarious celebrator.

Joker Loses Right Hand
SACRAMENTO, July 4.—W. H. Gardner, a real estate man, had his right hand blown off this morning by the explosion of a giant firecracker. Gardner imagined that the explosive was only an imitation and sought to create a panic in a crowded downtown saloon by placing the firecracker on the lunch counter. As the men rushed for the door Gardner picked up the bomb and laughed gleefully. A second later the explosion occurred and Gardner dropped to the floor, fainting, with his right hand so mangled that physicians amputated it this evening.

Boy Killed and Another Hurt
DENVER, July 4.—George Newsham, aged 10, dead, and Leo Myers, aged 9, with three fingers missing, were today's casualties resulting from celebration of the fourth of July. The boys were playing with giant caps used in mine work. Newsham hit one of the caps with a hammer, causing the explosion.

SUFFRAGETTES OCCUPY PULPITS IN SEATTLE
Washington State Factions May Organize Separately
SEATTLE, July 4.—The American woman suffrage association held a mass meeting in the auditorium of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition this afternoon, at which the principal speakers were National President Anna H. Shaw, Mrs. Florence Kelly of New York and Henry R. Blackwell of Massachusetts. The suffrage leaders occupied pulpits of various churches today.

The action of the national convention yesterday in depriving the Washington delegation of votes, while a moral victory for the faction led by D. C. Coates of Spokane, former lieutenant governor of Colorado, does not give the insurgents any better footing in the state association and it is expected that they will make their temporary organization permanent and form a state suffrage association.

PRESIDENT TAKES MRS. TAFT TO SUMMER HOME

Mayor and Citizens of Beverly Welcome Executive, Who Leaves This Morning
Trip to Coast to Follow Vacation From Adjournment of Congress to September 19

BEVERLY, Mass., July 4.—President and Mrs. Taft arrived at their summer home at Woodbury point at 9 a. m. today from Washington after an uneventful trip.

President Taft came to Beverly at full fledged resident of Beverly. The mayor and postmaster called to pay their respects and to make the greeting official. Business buildings and homes were decorated. Nearly the entire city had intended meeting the president at the station, but he came earlier than expected.

Later the president attended church in Beverly and throughout the service the edifice was crowded. The road leading past the secluded park where the president's summer home is located was crowded with sightseers. Two stalwart policemen and half a dozen secret service men were on guard.

Quiet Vacation Planned
President Taft came to Beverly at this time to bring Mrs. Taft to the summer home. Although the trip from Washington was tiring Mrs. Taft stood the journey remarkably well and late today took a short automobile ride with the president. He believes that the invigorating air of the sea will quickly restore Mrs. Taft to complete health. She will endeavor to have as quiet a summer as possible, and the president, too, when he finally takes up his abode here, will try to have as complete a vacation as work on plans of governmental reform which he has in mind will allow.

The president will leave early tomorrow for Boston, whence he goes to Norwich to participate in the celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the town. He then goes to Lake Champlain for the tercentenary celebration there and will reach Washington late in the afternoon of July 9, to remain until the end of the congressional session.

Senate Pleases President
The president would not venture a guess today as to the date of the adjournment, but expressed himself as more than pleased with the progress in the senate during the last few days.

President Taft's summer home is known locally as the Evans cottage and is situated near the end of Woodbury point, which projects far out into Salem bay and forms the northern boundary of Beverly harbor.

The cottage is set among towering elms, the view from its wide verandas commanding a splendid sweep of wood. The picturesque old bay, dotted here and there with ragged, rocky islands, offers a marine view of rare attractiveness.

Battleship Near Harbor
Hundreds of little sloops and other yachts spread their sails before the breeze, dancing in and out of the harbor. The president's yacht Sylph, which will remain here throughout the summer, is anchored near the point. Far out in Marblehead harbor the gray lines of the battleship Minnesota are distinguished.

The church where the president attended services today at 10:30 a. m. is the oldest in Beverly, the First Unitarian, organized in 1667. The president was accompanied by Mrs. Louis More, Mrs. Taft's sister, and Captain Archibald Butt, his military aid. He sat in the fifth pew from the front.

Special Prayer for Taft
The minister, Rev. Benjamin R. Bulkeley, referred to the president's arrival in Beverly and in a special prayer asked that God might continue to give him guidance. Dr. Bulkeley said that the "old north shore" had known two presidents—Washington and Harrison—and was now honored in welcoming a third.

The president was warmly applauded as he left and, with Mrs. More, motored over to Beverly farms to visit Miss Mabel Boardman.

LIFE OF GIRL LESSON'S COST

By JOHN W. SWEENEY
President of the Iron Trades Council
It is astounding to me that Gray Brothers would attempt to employ the company pay check system in a city as strong in organized union labor as San Francisco. The unions have advocated a statute governing this for many years and the murder of Carolina Brasch surely must result in such a measure.

Something was required to awaken the public to action, but the young girl's life is too high a price to pay for the awakening.

Had the bill introduced in our legislature two years ago been passed, which would have done away with the company pay checks entirely, the young woman would never have been murdered, for the cause of the shooting would have been removed.

Unskilled laborers should be the wards of the state and not be abandoned to the mercy of the employers for whom they are compelled to work. Organized labor will free these men.

PAY CHECK PLAN SIMPLY SLAVERY

By ANDREW GALLAGHER
Secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council
If San Franciscans knew the suffering that has come to men and women—not only the workmen, but their families—as a result of the company pay check system used by Gray Brothers and other employers they would not permit it to continue a day longer.

It is a Shylock game of the worst order, and so revolting to the common ideas entertained by Americans regarding liberty of person and simple justice that even the most rabid anti trades unionist can say nothing in its favor.

Unfortunately these unhappy men and women, not being organized, can do nothing to help themselves, but we should do all in our power to aid them.

Organized labor has fought this thing for years, for it is slavery. Too much can not be said or done to put an end to this iniquitous system and to end it at once.

It should shame us when we think that it required the murder of a young girl to awaken us to our plain duty in this matter.

CITY TO WAR ON "PAY CHECKS"

Law Leaders and Citizens Plan Law Against Cruel Contractors
THE company pay check system, as used by Gray Brothers, that goaded James Edward Cunningham, the former Gray Brothers employe, to murder Carolina Brasch, book keeper for the firm, seems doomed in statements yesterday that at the next legislature a fight will be made by every union labor man in the state to pass a general statute making it mandatory upon employers to pay their men at least once a month and do it only in currency or in a negotiable check. Andrew Gallagher, secretary of the San Francisco labor council, and John W. Sweeney, president of the iron trades council, voiced the sentiments of their fellow unionists when they declared yesterday that "the iniquitous company pay check system must go."

Whole City Indignant
Behind the determined opposition to this form of wage slavery, which holds a workman helpless long after

DE LA MONTANYA DEATH MYSTERY GROWING DEEPER

Conflicting Circumstances Discovered by Police Investigations
DOCTOR WAS CALLED TWO HOURS AFTER SHOOTING

Brother Believes in Suicide But Story of Lunch With Men Is Not Disproved
PENDING the inquest into the death of Mrs. Lorena de la Montanya, which occurred at her apartment, 1360 Jones street, Friday evening, the police and the coroner's deputies are engaged in measuring the circumstances of the case and in balancing the several aspects of the mystery of the woman's death.

Two women, Mrs. Margaret W. Patton of 2047 Green street, the friend, and Celia Budia, the maid, know the details of the tragedy and with convincing reiteration have clung to the story of the suicidal death of Mrs. Montanya which they first told when the police and morgue officers arrived at midnight Friday. But information of a contrary character has been repeatedly given, which, if credible, would make the death of Mrs. de la Montanya as mysterious as was the death of Caesar Young, the horseman, who died in a cab in New York. There was a report circulated that two men were having dinner with Mrs. de la Montanya and Mrs. Patton and that the revolver was being examined as an after dinner diversion when it was discharged, inflicting a mortal wound on Mrs. de la Montanya.

Brother Not in Doubt
Alfred B. Barbier, brother of the deceased, dismissed the rumor as an entirely imaginary concoction, while Police Detectives Riordan and Boletto, who have been working on the case, are keeping their minds open. Riordan said yesterday that in the light of the evidence so far available he believed that the death wound was self-inflicted by Mrs. de la Montanya. He pointed to the fact that some years ago the woman tried to take her own life by severing an artery with a bit of glass.

But neither the police nor the coroner can reconcile the events that followed the shooting.

According to Mrs. Patton the shot was fired about 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Dr. Lewis W. Allen, house physician of the St. Francis who was called by Mrs. Patton to attend the stricken woman, was not summoned until 9:30 o'clock. That time was definitely set yesterday by S. M. Becker, "the boy mayor" of Milwaukee, who is a guest at the St. Francis. Dr. Allen was out of the city yesterday and could not be found to give his statement, although Detective Riordan made repeated efforts to find him.

Called at 9:30 o'clock
"Dr. Allen was in my room at the St. Francis Friday evening," said Becker. "At 9:30 o'clock there was a telephone call for the doctor. A woman's voice spoke to him, telling him that 'something horrible' had happened and that he must come out at once in an automobile of a taxicab. Dr. Allen immediately left the room."

The inquest into Mrs. de la Montanya's death will be held Friday morning.

The apartment in which the tragedy occurred, was closed yesterday and the maid had left. Mrs. Heath and Alfred B. Barbier have taken charge of Mrs. de la Montanya's effects, and today the brother will arrange for the funeral.

LAWYER IS ATTACKED BY THUGS AND PUMMELS ONE OF THEM
Athletic Santa Cruz Attorney Protects Himself From Bandits
SANTA CRUZ, July 4.—Attorney Ernest C. Rittenhouse fooled two thugs at a late hour last night when they commanded him to throw up his hands. Before they were aware the athletic young lawyer had one fellow down and as pummeling him severely.

Rittenhouse was returning home along Chestnut avenue from the office of the F. A. Hihn company. At a dark spot he suddenly found himself between two men. When called upon to surrender his cash Rittenhouse refused and one thug struck him on the head with a big club several times.

Rittenhouse fished his combatant and had the better of him when another holdupman rained blows upon the head of the young attorney. One cried "Shoot him!" and Rittenhouse wisely escaped.

GIRL SEEKING PARDON FOR HER MOTHER IN JAIL
Daughter Is Circulating Petition Among Her Friends in Napa County
[Special Dispatch to The Call]
NAPA, July 4.—Mrs. Lena Remley, daughter of Mrs. Mary Ghirardi, who is serving a sentence in the county jail in this city for selling liquor within one and a half miles of the Veterans' home, was busily engaged yesterday in an effort for Mrs. Ghirardi's release.