

MRS. MANSFELD KILLED HERSELF BY USING POISON

Letter From Northern Africa
Tells Story of Death in
Tunis of Wife of Well
Known Pianist

PURCHASED DRUG IN
CITY BEFORE GOING

Details Received by Attor-
ney Include Missives
Written by Victim

Nearly a month after meagre cable information had told Hugo Mansfeldt, dean of the pianists of the Pacific coast, that his wife had died of lung trouble in northern Africa, it has developed she committed suicide by taking poison carried with her from San Francisco.

The facts became known yesterday when Henry Eickhoff, counsel for Mrs. Mansfeldt and her husband, disclosed the last letters written by her just prior to her death. Enfeebled health, caused by a weakness of the nervous system which prevented her from sleeping and eating normally, resulted in continued suffering which finally became unbearable, she said in one letter written to the lawyer.

The second communication was written by A. Rivaux of Tunis, who was appointed by the court as administrator of the estate. He said that she drank poison in her home on the night of April 21 and died in a private hospital on April 23.

Median religion before her death was indicated in the cable message of a month ago, for it said she had been buried according to the rites of that faith. The interment was in the Djellaz Arab cemetery at Tunis.

Mrs. Mansfeldt left a will bequeathing all of her property to Aloise M. Gebhard, Charles W. Gebhard and Dorothy Gebhard, and providing that the income from all of her property shall go to her husband during his lifetime. Mansfeldt's children by a former marriage are omitted in the will.

Her letter to her attorney directs that her husband be informed of her death, and states that he would agree that she should be buried as soon as possible. The poison was in a bottle from Gleason's pharmacy in San Francisco, and was plainly labeled. Whether she bought it months ahead of time with suicidal intent is a matter of speculation.

Mrs. Mansfeldt left her last November for another trip to northern Africa in search of health. Before her marriage she was Miss Elsie Loane and had many friends in San Francisco. She was a cultured woman and a brilliant pianist, having been before her marriage a pupil of Mansfeldt.

**OPPENHEIMER'S COUNSEL
AGAIN TO SUPREME COURT**
Application for Writ of Error in Filed With Justice McKenna

Jacob Oppenheimer's legal fight to escape the gallows for the murder of two men and assault on two others in the penitentiary was carried to the United States supreme court for the second time, when an application for a writ of error was filed with Justice McKenna today.

This action was taken by G. C. Ringolsky, counsel for Oppenheimer, after United States Judge Van Fleet had denied the application for a writ of habeas corpus and for permission to take an appeal.

Oppenheimer is sentenced to be hanged June 6.

BOISE, Idaho, May 20.—The franchise under which the Pocatello Water company is operating at Pocatello, Idaho, was declared forfeited in the United States district court here today.

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WOMAN WHO KILLED SELF

Wife of Pianist His Former Pupil

Mrs. Hugo Mansfeldt of San Francisco, who died by own hand in Tunis, North Africa.



CRUISER SOUTH DAKOTA GOES TO SANTA BARBARA

Warship Steams to Southern Port via
San Francisco, for Memorial
Day Exercises

VALLEJO, May 20.—The cruiser South Dakota left today for San Francisco, after having been cleared by an all night shift of men, preparatory to her departure at the end of the week for Santa Barbara, where she will participate in the Memorial day exercises.

From there the South Dakota will go to San Diego for target practice. The naval auxiliary steamer Buffalo, which has been engaged in transport service to the vessels stationed at Central American and Mexican points for several months, arrived at Mare Island today to go into drydock.

The stay here probably will be short, it is said, although there is considerable work needed upon the vessel when she is available.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 20.—Fire in the Brown Wholesale Drug company structure this morning completely gutted that building and destroyed the stock. Loss, \$150,000.

LOVE IN BUSINESS LEADS TO DIVORCE

Finding "Dearest Clinton"

in Trade Correspondence,
Woman Wins Decree

The curiosity of a wife and the penchant of C. C. Bossom of the Harris Offset Press company of Niles, O., to mix love with business led Mrs. Marion G. Bossom to Judge Graham's court yesterday, where she obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce upon allegations of cruelty.

Mrs. Bossom presented several letters signed by Irene McDonald, latter heads of the Pacific Manufacturing Book company of Oakland, in which endearing sentences are punctuated with gossip concerning the firm's machinery and the business transactions of Mr. Bossom. Mrs. Bossom testified that she found the letters in the coat pocket of her husband, having watched him after he had mailed a letter to his correspondent in Oakland and awaited the reply.

Mrs. Bossom was given custody of her 3 year old child and alimony of \$100 a month. She lives at 319 Paris street.

"Dearest Clinton," begins one of the missives, "Hello Chris! It's about 10 minutes of 12 so I am in a hurry you know. I started to write at 11:30 but that post Albrecht has been here. He's a sticking plaster. You know it!" Several of the missives end with "love and kisses from Irene."

These were granted interlocutory decrees of divorce.

By Judge Mogas: Margaret T. from Joseph T. Flaherty, cruelty.

By Judge Van Nostrand: Arthur from Edna Brady, desertion; Frank from Hattie Bourgeois, desertion.

Complaints filed:
Oliver H. against Mary S. Buchanan, cruelty; Marie against John W. Bull, desertion; Alice G. against Alexander H. Pearce, neglect; Virginia against Louis Chapman, cruelty; Philip F. against Rose Sherman, desertion; Joseph A. against Charles R. Tompkins, desertion; Charles W. against Caroline Feldman, desertion; Mary against William H. Hoenesberger, neglect; Mary against J. H. McGilchrist, cruelty.

**MRS. "GUNBOAT" IS NOT
COVETING GATE RECEIPTS**
Fighter's Former Wife Says He Is
Welcome to all Money He Can Get
in Willard Bout

Whatever money Edward I. ("Gunboat") Smith may receive from his fight with Jess Willard he is welcome to so far as his former wife, Eleanor C. Smith, is concerned, according to her statement to Judge Graham yesterday, when she was given \$5,000 from the estate of her aunt, the late Mary Ellen Herthy.

"Your husband may win a fortune in the ring tonight," said Judge Graham as he signed the decree of distribution.

"He's welcome to it," replied the former spouse of the fighter. "I wish him luck. But we settled our affairs last January when your honor gave me a divorce. He can keep his money and I'll keep mine."

FATHER JAILED; BABE DIES
Clerk, Held for Neglect, Collapses
When Told of Her's Death

Held in the city prison on a charge of failing to provide for his minor child, Frank R. Worland, a clerk, was informed by the police yesterday afternoon that the child had died. Hearing the news, Worland collapsed. Judge Crist was notified and placed Worland on his own recognizance until May 28, so that he could arrange for the funeral.

MOTORISTS BARRED FROM LATE BOATS

Southern Pacific to Adopt
New Schedule Between
Here and Oakland

By LEON J. PINKSON

San Francisco motorists will have to say good night to their Alameda county friends in time to get to the foot of Broadway in Oakland by 11:45 p. m. while the Alameda county visitors on this side of the bay must be at the ferry by 12 o'clock; otherwise they will not be able to get to their respective homes in their automobiles before sometime in the neighborhood of 7 o'clock the next morning.

This state of affairs is brought out in an announcement made late yesterday afternoon by the Southern Pacific company to the motoring public, in which, under the guise of offering better accommodation for automobile traffic, the railroad corporation states that beginning June 8 the hourly boats on the creek route will be continued until 11:45 p. m. from Oakland and until 12 p. m. from San Francisco.

While this increased service looks most favorable, the railroad company adds this note to its announcement: "To reduce the accident hazard from gasoline machines on passenger boats, only ambulances carrying sick persons to make train connections will be transported on the ferryboats via Oakland pier." This will prevent the motorists who happen to be detained on either side of the bay from taking any of the late passenger boats, and there are probably no less than three of these that leave San Francisco and Oakland later than the last of the scheduled automobile boats.

Under the present rule after the creek boats stop autoists have been accommodated on the passenger boats, the machines being the limit on the trip, and this practice should certainly be continued. In New York there never has been a limit to machines on passenger ferryboats. No serious accidents have ever been traced to the carrying of motor vehicles and there is little reason why any fear should be expressed in this part of the country.

If the railroad company enforces the ruling barring the machines, the motorists are quite apt to appeal to the railroad commission for relief.

New Chalmers Owners—E. P. Brinegar, president of the Pioneer Automobile company, distributor of the Chalmers line, reports the following recent deliveries of Chalmers cars to W. V. Dinmore, L. C. Houn, W. L. Madden, H. T. Dyer, B. L. Stauffer, R. Laufenberg, E. K. Peters, M. F. Branch, Walter C. Lehmann, Dr. Le F. Fleming, John R. Wilson, Ernest Rodgers, George de Martin, J. E. French, William Jackson, J. Gladding, Lincoln Cal., Hoffman Bros., F. G. Bretland, J. L. Campbell, H. L. Luttig, H. G. Parzish, Dr. Herbert N. Rowell and J. K. Armsby.

Krohn Visiting City—Henry Krohn, general sales and advertising manager of the Paige Detroit Motor Car company of Detroit, is spending a few days in San Francisco, where he is the guest of A. E. Hunter, president of the Mutual Motors agencies, distributors of the Paige Detroit cars in central and northern California.

Broadwell Returns to Flak Rubber Company—According to information received by Manager R. H. Pratt of the local branch of the Flak Tire and Rubber company, R. H. Broadwell, who recently resigned as vice president of the Flak Rubber company, has again become associated with the Flak Rubber company. Mr. Broadwell becomes a vice president of the company and will be in charge of the sales organization of the trade.

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