

# GIRL BEHEADS CRIPPLED PEDDLER KILLS MAN WITH HATCHET AND CHOPS UP BODY

## WOULD YOU MARRY HER?



By Fred L. Boalt

I WANT to get this question settled, and settled right: Would Theda Bara make a nice wife for the average man? As all patrons of the photoplay know, Theda is a vampire. In my brilliant, tho checkered, career, I have met many vampires of the Theda Bara sort. The only reason I didn't marry one of them is that I was too small game for ambitious vampires. A vampire woman always picks out the biggest, most masterful and most ambitious man she can find. The bigger they are, the harder they fall. She smiles on her victim, and he trembles. She approaches him, and, home and career forgotten, he is hypnotized. Often when he pursues her, she blows hot and cold, and drives him to despair. Ultimately, always, she surrenders—or seems to—and, with her arms about him he dwells in a fool's paradise. She kisses him, and he dies. Subsequently—in fiction—she herself meets a horrible and well-deserved reward, but not until she has left behind her a trail of broken hearts and lives and blasted careers.

Now, I have no knowledge at all of the private life and character of Theda Bara, the queen of the vampires. And I must be very careful how I treat this question. I once knew a dramatic critic back East who, in his analysis of Olga Nethersole's "Sapho," declared that no woman could so powerfully and truthfully portray the not-too-nice emotions of the naughty and impulsive Sapho unless she had herself, in private life, experienced similar emotions. And Olga sued my friend's newspaper for \$50,000! So I shall make no such flat-footed statement concerning Theda Bara. But I may, I take it, ask the question: Can a woman who is gentle and mild and kind, portray truthfully the vampirish roles which are always assigned to Theda Bara? And would you, if you are a man, marry a Theda Bara? That she is beautiful cannot be gainsaid. That she is good I do not question. But, oh, the sensuousness of her! And, oh, the smoldering fire in her eyes! Her arms are round and of a satin smoothness. Her face has a marble pallor. But her lips are red—red!

The Star wants its readers to answer the question: Would Theda Bara make a desirable wife? We want to hear from men and women.

To the reader giving the best answer, in 100 words, telling why the actress would make a desirable wife, we will give a complimentary ticket to the Cramer theatre, where Theda Bara appears in William Fox photoplays, good for two persons for six months.

To the reader giving the best answer, telling why Theda Bara would NOT make a desirable wife, we will give a complimentary ticket, good for two persons for six months.

For the next best answer why Theda Bara would make a good wife, we will give a ticket, good for two persons for three months.

For the next best answer why she would NOT make a good wife, we will give a ticket good for two persons for three months.

When the four best letters have been eliminated from the contest, we will give to each of the writers of the 10 next best answers why Theda would make a desirable wife a ticket good for two persons for one month.

And the writers of the 10 next best answers why she would NOT make a desirable wife will each receive a ticket good for two persons for one month.

THE letters must not be more than 100 words in length. The Star reserves the right to print any or all of them. The letters must be signed, and they must all be in this office by next Tuesday noon.

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## ASQUITH BANDITS NEXT TO QUIT?

Conscription Issue Threatens Today to Bring About Many Changes in England's Cabinet

**KING WILL TAKE HAND**

BY ED L. KEEN  
LONDON, Oct. 20.—Premier Asquith's illness may prove so serious as to compel his resignation, thus ending the deadlock in the cabinet over war measures, it is believed here today.

Following Lloyd George's audience Tuesday with the colonial minister, A. Bonar Law, conservative leader, who will be premier if Asquith retires, his majesty today received Sir Edward Carson, resigned attorney general.

These conferences were widely interpreted as meaning that a cabinet shakeup is at least considered.

The king is not thought that France is making suggestions regarding the British ministry, it is believed the allied military policy was discussed at yesterday's cabinet session, which was attended by French Minister of War Millerand and French Ambassador Cambon.

That Asquith is losing his influence is conceded.

The present cabinet deadlock is over the conscription issue.

The pro-conscriptionists have finally agreed upon a plan exempting workers engaged in munition making, general manufacturing, exporting, mining and railroading.

This, however, provides that the country shall be divided into districts and that conscription shall be used in the districts failing to furnish voluntary quotas.

The anti-conscriptionists refused to formulate a bill to this effect to save time if Lord Derby's voluntary plan of stimulating volunteer enlistments fails.

## BANDITS ELUDE POSSE

Officers Have Found No Trace of Men Who Took 1,416 From Renton Bank Tuesday

**FIGHT A GUN DUEL**

Efforts to capture two heavily armed men, who held up and robbed the Citizens' bank of Renton Tuesday afternoon, escaping in an auto with \$1,416 in gold and currency, had failed utterly Wednesday.

In spite of the fact that several posses of citizens started after the robbers, almost within the minute after they fled from Renton, all trace of them ended at the point near Bryn Mawr, where they leaped from the rented machine driven by Harry Anderson, ordering the terror-stricken chauffeur to drive on without summoning the police, under penalty of death.

Anderson notified Seattle authorities as soon as he could drive to a telephone, and Sheriff Hodge and a posse, and squads of police hurried to Renton.

Continue Search All Night  
Search for the bandits continued all night. Every point which they are thought likely to pass, in case they try to leave the country, has been notified and a close watch is being maintained.

Stanley Reese, 20 years old, was shot in the leg by one of the robbers, as they left Renton.

Their shots were provoked when O. P. Stone, proprietor of the Imperial laundry, opened fire at them with a 30-06 rifle. One of the men stood up in Anderson's machine and fired directly at Reese and another man, who were standing on a nearby corner.

Pay Chauffeur in Advance  
The bandits hired the machine by telephone from Taylor's Mill, and paid Anderson \$25 in advance, saying they might get drunk and spend all their money if he did not take his fee then.

When within two blocks of the bank, they told him to wait for their return.

Inside the bank they covered Cashier R. W. Gilham and Miss Susan Woods, the bookkeeper, with revolvers, and ordered Gilham to give them "that money" or be killed.

He handed it thru the window and the bandits hurried outside. The alarm was given as they sprang into Anderson's machine and pressed a gun at his back, telling him to drive for Seattle with all speed. They fired several shots past his ear as they urged him on.

## 300-POUND CLOCK STOLEN ON STREET

The police are marveling Wednesday at the nerve of two men who stole a 300-pound sign clock, mounted on an iron pedestal 10 feet high in front of the Amber store, 1317 Third ave. Tuesday afternoon, while crowds were passing. The crowds supposed the two were workmen repairing it. Tuesday evening an attempt was made to pawn the massive timepiece to a Pike at, second-hand dealer, and H. C. Mahoney, 22, and E. H. Felitz, 25, were arrested.

## 100 RESERVATIONS

Reservations for 100 have been made for the Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon, at which E. P. Trefz, field secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, will speak Thursday noon at the Butler hotel.

## TIDES AT SEATTLE

| High                 | Low                 |
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| 3:53 a. m., 11.9 ft. | 9:41 a. m., 5.5 ft. |
| 2:15 p. m., 12.5 ft. | 9:49 p. m., 4.1 ft. |

## GIRLS KEEP WILSON WAITING WHILE THEY POWDER THEIR NOSES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Two pretty California girls, who took long to adjust their hats and to powder their noses, kept the president of the United States waiting 15 minutes today.

But after his wait they brought him a piece of native California gold, a bouquet of California orange blossoms and a petition asking him to go to the San Francisco exposition.

The bar of gold presented by Dorothy Starr, she said, could be fashioned into a wedding ring.

"That's a good idea," the girls say the president responded.

Accompanying the two 18-year-old girls who delayed the procession, were Mrs. Galliard Stoney, chaperon, and Miss Altha McCuen. The president had arranged to meet the girls at 10 a. m. He waited in his private office while a long list of engagements were held in abeyance.

"Why are you late?" asked "Pat" McKenna, doorkeeper for the president.

"Well, it was this hat for one thing," stammered Miss Bull in confusion.

Miss McCuen, whose part was to recite some grave reasons why Wilson should go to California, whispered a number of arguments to him, and then, as he shook her by the hand, Miss Bull broke in, "Can't you and Mrs. Galt come to California on your wedding trip?"

Smilingly the president answered, "There has never been a time when I had to be urged to go to California. It has been merely a question of finding time to go."

## DON'T LET 'EM USE YOU, HI

**BUCK UP, Mayor Hiram! Don't let a gang of fellows who were willing to cut your throat for selfish motives in the last campaign now make a tool of you and put silly words into your mouth. If they want to talk about recalling Councilman Erickson, let THEM do it. Don't let them get you to talk that way, because you know it's nothing more than cheap talk. There is no chance of recalling Councilman Erickson. There isn't even a chance to get started with it, no matter how much money Councilman Dale will put up for such a purpose.**

## THOMSON MAY ENTER MAYORALTY LISTS; MENTION DALE, TOO

Political gossip centered Wednesday on a rumor that Reginald H. Thomson, former city engineer, may throw his hat in the ring and run for mayor at the coming election.

Thomson recently refused to be considered a candidate for the port commission, and it is not known how he will receive the boom for mayor that his friends have launched.

Thus far, there is only one avowed candidate for the office, Austin E. Griffiths, former councilman and chief of police. Griffiths' announcement is definite.

Mayor Gill has repeatedly asserted he would not be a candidate for reelection.

He said so at the beginning of his term, and has repeated his longing to return to his private law practice shortly after the Lang investigation.

Erickson May Run  
President Oliver T. Erickson, it is believed, will shortly be actively in the race for the mayoralty, but no announcement to that effect has been made by him beyond a "willingness to unite on a candidate favorable to municipal ownership."

If the public ownership advocates should request me, by unanimous vote, to run, I would get into the fight," he said.

Erickson mentioned also the names of Corporation Counsel Bradford and Otto A. Case, secretary of the Commercial Club, as acceptable to municipal ownership men.

In the meantime, there is a concerted effort on the part of the reactionary element to pull Gill into the contest, willy nilly, by egging him into vehement personal controversies with Erickson.

Dale to Finance Fight  
In this connection, Councilman Bob Hesketh today stated:

"If I were a cartoonist, I would show Mayor Gill using his lowest tones in declaring he will not run again, and using a big megaphone voice to plead: 'Won't somebody please nominate me again?'"

In the latest verbal exchange between Gill and Erickson, the mayor is made by a newspaper to say that he will lead a recall fight against Erickson unless the latter changes his mind on the tax levy in accordance with the mayor's wishes.

Dale, it is understood, is to finance the recall campaign in such event.

Dale is also mentioned as a mayoralty candidate next spring.

## SUFFRAGE IS DEFEATED IN NEW JERSEY

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—The heavy defeat yesterday for the vote for women cause in the New Jersey election means abandonment of state suffrage fights, and centering of activity of the federal constitution amendment, Anna Howard Shaw, national leader, today indicated.

Figures today showed 190,855 votes against the proposal and 135,900 for it, with a chance that the adverse majority will go to 60,000.

Despite the overwhelming defeat for the women, reports from Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania showed suffragists there preparing to push their fight even more vigorously than ever in view of the coming elections Nov. 2.

Dr. Shaw pointed out that the Missouri and Michigan have defeated suffrage, a large majority of the congressmen in these states are for the cause.

Two hundred and six congressmen and senators, she said, are on record as being favorable, and increases in this number will be announced soon.

## BOSS COMMENTS ON THE RESULT

NEWARK, Oct. 20.—"The strongest argument against suffrage presented to sober-minded Jerseymen has been the procession of long-haired men and short-haired women streaming across the Hudson," James R. Nugent, Essex county democratic "boss," commented today, regarding the outcome of yesterday's elections. "With banners, bass drums and trumpets, they have crowded the highways and byways of the state, but their kind have no appeal that will reach intelligent persons."

He congratulated the women "for what they have escaped."

## REPORT BIG GOLD STRIKE IN YUKON

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 20.—Commissioner George Black, of Yukon, just arrived here, brings a report of another great gold strike a month ago on Rude creek, tributary to the Klottoson river.

He says a stampede has started, in spite of the wintry weather. The discovery of placer was made last month by two prospectors.

The sand and gravel of the creek has given values of \$1.50 a square foot to a depth of six feet. The prospectors brought out 50 ounces of gold at the time they staked their claim.

## M'ADOO TO TALK ON MERCHANT MARINE

"The New Merchant Marine" will be the subject of the address to be given by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, at the Commercial Club here, at a luncheon next Tuesday.

## TELLS OF BLOODY CRIME

Hacks Off Arms and Legs in Attempt to Squeeze Corpse Into Couch Box, She Confesses to Police

**VICTIM WAS LOVE MAD**

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—Attacked by a love-mad cripple, who for years had pursued her, Mrs. Mary Tamias, young wife of a United railroad motorman, last night chased him thru her home with a hatchet and hacked his head off his body.

Then she dismembered the body and hid the pieces in a box couch, she confessed today, in the presence of her husband, before Police Capt. Shea.

Detectives afterward found the dismembered body as Mrs. Tamias described it.

The crime occurred in a flat on McAllister st. Surrendering herself to the detectives, the 23-year-old wife told them all the gruesome details.

The cripple, whose name she gave as Michael Weinstein, a 17-year-old, 23 years old, had followed her for years, she said.

Zege Her to Elope  
Infatuated with her after she first met him at Atlantic City, he had persisted in his attentions to her, tho she was married.

Several days ago, she said, she met him here. He begged that she elope and offered her all his money. She spurned him, she said.

Then last night, while her husband worked, Weinstein hobbled into the house. He pushed \$25 at her and told her he had it all planned to elope with her. Again she refused, according to her story.

Cripple Attacks Her  
Infuriated, the cripple attacked her. She fought him. With a sudden effort she twisted free and got the hatchet.

Seeing the weapon, Weinstein turned to escape. As he hopped down the hall she overtook him and struck. She hacked the head completely off.

Horror-stricken when she realized what she had done, the girl-wife dragged the body out of sight.

Cuts Off Arms and Legs  
"I could not stay in the house with it any longer," she wept. "I tried to get it in the box couch, but it would not fit—so I cut the legs and arms off."

Haunted by her deed, she fled from the house and wandered thru the streets. At last she ran into a lodging house, rented a room and telephoned her husband.

She wanted to leave the city, but Tamias refused to let her. They argued all night, but finally this morning the girl broke down and told her husband she would go to detective headquarters.

There she told her story with remarkable composure.

Weinstein was a fruit dealer in Atlantic City, she said.

She confessed he wanted some papers from her, but she refused to tell the nature of them.

## PORTER CHARLTON IS GIVEN A RESPITE

COMO, Italy, Oct. 20.—Porter Charlton had a brief respite today from the ordeal of his trial. The case was continued to Friday.

## MUST FILE CLAIMS

The committee in charge of Hotel Liberty, dormitory for the unemployed last winter, will have to file its claims against the city, it was informed Tuesday by Mayor Gill and the finance committee. The city still owes the hotel \$2,083.

## SOLD BAD APPLES

H. Tarica, a market man, was fined \$5 by Police Judge Gordon Wednesday, on complaint of G. R. Sanders that Tarica had sold him a box of apples, 16 of which were rotten.

## ZEPS TO RESCUE!

BERLIN, Oct. 20.—Zeppelins have come to the rescue of German shipping in the Baltic, where British submarines threatened a blockade. Authorities here today are confident that the air craft will end the British activity in the Baltic.