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MOTHER KILLS HERSELF WHEN SON DIES

LINEMAN ELECTROCUTED JUST AS OWN FATHER REACHES SCENE

ENDS LIFE BY BLOWING HER BRAINS OUT

When L. Guy Fliggle succumbed to an attack of heart disease at his home, 1111 1/2 Tacoma av., early today, his mother, Mrs. E. C. Hart, who had sat up all night to attend to his wants, walked calmly into her own bed-chamber in the adjoining flat and fired a bullet into her brain. She died instantly.

Neither the widow of the dead man, who was taking an hour's rest in another room, nor the husband of the grief-crazed woman, were aware that Fliggle had died until the sound of a single pistol shot aroused them.

Springing from his bed, Hart ran through his apartments and found the dead body of his wife.

Divining the cause of her rash act, he walked on through the door which joins his apartments with the flat occupied by his stepson, and found the latter's dead body, with Mrs. Fliggle prostrated nearby.

Terribly shocked by this sudden double bereavement, Hart, who has lived here for 25 years and who is a United States revenue agent, notified the coroner. Mrs. Hart, who was 57 years old, had killed herself with a .32 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver which she had in her trunk for twenty years, her husband told the newspaper men.

"The only way that I can account for my wife doing away with herself, is that her son's death was so sudden and so unexpected that she became temporarily deranged and in the first moment of her grief unheeded her pistol and shot herself."

The coroner found the weapon lying on the floor of Mrs. Hart's room.

Fliggle was 42 years old and is survived by a widow. He was employed as chief bookkeeper by the Northwestern Improvement company and had been ill for only a few days.

During this time his mother has insisted upon attending him day and night, and frequently said that "if anything happens to Guy, I don't know what I will do."

FINES OWN WIFE

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 16.—Because she sold bad catsup, Justice McFarland fined his own wife \$60 and costs.

For Tacoma and vicinity: Rain tonight and Tuesday.

For Washington: Rain west, rain or snow east portion tonight and Tuesday.

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SCENE OF TODAY'S PATHETIC TRAGEDY

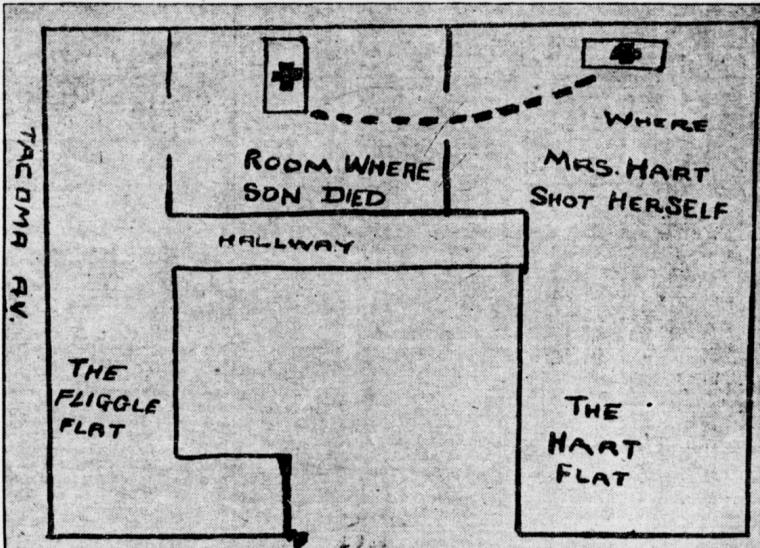


Diagram shows how Mrs. Hart left the death-bed of her son before dawn today and went to her own room where she ended her life with a bullet.

MORTIS HAMILTON FREE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WALLA WALLA, Dec. 16.—Mortis Hamilton, former adjutant general of Washington National Guard, who was convicted of embezzling state funds and sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary, was paroled today after serving two years and 10 months. Hamilton has been an inmate of the state penitentiary since

February 26, 1910, on the afternoon of which day he became convict No. 5683. For some time he has been a trustee at the prison and has been storekeeper. Hamilton was sentenced for larceny by embezzlement for stealing \$1,118 of the state's money, though the actual shortage claimed at the time was about \$37,000. He was accused of having squandered most of the

money on an affinity. At the time he entered the prison it was reported in coast papers that he had agreed not to seek parole for five years. Hamilton was arrested at Olympia May 5, 1909, and confined in the county jail two days later, after an unsuccessful attempt to get the \$20,000 bail demanded. There he stayed till brought here.

STRANGE MYSTERY IN RECOVERY OF BABY



MRS. NELLIE PILON

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—The missing 8-months-old baby girl of Mrs. Robert Pilon of Tacoma was found in this city today. The baby was being held by Mrs. Daniels. Several months ago Mrs. Pilon left her child in the care of Mrs. Daniels, but last month the latter moved and did not give her change of address. Since then the

mother had conducted a daily search.

MELROSE HIGHLANDS, Mass., Dec. 16.—Miss Melrose Pickell ate shrimp salad and then was very ill. Ordinary methods for acute indigestion failed. Doctors made an examination. Finally a very much alive lizard made its escape.

IT HITS 'EM ALL (United Press Leased Wire.) ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 16.—W. E. Barnett, aged 22, weight 34 pounds, and height 39 inches, today has a license to marry Miss Dorothy Warfield, 19. Miss Warfield weighs 130.

MORE DAYS TO SHOP

GREEKS LOSE IN FIERCE FIGHT

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Three Greek warships, a cruiser and two torpedo boats and a Turkish cruiser and destroyer have been destroyed in a desperate naval battle, which is still in progress off the island of Tenedos outside the Dardanelles, according to a dispatch received here from Constantinople. It is presumed the Turks tried to run the Greek blockade and reach the Aegean sea. It is not known what effect the sea fight will have on the peace negotiations in progress here.

PUYALLUP MEN HOLD MEETING

Puyallup business men will hold a meeting tonight to take steps to raise \$1,000 to buy additional books for the new Carnegie library.

The city has 2,000 books but it has been discovered they will not fill the smallest rack in the new library and the citizens do not want the place to look bookless.

SEEK INJUNCTION AGAINST T. R. & P.

With many indignant property holders present in the court room arguments for an injunction against the Tacoma Railway and Power company restraining them from tearing up the Stellacoom car line began today before Judge Card.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 16.—Thousands of bees swarmed in a twenty-foot rain spout of the home of Alfred Denney, completely filling it and causing an indefinite postponement of a wedding. The family has been driven out.

BRIDE OF A DAY MAY DIE AFTER SERIOUS OPERATION

On what may be the eve of her death, Myrtle M. Hawley, an attractive young girl of Tacoma, is today the bride of W. P. Ellingsworth, manager of the Pacific Coast Power company in Puyallup. Tonight the young bride will submit to a dangerous surgical operation from which even her physicians fear she cannot recover. This pathetic situation became

known today when application was made in the superior court for permission to take the girl's deposition in a divorce case soon to be tried. Dr. R. C. Morse of Puyallup told Judge Sol Smith, who is sitting for Judge Clifford, that Mrs. Ellingsworth will undergo an operation tonight from which he feared she will not recover. The court permitted the deposition to be taken, waiting the legal notice required by statute.

AVIATOR LOST IN PACIFIC OCEAN

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—With ships at sea instructed by wireless to search for Aviator Horace Kearny and Chester Lawrence, his passenger, missed at sea since Saturday, land parties are scouring the coast between Santa Monica and Ventura today, while launches are patrolling the offshore for a trace of the lost birdmen.

Kearny and Lawrence left Newport beach late Saturday for San Francisco, flying in Kearny's hydroplane "Snookums," named for Miss Louise McPherson of Madisonville, Ky., Kearny's fiancée. Their craft was last seen from Point Firmin near San Pedro, heading across Crescent bay toward Point Dume. Late yesterday one of the heavy hollow steel pontoons with which the aeroplane was equipped was picked up off Redondo beach by a tug. It apparently had been forcibly wrenched from its fastenings.

A heavy wind and sea had prevailed throughout the day, and last night the wind increased to almost a gale. Three automobile parties, including one sent out by Sheriff Hammels, were working northward along the rocky Malibu coast today searching for the aviators or their bodies. From Huemene, the port of Oxnard, a horseback party is working southward to meet the motorists.

Kearny is 26 years old. He has been an active aviator for five years. He came to Los Angeles to participate in the recent aviation meet at Ascot park. Lawrence, his companion, is about 26 years of age. He is a writer on a Los Angeles newspaper and came here five years ago, following his graduation from Harvard university.

TWO AVIATORS DIE TOGETHER

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, Dec. 16.—Because the monoplane in which they were making a flight from the Hendon aviation grounds to Oxford turned over and fell 150 feet, landing on the Wembley golf course, Lieut. W. Parks of the Royal navy and Manager Hardwick of an aeroplane company, are dead here today.

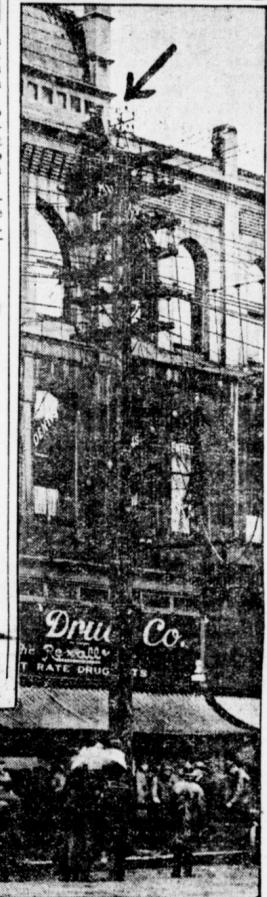
A choppy wind was blowing when the flight began.

POPE'S BROTHER GETS HIS SALARY DOUBLED ROME, Dec. 16.—Angelo Sartore, 76, brother of Pope Pius, carries mail 10 miles on foot daily for 50 cents a day and applied to the postoffice department for a salary increase. He got his salary doubled.

DIET POLITICIANS. (By United Press Leased Wire.) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—"Gout and good government never go together," said the Rev. Dr. Ely in his sermon Sunday. He said dieting of politicians would be a most valuable experiment in the crusade for good government.

WOMEN BANDITS ROB A TRAIN IN RUSSIA ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—Disguised as men, two women held up a train near Jakaterinof, raided the baggage car and shot dead two trainmen. They were arrested.

Rescuers At Work



Picture Shows Linemen (Indicated by Arrow) Removing the Body of Victim of Today's Tragedy on Pacific Avenue. Employees of the City Roped Off the Street in Front of the French Block While Dangerous Work of Rescue Was Attempted.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) DENVER, Dec. 16.—"Want address of any man in Denver up against the alimony-paying proposition. Quick action necessary."

This advertisement published in a Denver newspaper is the opening gun in a crusade started in an effort to destroy the system by which husbands that were are compelled to pay permanent alimony to ex-wives.

George R. Esterling, chief crusader and originator of the idea, proposes to band together the grass-widowers of the country and wage a fight into the highest courts against alimony payments.

WILSON BACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The steamer Bermudian, with President-elect Woodrow Wilson and his family on board, arrived here at 3:30 a. m. today, the vessel docking at 8:15 o'clock. A big crowd was on hand to welcome Wilson.

MANNED BY BOYS

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—Two United States torpedo boats, the Fox and Davis, were manned by boys of the Washington state naval academy yesterday on a cruise of the Sound.

Attractive Window at Dege's Stores all over the city have donned their Christmas attire.

Everywhere the window trimmers have caught the holiday spirit and are displaying the things you will buy for your friends and relatives.

Robert W. Munger, window dresser at James H. Dege's store, has one of the most attractive and sensible displays of Christmas goods in Tacoma. There are things that every man needs, from a comb to a suit of evening clothes.

"Simplicity," says Munger, "is the keynote of window trimming success."

HUNDREDS ON AVENUE SEE MAN DIE

LIGHTS CUT OFF IN THE CITY WHILE LINEMEN GO TO RESCUE OF WORKER ON TOP OF POLE.

"I've got to go up those poles tomorrow and I don't want to do it; they're going to be wet and dangerous," said Guy McClure last night as he visited with his father, E. E. McClure, at the room of the latter.

His morning the father was hastening to the depot to catch a train when he saw a crowd at Pacific avenue and 13th street. He rushed up to find his son had been electrocuted.

McClure with Lineman Thompson of the line force of the city fire department had gone to 13th and Pacific to fix up the semaphore signal which seemed to be out of order. Both men had been up the pole at the corner in front of the drug store. Thompson came down and McClure took his nippers to cut the semaphore wire which did not seem to be working right.

As his steel nippers hit the copper of the semaphore wire he dropped back, flames shot out from all over the pole and pedestrians passing looked up to see the young man grow livid as the electric current burned out his life.

Thompson rushed to the telephone and had the current shut off at the power station. McClure was then taken down and efforts were made to revive him. The pulmotor was secured and it worked for over an hour on him while fellow linemen rubbed him and tried to stimulate the spark of life.

For half an hour no doctor could be found, but Dr. L. B. Curran finally responded and he pronounced the lineman dead beyond chance of recovery.

City Electrician Thorne went up the pole and found McClure's pincers still hanging on the wire with the jaws scorched by the heat of the current.

The dead lineman was 23 years of age and lived with his mother on South M street below 45th. He was married once, his wife having died two years ago. He has a little girl two years old.

His father and mother are divorced, the father traveling. The latter was very much broken up when he pushed his way through the crowd into the drug store where the body was carried and found it was his son.

"Is he dead?" asked the father. "O, I was afraid of it. I told him last night to be careful."

About five minutes after McClure was electrocuted, the telephone rang at police headquarters and a woman asked who it was that had been injured as she had heard some one was burned by electricity.

"My brother-in-law works as a lineman and I wondered if it could be him," she said. The police did not know at that time but took her number and agreed to call her up when they learned.

A few minutes later they called her and told that it was Guy McClure.

And it was her brother-in-law.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 16.—Famed as the only actor who played Irish parts without a make-up, John T. Tierney, for 2 years one of the best known comedians on the stage, is dead here today from tuberculosis.

MONEY MAKERS BUSINESS PRODUCERS TIMES WANT ADS