

# A STRANGE DRAGEDY OF THE "UNDER LIFE"

Imprisoning His Wife in a Bath Room, Louis Nossler, Pet of the New York Tenderloin, Kills His Mistress and Himself—End of the Frivolous Life.

NEW YORK, March 23.—In the "white light" district, where the racing men and the frivolous woman in pail hands in the mad whirl of gaiety at any cost, its a dull week that does not produce its whirlwind of death and crime as sin's penalty.

The recent queer, almost inexplicable tragedy of Louis Nossler, who murdered his former mistress in his own house after he had locked his wife in the bathroom, and then committed suicide, in many human aspects rivals the flights of imagination of the great French novelist.

Louis Nossler lived gaily a vicious double life. He spurned honest trade, or industry, and his purses fattened upon the proceeds of various forms of gambling. In the racing season he made books at the race tracks; in the winter he ran pool rooms in the city.

To his friends he was known as "Cupid." He had a wife. Also he had a mistress. Estelle Young, or Reynolds, an actress formerly with the "Wizard of Oz" company, and once a New Orleans Mardi Gras queen.

Nossler lived the careless life from day to day. The rich wines helped to blunt the edge of any conscience. He became wealthy. Money fairly poured in a golden stream into his lap.

In the tenderloin he was known as "prosperous;" rich clothes, rich jewelry. How the tenderloin bowed to him!

The scenes shift rapidly in the white light district. "Luck," as they like to say in the tenderloin, turned against him. His excesses made it hard for him to let go of them. His thin blood became diseased and he wailed with neuralgia pains. His debtors presses him.



ESTELLE YOUNG, THE MURDERED GIRL.

A man, 32 years old, he called upon the fates and cursed them for their abuse of him. He abused his wife. The fine apartments the couple occupied in the handsome Pierpont hotel were the scene of bitter quarrels.

After reverses comes desperation according to tenderloin ethics. Nossler was confined to his home with an acute attack of neuralgia. He refused to be comforted by his wife and sent for his mistress, who lived in expensive apartments at the Baltimore hotel, nearby. She came and there was a long quarrel.

Openly he told Estelle that he loved her. The wife was violently indignant. And Estelle? Oh, she told Nossler that he must choose between her and his wife. If his wife then she, Estelle, would sail for Europe.

In the midst of the quarrel, Nossler fell writhing to the floor. He had drained a bottle of laudanum. Strangely the two women became friends in nursing him. The doctor pumped Nossler out and the women tenderly cared for him.

When morning came the wife went to the bath room, leaving the mistress asleep in bed. Suddenly she heard the door locked upon her. Then two shots followed.

When the police came they found that Nossler had killed his mistress and then himself. It is probable that he shot Estelle as she slept.

HONORED BY THEIR COLLEGE FRATERNITY

NEW YORK, March 23.—The Delta Upsilon club of New York will give its annual dinner at the Hotel Savoy this evening, and District Attorney Jerome and Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the Armstrong insurance investigation committee, will be the guests of honor of the evening. Mr. Jerome is an alumnus of the Amherst chapter of the fraternity and Mr. Hughes of the Brown chapter. Starr J. Murphy of this city will preside at the banquet.

## MRS. COREY IS GOING HOME

(Scripps News Association.) RIVERSIDE, Cal., March 23.—Mrs. W. A. Corey, wife of the steel magnate, accompanied by Mr. Corey's mother and sister, have left for San Francisco en route east. They refuse to give their ultimate destination, but it is believed from remarks dropped that they are going to join Mr. Corey.

## PLANS FOR HUDSON MEMORIAL

(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, March 23.—The executive committee of the Hudson-Fulton commission is confronted with an extremely difficult task. The committee is in charge of the plans for the temporary or permanent local observance of the coming 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson river by Captain Hendrik Hudson and it is overwhelmed with a large number of propositions, each more gigantic and sensational than the others. They include building great bridges, great buildings and a world's fair.

## LARGE STEEL TRUST EARNINGS

(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, March 23.—As shown by the annual report of the United States Steel corporation, just published, the earnings of the corporation were heavier in 1905 than in any year in the history of the company. The gross earnings amounted to the enormous total of \$555,331,736, an increase of \$114,092,306 over the preceding year, while net earnings showed a gain of \$46,611,136. The balance available for dividends was \$38,317,983 larger than in 1904, and was equivalent to 7 per cent on the preferred and 8 1-2 per cent on the common stock. From this surplus, however, was deducted \$26,300,000 for additions and improvements, which would leave 3.36 per cent on the common stock.

## ARE STILL IN SESSION

(Scripps News Association.) INDIANAPOLIS, March 23.—Contrary to expectations the joint scale committee met again this morning, holding out a meager hope of a peaceful settlement.

## ADVANCE PRICE COAL IN CHICAGO

(Scripps News Association.) CHICAGO, March 23.—Bituminous coal is quoted here this morning at an advance of 50 cents. Anthracite is stationary, but it is predicted a rise will occur April 1. The supply is limited. It is hard to get shipments from the mines. Railroads are the heaviest buyers.

## MANILA TO HAVE MODERN HOTEL

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—Manila is to have a modern hotel to which the insular government will lend aid. The city has asked for proposals. It will have about 200 rooms.

## CONFER ON THE STATEHOOD BILL

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—Senators Beveridge, Dillingham and Patterson were named by the senate to confer on the statehood bill.

## EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEPH IS ILL

(Scripps News Association.) PARIS, March 23.—Dispatches report the serious condition of Franz Josef.

## GILMORE WINS FAIR AUDITORS

The ladies were captivated, thrilled, overcome by his elegance, Paul Gilmore. They could not refrain from sighing with the aged and impressive mother of the heroic, dashing, swinging, bowing, smiling, singing Le Debonnaire. In the language of the street, Gilmore was there with the goods at last night's performance of the swash-buckling play "Le Debonnaire." He captivated the feminine to such an extent that they would have a word with him at the end of the third act. Paul was pleased to express himself in a half-winded, not half-heated, manner, for, forsooth, this same terrible Paul had just slain three minions of the law with his trusty blade. He chided Spokane on its chilliness to other actors and warmed to her for the graciousness shown him. It was a tasty little talk.

## ABOLISH FOOT BALL

CHICAGO, March 23.—The board of trustees of the Northwestern university has abolished football for five years.

## LITERARY STAR DARKENED.

One of the brightest stars of the Jewish race in America is dead. Martha Wolfenstein earned success and became famous when in 1902 her "Idyls of the Goss" was the sensation of the literary year. But while the book was in the hands of the publishers she sickened with the destroyer that claims so many, consumption.

For four years and more she has fought the disease. She has written a little during that time, but her heart was not in it. The pres-

ent winter sapped her strength to the breaking point. Martha Wolfenstein was the daughter of S. Wolfenstein for many years superintendent of the Jewish orphan asylum, the great national charity of the Jews in America, located at Cleveland, O. She was 35 years old.

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