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## JURORS ASKED FOR BRIBE, DECLARES PATRICK'S WIFE IN AMAZING STATEMENT

Says \$2,000,000 Was Spent Against Her Husband.

Brands the Trial As Fraudulent Plot.

"Accused Tricked Into Withdrawing Appeal."

NEW YORK, May 7.—Albert T. Patrick, now serving a life sentence for the murder of the aged Texan millionaire, William Marsh Rice, at his home, 500 Madison avenue, in 1900, is contemplating asking for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that he was tricked into withdrawing his application for an appeal to the United States Supreme Court while he was under death sentence and accepting commutation to life imprisonment from the late Governor Higgins.

In advance of this application, Mrs. Patrick has given to the American a most striking statement of her husband's side of this, one of the most famous and remarkable cases in criminal annals. It is in answer to an attack on Patrick made by Assistant District Attorney Arthur Train in a current magazine article.

"Two Millions for Prosecution." Mrs. Patrick's statement bristles with startling and sensational charges. She declares that court, jury and prosecutor were prejudiced against her husband and that \$2,000,000 of the Rice estate money was spent to railroad the defendant to the electric chair. She even charges that two of the jurors offered to vote for acquittal in return for a money consideration.

The charge that Patrick had never known Rice until shortly before his death she answers with a statement that Patrick's father had been for many years a valued and trusted employe of Rice in Texas and that the prisoner had known the millionaire since he was a boy of twelve or thirteen years. She says that Rice employed Patrick to draw up the alleged forged will because he had gained confidence in the lawyer through his success in securing a settlement of the old man's suit against the heirs of his wife.

The "Cremation Letter." Regarding the famous "cremation letter," Mrs. Patrick calls attention to the fact that it contains an injunction against embalming, which is not a probable suggestion from a man planning a murder, as the embalming fluid is a most potent agent in hiding traces of poison.

Everything in favor of her husband, she declares, was purposely kept from the jury. She points out the conflict between the known facts of medical science and the statements of the prosecution's witnesses regarding the way in which Rice was killed by chloroform, and attacks sharply the State's expert witnesses.

Wife Replies for Husband. Parts of Mrs. Rice's statement follow:

"An extraordinary and outrageous assault upon my husband, emanating from the office of the district attorney in New York, is published in the May number of a hitherto reputable magazine. Inasmuch as Albert T. Patrick is, for the time being, legally dead and cannot reply to the avalanche of misrepresentation and calumny in question, I, his wife, must make answer for him."

"In this, my first authorized statement to all lovers of truth and justice and fair play, I wish to say that the question involved in this case is of far greater consequence even than the life and liberty of the man for whom I have gladly given up seven of the best years of my life. It is a question whether the administration of justice in this vast metropolis has not become so corrupted and perverted that, if allowed to continue, verdicts of juries and decisions of courts will go to the side with the most money, openly and brazenly, as they already do secretly and with equal shamelessness. The vast machinery of the law, which is supposed to be employed only for the suppression and punishment of crime, already includes in its operations schemes so foul and horrible that could they be exposed and laid bare, the whole civilized world would stand aghast and exclaim, 'Can such things occur in a boasted land of liberty?'"

Calls Jones Perjuror. "I warn the public that the article besmirching my husband, which has been inspired by the chief bloodhound of the law and put into libelous and seditious print by one of his underlings, has for its aim and object the further poisoning of the public mind with a view to influencing another jury in the dastardly work already mapped out for it. The judicial crime committed against Albert T. Patrick is to be followed, if possible, by another similar crime against two of the witnesses who dared to tell the truth in his behalf and who swerved not a hair's breadth, in spite of threats, persecution, arrest, and third

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*He now holds that the substitution of one form of punishment for another against his protest is an invasion of his rights under the constitution of the United States and a violation of the principles of a legal trial. The conspiracy against him seems to reach the substitution of life imprisonment for the promised pardon and vindication.*



*...in connection with the trial of my husband...*

*...to cause the substitution of life imprisonment for the promised pardon and vindication.*

*Very truly  
Mrs. Albert T. Patrick*

MRS. ALBERT T. PATRICK, And Facsimile of Closing Lines of Her Startling Statement in Defense of Imprisoned Husband.

### TRAIN ROBBERS KILL ENGINEER, WOUND FIREMAN

DENVER, Col., May 7.—A special from Butte, Mont., says the Northern Pacific's crack flyer, the North Coast Limited, was held up at Welch's Spur, fifteen miles east of Butte, shortly before daylight, and the engineer killed. It is presumed the robbers sought the contents of the rough packs, carrying consignments of currency from the coast to Eastern cities. The message says that the sheriff at Butte has left for the scene with a heavily armed posse, but gives no details as to whether the robbers were successful.

Wild and Rough Country. The scene of this morning's hold-up is near that at which the famous robbery of the Burlington flyer took place two years ago. It is in the midst of a wild and rough bit of country, which offers the robbers every opportunity of escape. Today's attempt makes, for the fourth within the last three years that has been made on the North Coast Limited. There were five men in the party of highwaymen. They halted the flyer at Welch's Spur with a red lantern placed in the center of the track, an unusual signal, but one so significant that Engineer Frank Claw, of Butte, did not dare to ignore it. When the train had been stopped, two of the robbers sprang from the ditch,

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### SISTER'S DEATH DRIVES BROTHER TO KILL HIMSELF

Kneeling on the floor beside the bed in his room on the second floor of the Commercial Hotel, John A. Mottau, a pensioner, fifty years old, was found dead about noon today. On the floor near him was a box, which had contained "Rough on Rats." With the exception of a small quantity of the poison which was left in a glass, Mottau had taken the entire contents of the box, an ounce. Coroner Nevitt, who was summoned, said the man had been dead several hours when found. Mottau formerly lived with his sister, Mrs. William H. Moor, 2209 H street northwest. She died about a month ago. After her death Mr. Moor discontinued housekeeping, and Mottau went to the Commercial to live. In his pocket this morning was found a pawn ticket for a ring which he pawned yesterday for \$1.50. Mottau had been in ill health for some time, and throughout the past year was under the care of Dr. Milton H. Prosper, of 512 H street northwest. Grief over his sister's death, coupled with his own ill health, is supposed to have caused Mottau to take his life. The body was sent to the morgue by Coroner Nevitt.

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### FOUR KILLED; EIGHT INJURED IN COLLISION

WHEELING, W. Va., May 7.—Four were killed and eight persons injured in the wreck of the New York and Chicago express on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad which collided with a freight at Roseby's Rock, twenty miles east of here, early today. The wreck was caused by a heavy fog, the engineer of the passenger train being unable to see the flag. Those killed outright are: List of the Dead. CHRISTOPHER A. WERNER, twenty-five years old, baggage-master of the passenger. W. T. THOMAS, Wheeling, fireman on freight. J. L. PAINTER, express messenger on passenger. CHARLES CHRISTY, fireman on passenger. The injured: W. W. Riley, Wheeling, engineer on passenger. M. L. Perkins, fireman on freight. H. A. Hill, messenger on passenger. Miss Sarah E. Simmers, New Jersey. Miss Mollie Hill, New Jersey. C. R. Stearn, of the superintendent's staff. Charles S. Scapell.

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### One Day's Record of Bloody Deeds

Is a wave of homicide sweeping through Washington? Within the past twenty-four hours there have been two attempted triple tragedies, two successful double tragedies, and two suicides.

Six deaths have resulted from this sudden thirst-for blood.

William O. Rice, a telegrapher, shot and killed his wife, attempted to slay his infant child, and committed suicide, at 131 Heckman street southeast, about 9 o'clock this morning.

John A. Mottau, grief-stricken over the death of his sister, and suffering from ill health, took "rough on rats" and was found dead this morning in the Commercial Hotel.

John G. Koehler, an expert furniture finisher, asphyxiated himself yesterday at 1131 Tenth street northwest, after living a double life for several months.

William Parks slaughtered James Leslie at the Soldiers' Home yesterday, and afterward committed suicide because Leslie prevented him from shooting Sister Paula, a nurse, whom Parks held responsible for the loss of his position at the institution.

### FRISCO CRISIS BECOMES ACUTE; CLASH FEARED

Mayor Schmitz Cripples Railway Lines by Order to Arrest Armed Men.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—This city is facing the most serious labor crisis in its history. No street cars are running, the telephone service has been suspended, the laundries have closed down, the big iron plants are idle.

Charles M. Schwab declared last night that unless labor conditions change the great Union Iron Works, which has built some of the famous American warships, will be closed forever. Already, said Mr. Schwab, more than \$2,000,000 has been lost on warships because of labor troubles. A clash between the police and the non-union men imported by the street railway company is feared today.

Import 500 Armed Strikebreakers. The company will try to run its cars with non-union men. To this end 500 armed strikebreakers have been brought to the city.

In reply to this Mayor Schmitz has ordered Chief of Police Dinan to instruct the police to arrest any man found carrying arms, whether street railway employe or striker.

On the other hand, citizens whose sympathies are with the street railway company, declare that Mayor Schmitz is only bowing to the dictates of the labor unions. Everyone here expects that either State or Federal troops will be called into the city before the strike is ended. The United Railways Company has prepared for a serious struggle. It has 60 non-union car men in the big Turk street barn, at the corner of Fillmore street. Cots have been put in, and arrangements made to feed all the men inside the barn. All sides of the barn have been loopholed, and armed guards will prevent any interference with the strikebreakers. It is declared James V. Farley will manage the fight.

There is talk of the formation of a big citizens' committee which will take over not only the government of the city but take drastic action in regard to the labor unions.

### HAM PACKING HOUSE BURNS AT SMITHFIELD

SUFFOLK, Va., May 7.—Fifteen thousand dollars worth of hams got an overdose of smoke and fire today when the packing house of Benjamin H. Chapman, at Smithfield, Va., was burned.

### 7 SISTERS! 7 BEAUTIES!

The Rice Girls Occupy Two Pages Of The Sunday Times Next Sunday BUY THE SUNDAY TIMES

Very nice flooring, \$2.50 per 100 feet.

## SHOT HIS WIFE, WOUNDED BABY, KILLED HIMSELF



MRS. WILLIAM O. RICE, Killed by Jealous Husband, Who Wounded Their Baby and Committed Suicide.

Tragedy at W. O. Rice's Home Sequel of Elopement.

Frenzied with jealous rage, William O. Rice, a telegrapher this morning shot and killed his wife, wounded his one-year-old baby boy, and ended his own existence with two bullets through his heart at 131 Heckman street southeast.

Side by side they lay on slabs in the morgue this afternoon, mute reminders of an elopement two years ago, with frightful and tragic culmination.

Baby Earl is in Providence Hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the back, bruises about his little head, and shock. Hysterical and burdened with sorrow, the aged mother and pretty sister of the murdered woman are on the verge of nervous collapse at their home, where the tragedy was enacted.

### Domestic Quarrels Frequent.

Domestic quarrels between Rice and his wife have been frequent during the past five months, because he refused to give her any part of the \$50 he earned each month as a telegrapher for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Neglected, unprovided for, and tongue-lashed almost every day, Mrs. Rice pluckily and uncomplainingly bore her sorrow. Relatives say it was Rice's wont to start a violent quarrel immediately before each pay day in order that he might have an excuse to leave the house and not return until after his funds had been exhausted.

### Returned About 8 o'Clock.

This morning Rice, who worked from 7 in the evening until the same hour in the morning, returned to the Heckman street house shortly before 8 o'clock. He had not been drinking, but his father-in-law, William Grove, noticed that Rice was eager for a quarrel. "Where's Lily?" he asked, as he entered the dining room. "She's in bed," replied Mrs. Rice's mother.

"She's not feeling well," continued Mrs. Grove. Without removing his hat or coat, as was his custom, Rice rushed upstairs to the second floor, and began quarreling with his wife. A few moments later he descended to the dining room, carrying the baby in a chair beside him at the breakfast table. He ate heartily, but quarreled as he ate. Shortly afterward his wife came downstairs, clad in her street clothes. "Where are you going?" demanded her husband.

### To Visit Her Brother.

Mrs. Rice informed him that she intended visiting her married brother, Alfred, at 829 H street northeast. "No, you're not," replied the husband. "You're going to meet some man, and I demand that you stay here." This precipitated a violent quarrel. Mrs. Rice picked up her baby and seated herself in a wicker chair in the parlor, while her husband sat in a chair opposite her. Miss Ida Grove, a strikingly handsome blonde, several years younger than Mrs. Rice, went to the settee about three feet from her sister.

### Wanted Her Wedding Ring.

After a moment's silence Mrs. Rice said: "You don't care anything for me. You're always quarreling and suspecting. I want my wedding ring that you have." "I'll not give it to you," snapped her husband. "Then you won't get your watch," retorted Mrs. Rice. Rice demanded his watch, but reiterated:

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## SAY BONAPARTE IS TO RETIRE FROM CABINET

Attorney General Bonaparte is contemplating an early retirement from President Roosevelt's Cabinet on account of ill health, according to a story sent out from this city today by a press association. The story is as follows:

The intimation comes from a high source that Attorney General Bonaparte is contemplating retirement from the Cabinet. It is said that he is in bad health, and there is a fear that he is on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Mr. Bonaparte told the President a week ago that he was not well, but expressed the hope that he would soon be "out of the woods."

The Attorney General has been greatly pleased with his new post. It has enabled him to devote more time to private and political demands in Baltimore, his home, than when he was Secretary of the Navy.

### At Department Twice a Week.

For some time past the Attorney General has found it impossible to be at the Department of Justice much oftener than twice a week. His regular days are Tuesdays and Fridays, Cabinet days. Even on these occasions, he is driven direct from the station to the White House, his private secretary going over the mail with him while en route, and finishing the work later at the department in the hour or less of time that the Attorney General usually spends there on those days.

The Attorney General has a genial laugh and the smile for which he has become noted, treats jocularly any suggestions that he is overworking himself, but it is known that he has felt almost the same embarrassment as the Assistant Attorney General, over his inability to discuss personally with them important business before the department.

This difficulty has been somewhat removed by his assistants often submitting their requests or suggestions as memoranda, and having them presented through his private secretary. A half dozen trust investigations are demanding investigation. The Attorney General has given the recommendations such partial consideration as he has been able to, but it is understood that he has not yet felt strong enough to undertake the supreme test of a final decision.

### THE WEATHER REPORT.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have light to fresh variable winds, with showers to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE. 9 a. m. 60 12 noon 61 1 p. m. 61

DOWNTOWN. (Registered Atfleck's Standard Thermometer.) 9 a. m. 59 12 noon 60 1 p. m. 61

SUN TABLE. Sun sets today 6:58 Sun rises tomorrow 4:54

TIDE TABLE. High water today 3:31 p. m. Low water today 9:42 a. m. High water tomorrow 4:35 p. m. Low water tomorrow 10:45 a. m. 11:12 p. m.

HARPERS PERRY, W. Va. May 7.—Potomac and Shenandoah, both clear.

Libbey & Co., 6th and New York ave. Finest of Lumber, \$2 per 100 feet.

Dressed Palings, headed, \$2 per 100.

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Dressed Pickets, square, \$2 per 100.

Beautiful Boards, \$2 per 100 feet.

Very nice flooring, \$2.50 per 100 feet.