

BLACKMAIL IS HELD KEY TO DOUBLE CRIME

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 11.—An attempted blackmail hold-up is the theory advanced now for the murder of Norman W. Shear, Buffalo garage-man, and his fiancée, Miss Mary Elizabeth Messmer, on Ensminger road, Tonawanda.

The road where the double crime was committed is known as "Lovers Lane." It runs off the river road, the main highway between this city and Tonawanda, and is frequently used by motorists, especially those living in the Black Rock section of Buffalo.

Sheriff Bradley and his deputies are of the opinion that Shear and Miss Messmer were killed after an attempt had been made to blackmail the couple, who were found seated in the automobile at a late hour. The sheriff bases his opinion on the number of reports received by him of late, telling of bogus officers who flashed badges and demanded money of motorists under threats of arrest.

Believe He Resisted.

Shear and his companion, it is believed, were the victims of a bogus officer. The dead man, it is held, may have been approached by a pseudo officer, who threatened arrest. Shear and the girl were engaged and were soon to be married. Shear may have resisted the attempted blackmail, possibly recognizing the gunman, and was then shot down, the authorities believe. The fact that the woman was found dead on the road some distance from the automobile tends to show that she got out of the machine during the argument and was trying to escape.

No Clues Uncovered.

Although more than two days have passed since the double murder, not a real clue has been unearthed that would tend to run down the slayer of the young couple. Sheriff Bradley is working on the blackmail theory and expects to get more definite information from motorists who reported the attempted hold-ups on the Ensminger road last week.

Relatives and friends of the murdered couple refuse to accept any other theory than that they were killed by a thug. Shear was unarmed when he took Miss Messmer for the automobile ride on Sunday night. In fact it is said he never owned a gun. The dead girl, it is said, never had any other admirers, and it is declared a jealousy motive for the double slaying is unfounded.

MIKE'S BACK AGAIN; WANTS A U. S. MA

Belgian Waif, Fond of Craps, Arrives in New York for Fourth Time.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—If anybody wants to adopt a Belgian by the name of Mike Gilhooly, the same is at Ellis Island, clothed in slip-chest garments and a receptive mood.

Mike, though a little unconventional, might prove an asset to some family, for he has swatted the high cost of living and travel.

In fact, this is the fourth time the lad has been "across."

He came first just after the armistice, picked up a collection of \$150 with his sad tale of orphan's loneliness and was sent back to France.

Mike came right back, got another collection and wanted a second good-bye kiss to Miss Liberty of Bedloe's Island. The third time he stowed away a sympathetic woman, touched by the plight of a boy whose Irish father had died years ago and whose Belgian mother had been killed in the war, adopted him. Mike lost his foster mother, however, when he was caught in a craps game and was again sent back across the sea.

Yesterday he arrived as a stowaway on the Kronland and was taken once more to Ellis Island, which is beginning to seem like home to him.

On one trip over he picked up a sympathy fund of \$500.

POSTAL CARD TRAVELS 13 YEARS.

BOSTON, Sept. 11.—After being sent from Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., to Boston for thirteen years, a postal card has been received by B. H. Macy, of 370 Atlantic avenue.

The card was mailed at the fort July 21, 1906, by Macy's sister, Hazel, and it was addressed to her father who died a few years ago.

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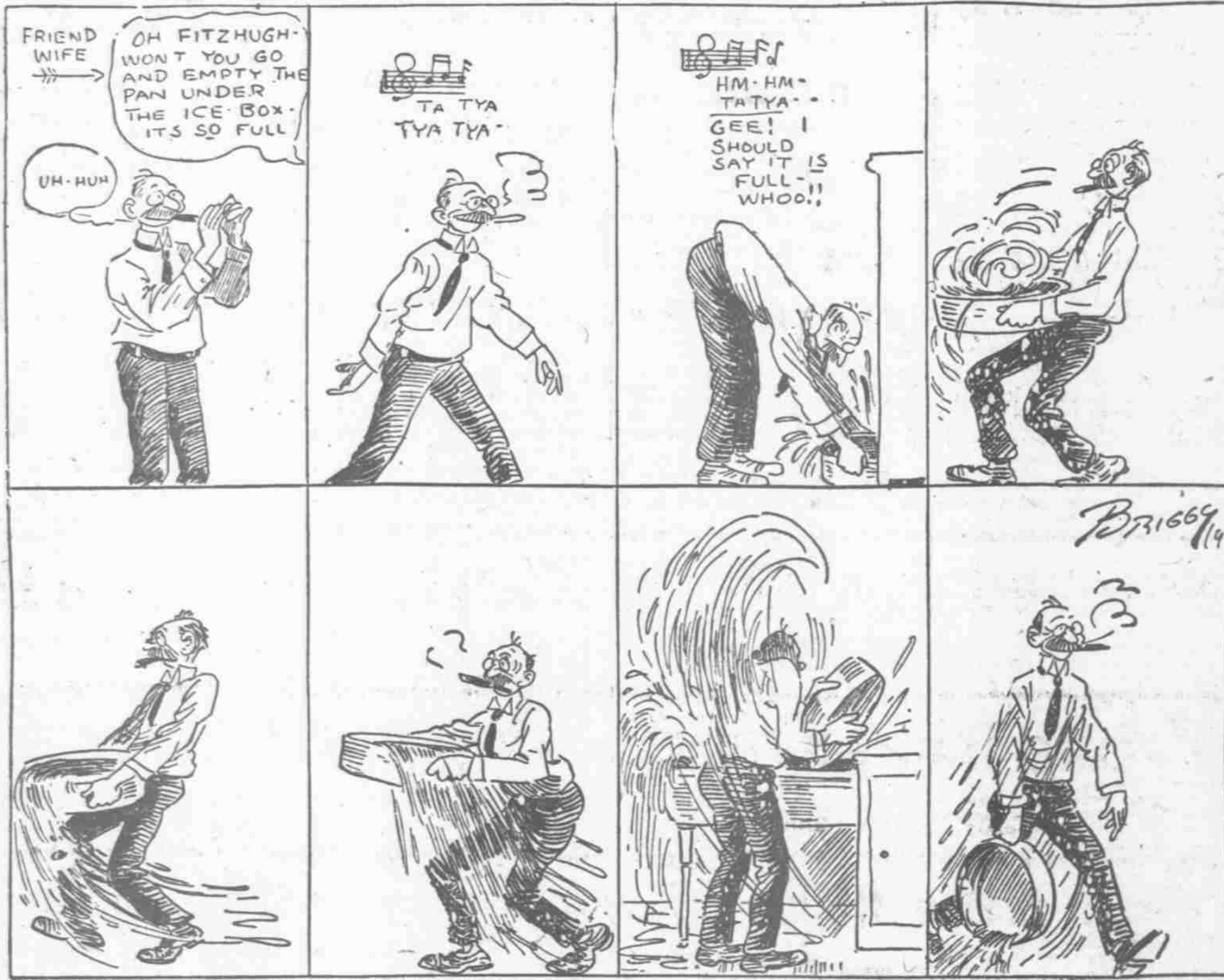
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GERMAN PASSPORTS ON WAR-TIME BASIS

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—The camel trying a squeeze through the eye of a needle had an easy assignment compared to the German who would get by the passport officials and allied authorities to spend a holiday abroad.

The camel and needle trick might be possible, provided the camel were small enough and the needle big enough. But the German traveler who would cross the frontier throws his hands up in despair and mutters: "It can't be done."

During the war, while Germany was still a monarchy, it was difficult to obtain a passport. The republican government has made it impossible. Passport regulations that in their severity surpass anything ever known in darkest Russia, have been prescribed as a link in the one great idea that today engrosses official Germany—to catch the tax dodger.

Good Conduct Essential.

The first step of the passport applicant is to obtain a certificate of good conduct from his local police station. If he is unknown to the police that is a comparatively easy matter. If the cops know him too well

URGENT CENSUS OF WOMEN WORKERS

Housewives of the United States could pay off the war debt in two years with their earnings, according to figures presented to Secretary Redfield by Mrs. Raymond Robins, president of the National Women's Trade Union League, in a letter requesting that both wage-earning and house-keeping women be included in the next census.

Mrs. Robins states that current estimates put the number of women doing their own housework at 19,000,000, and the value of their output, computed at the rate of \$45 a month, would reach an aggregate yearly income of \$10,000,000,000. She declares that many wage earning women support dependents.

ST. LOUIS NEGROES PLAN OWN DEPARTMENT STORE

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 11.—A co-operative department store organized, managed

and for negroes was being planned here today.

A meeting is expected to provide funds for the enterprise. Stock amounting to \$25,000 has been subscribed, and the balance of \$100,000 is expected to be raised tomorrow.

Dr. B. G. Shaw, pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church and president of the Co-operative Association of Liberty, is founder of the idea. "We are going to separate ourselves," he said today. "I think it is well for us to build up a whole section commercially and otherwise."

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And So Girls in Fifty-eight Story Building Go on Strike.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—"Walk up fifty-eight flights? Not me, honey! Shoe leather and silk stockings are too costly. Think of the wear and tear on knees that means. Why, you'd have to bend them a million times to get up that high."

Besides the supply of chewing gum and nice novels, with handsome heroes and heroines, was large.

And so some thousands of little stenographers employed up in the fifty-eight-story Metropolitan Life Building rested comfortably on the stairs in the lower lobby, reading of the good old days of love and romance, after telephoning friend boss that the elevators weren't running this morning.

It was all because the coal heavers way down in the third or fourth subbasement refused to work when they were refused an increase of \$5 a week. They were being paid \$4 a day.

Some there were who walked up, but they were mostly the male population of the building.

And some of the girls thought more of work than of romance and chewing gum and giggled their way up. But most of those were from the floors that seem to be the basement when compared to the top of the building.

Vitality and enthusiasm carried some as high as the tenth floor or so, but ambition waned as the height progressed. And so the great lobby of the building appeared as a massive reading room, where the girls reveled in the tales of lavender and old lace.

"Bill" Sewall, formerly guide to Col. Theodore Roosevelt, undaunted by the wilds of many trails in the Maine woods, looked somewhat aghast at this array when he entered the lobby on his way to a meeting of the Roosevelt Memorial Association on the twenty-ninth floor. But "Bill" he's seventy-four years old—regained composure and announced his intention of climbing up those many flights.

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ought not bother me much, I guess," he told the gathered throng. And so he started off. But he was stopped and told that one elevator was hauling sixteen persons at a time up the fifty-eight stories. And "Bill" waited.

An emergency shift succeeded in getting four cars, one in each section of the building, going for a time, but power gave out and three of the cars had to be stopped.

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