

CRAZED MAN SHOT SELF AFTER TRYING TO KILL OTHERS IN A TAXICAB

James W. Ryce of Rochester Paid for a Taxi Trip from Boston to Worcester, Mass., and When the Driver Refused to Continue Trip to Hartford Pulled Gun on Him.

OTHER MEMBER OF PARTY WAS SHOT WHILE INTERFERING

Ryce Then Engaged in Pistol Duel With Worcester Policeman and Finally Ended His Own Life With Bullet After Shooting Harold P. Joyce in the Cheek.

Worcester, Mass., July 13.—A man believed to be James W. Ryce of Rochester, N. Y., acting as the lost of an automobile party with only ten cents in his pockets, apparently went mad while the car was passing through here on the way from Boston to Hartford, Conn., early to-day, and after shooting Harold P. Joyce of Boston, threatening Abraham Smith of Boston, the driver, and exchanging shots with Patrolman Joseph F. O'Malley, killed himself.

Ryce had engaged the automobile, a renting car, from Smith at Boston for a trip to Worcester, agreeing to pay \$75. To the request of Smith for permission to bring along some friends, Ryce acquiesced and Smith took aboard Joyce, Miss Margaret Rivett and Walter Andrews on the run to Worcester. Ryce kept silent until Smith said he would have to stop for gasoline and asked him passenger to advance him some money. Ryce reached into a pocket, withdrawing a pistol instead of money, pressed it to Smith's side and said he wanted to go to Hartford and ordered the driver to keep going. Smith stayed at the wheel under the threat until Miss Rivett, seeing a policeman, cried out for help. Officer O'Malley obtained an automobile and took up the pursuit.

Meantime, Joyce had moved forward in the car and sought to wrest the gun away from Ryce, ordering Smith to stop. During the struggle the driver slowed down and the pursuing policeman was able to overtake the fugitive car. Ryce turned on Joyce and shot him through the cheek, a flesh wound which proved to be serious, then fired at the approaching policeman and fired at him but missed. Several shots were exchanged before Ryce turned the gun on himself. He died instantly.

An inquest was held on Ryce's death, and the evidence of several witnesses, including Patrolman O'Malley, showed that Ryce shot himself with a revolver and the court ordered the Boston party released from custody.

The police believe the dead man to be an insane ex-serviceman. A diary found in his pocket gives his occupation as a sign painter, and notes that Dr. Ryce of New York was asked in case of emergency.

CHAUFFEUR'S DEATH SEALS MYSTERY

Bernard B. Geissler Died To-day After Having Killed His Employer, Mrs. Arthur E. Decordova, at Stonington, Conn.

Stonington, Conn., July 13.—Little information was obtainable here to-day into the tragedy yesterday in which Mrs. Arthur E. Decordova of New York City was killed by her chauffeur, Bernard B. Geissler, who himself died to-day from wounds inflicted at the time.

Resumed Their Work

here from Gales Ferry this forenoon and expected to take all day in his inquiry.

MRS. GEISLER PROSTRATED.

When She Heard of Tragedy in Which Her Husband Figured.

New York, July 13.—Arthur Decordova, New York broker, whose wife was killed yesterday by their chauffeur, Bernard Geissler, near New London, left at once for Connecticut on learning of the tragedy.

Called a Genius.

Paris, July 13.—Paul Adolphe Darde, awarded the envied Prix Salon national prize for his marbles "faun" and "eternal suffering," is greeted by critics as a genius, in the real sense of that abused word.

Darde, in the simple telling of his career, stands out among artists. He is not trained in the academic way. He was a shepherd in the region of Lozve, in the wine country of southern France. Soon a small farmer, he watched a flock of worked the ground until he was 20. He fought in the war and to-day, famous, he is only 31.

The big, powerful, blond-bearded peasant, when drawing, he says, he was eight but felt his own way until he took a drawing course in the Ladeve high school and later studied at Montpellier, getting as he says, guidance in his first steps. Through the counsel of his two art teachers, he came to Paris. He spent five weeks here in the government art institute and worked in Rodin's studio.

With that slim grip of the classic school and the modernity of Rodin, Darde began the working in marble and metal that made experience his teacher.

Darde has no preference in schools. He is not a Rodinist. He has been likened most closely to Rodin, but he admires first of all the work of Jean Goujon and secondly that of Barye and Rodin of modern art.

The man is a massive, vigorous composition, energetic, cynical and sensual. "Eternal suffering," represents a woman's head, snake-entwined, with a face, upturned, in anguish and almost distorted as if with physical pain.

Darde works directly in marble without a wax or plaster model.

Still Feeding Children.

American Relief Workers Operating Among the Poles.

Warsaw, July 12 (By the Associated Press).—Plans for American relief workers have been forced to flee from cities and towns near the battle lines, the children, who have been aided, will not be permitted to suffer, according to advice received by American relief officials here. The work of providing for the destitute has been taken up by bolshevik organizations in areas wrested from the Poles by the advancing soviet armies.

The American relief organization has in Poland supplies worth \$500,000, and is continuing to feed 1,000,000 persons by order of the Peking government. Operations until compelled to do so by the bolshevik advance. Two hundred thousand children, formerly cared for by the Americans, are now within the bolshevik lines or in danger zones.

Chinese Plan Welcome.

For Party of American Congressmen Coming in July.

Shanghai, July 11.—Plans to extend an elaborate welcome to a party of American congressmen coming to China in July are well under way in Shanghai, by order of the Peking government. The view expressed in official quarters is that this visit of the congressmen affords the first opportunity for China to express its gratitude to the United States for the stand that was taken at Washington upon the Shantung question.

According to messages received, the congressional party will number 130 and will arrive in Shanghai after a stop in Hawaii the latter part of the month.

Special trains are to be placed at the disposal of the visitors. Through arrangements, receptions, excursions of various kinds, presentations and other affairs are being arranged.

Longshoremen Said They Would Live Up to Contract.

New York, July 12.—The 1,000 Oriental Navigation company longshoremen to-day went back to work after being less than a day on strike. Union officials claimed they returned because they wanted to abide by their contract to continue working at the present schedule. The I. O. O. F. Company officials made no statement.

GIVE GERMANS DAY TO REPLY

To the Allied Ultimatum Regarding the Delivery of Coal

DEMAND WAS 2,000,000 TONS EVERY MONTH

After the Germans Had Offered to Deliver 1,100,000 Tons

Spa, Belgium, July 13 (By the Associated Press).—The allied prime ministers have decided not to insist upon the Germans replying to the allied ultimatum, regarding coal deliveries at 3 o'clock p. m. to-day. The Germans will be permitted to defer their reply until to-morrow.

The experts on both sides are spending the day re-examining the situation. The allies originally demanded a monthly delivery of 2,500,000 tons of coal by the Germans. The Germans offered 1,000,000 tons and the allied demand was reduced to 2,000,000 tons. The ultimatum informed the Germans that they must agree by 3 o'clock this afternoon to this monthly delivery, or the allies would take measures to enforce the terms of the treaty of Versailles.

While the experts were at work the prime ministers were indulging in relaxation from the labors the conference had entailed upon them. Premier Lloyd George, for his part, went on a motor car trip.

Price Level Drops.

That Paid Farmers Fell 0.7 Per Cent in June.

Washington, D. C., July 13.—The "level of prices paid farmers for principal crops decreased about 1.7 per cent during June, said a report issued to-day by the department of agriculture. On July 1, however, the report added, the index figure of prices paid farmers was still more than 20 per cent higher than a year ago, 37 per cent higher than two years ago and 102.3 per cent higher than the 10-year average.

Wilson is Hopeful.

That Coal Situation in New England Will Soon Be Cleared.

Hartford, Conn., July 13.—Governor Holcomb has received from Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, acknowledgement of a telegram sent by the governor Saturday relating to the coal situation. Mr. Tumulty says: "The president asks me to acknowledge your telegram. Coal situation is having earnest attention. We hope satisfactory situation will soon be reached."

3,000,000 Bottles Champagne for Sale

Sequestered Property of a German in France Was Greatly Diminished

During the War by German Soldiers.

Paris, July 13.—Eight million bottles of champagne will be placed on sale July 18, when the sequestered property of Baron Walter de Munm will be auctioned off. This property was seized in 1915, subsequent to the baron's assumption of German citizenship when the war began.

In Many Big Battles.

Major G. N. Jones, Native of Hadley, Mass., Died in Chicago.

Chicago, July 13.—Major G. N. Jones, veteran of many of the important battles during the war, died in Chicago, while on the staff of General Edwards of the sixth corps, died at a hospital here last night, following an operation. He was born in Hadley, Mass., in 1836 and in 1861 enlisted in the 27th Massachusetts volunteer infantry. A few years later he came to Chicago, where for many years he was assistant United States marshal.

Will Reorganize for Defense.

Sir Edward Carson Says Government Doesn't Protect Ulster.

London, July 12 (By the Associated Press).—Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster unionist leader, declared to-day that in the face of what he described as the inactivity of the government in protesting against the "machinations" of the Sinn Fein "we will reorganize in our own defense the volunteers, who lent you such splendid help to maintain the empire during the war."

No Buyers for Wooden Ships.

No Bids Received on 21 Recently Offered.

Washington, D. C., July 13.—The shipping board has found no buyers for the 21 wooden ships, bids on which recently were invited. The tenders were to have been opened to-day but none was received.

Cuba's Presidential Ticket.

VOTED TO JOIN LABOR GROUP

Convention of Committee of 48 Took Action This Morning

Toward Formation of a New Party

Other Groups Went into Labor Convention to Amalgamate

Chicago, July 13.—Amalgamation of the principal groups attempting to form a new party was effected here to-day. The committee of 48 voted to join the National Labor party. A large non-partisan league group and a delegation of single taxers marched into the labor convention and announced that they also had decided to amalgamate.

Marine Corps Commissions.

There Are Hundreds of Vacancies to Be Filled.

Washington, D. C., July 13.—Major General John A. Lejeune, marine corps commandant, announced to-day that there would be convened at marine headquarters here on Thursday a board of officers, nearly 500 candidates for permanent commissions in the corps. Congress recently authorized an increase in the strength of the corps from 17,000 to 27,000 men, creating a large number of vacancies in the command personnel.

The new marine officers will be chosen on the basis of record and physical fitness from all former officers of the corps, reserve and temporary, and from former enlisted men who hold or have held commissions, whether they are now in civil life or in service.

Warns the Public.

Against Unfair Dealers in Necessaries of Life.

Boston, July 13.—An appeal to local authorities in every city and town to aid the state commission on necessities of life in warning the public against unfair dealers was made to-day by Brigadier-General John C. Sherburne, chairman of the commission. The appeal was contained in a letter which was sent to mayors and selectmen.

From reports received at this office it would appear that many of the retail stores, especially those dealing in meats and produce, are charging prices far beyond what is reasonable and fair. There is no law in the state on the subject; remonstrance with and admonition of the individual dealers by the commission seem to have lost their effect; and it is therefore necessary to ascertain and warn the purchasing public against unfair dealers in order that they may protect themselves.

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Report Not Confirmed.

That American Officer Was Killed in Street Fighting at Trieste.

Washington, D. C., July 13.—No report of the killing of an American officer during street fighting at Trieste, the participation by American naval forces in recent disturbances there has been received at the navy department. The cruiser Olympia and several United States naval destroyers are stationed in the Adriatic.

Harding in Seclusion.

In Order to Work on His Speech of Acceptance.

Marion, O., July 12.—Senator Harding went into seclusion to-day in order to work on his speech accepting the Republican presidential nomination. He plans to complete the speech this week.

Plans Long "Loaf."

Vice-President Marshall to Exercise "Prerogative" of His Office.

San Diego, Cal., July 13.—Vice-President Marshall, who is at Coronado for a stay, which, he says, may last three weeks, made it plain to-day that he intended to have a good rest.

According to the constitution of the United States, he said, "my duties as vice-president are, first, to preside over the Senate, when it is in session, second, to lead the rest of the time, and I fully intend to exercise my prerogative with respect to the second duty until next December."

WANDERER'S SISTER BELIEVES HIM CRAZY

But Chicago Police Are Inclined to Put Little Credence on That Theory After Their Tests.

Chicago, July 13.—Delay in presentation of the two indictments voted against Carl Wanderer was secured by the police to-day to permit further investigations of Wanderer's motive for shooting his wife and the unidentified stranger he had hired for a fake robbery. The indictments will be brought up later this week, the police said.

The mental test taken of Wanderer soon after the murders will be used in court in the event he makes a plea of insanity, they said. The physicians who examined Wanderer said they had not fully concluded their test, but that they had decided so far that he is sane and that his motive for the crime is still unknown.

From the ex-husband's letters and from the friends the police say they have learned that he had many friendships with girls, some of which ran concurrently with his married life.

"I believe that Carl is insane," Mrs. Hattie Roth, the man's sister, declared to-day. "Our mother killed herself after having been insane for six years, and Carl once tried to throw himself from a fire escape at the county hospital while confined there with scarlet fever."

Bolshevik Battle Cry Was Chanted

At the Opening of All Sessions of the Communist Party in Chicago

Chicago, July 13.—The battle cry of the bolshevik was chanted at the opening of all sessions of the communist party last September. George F. E. Cumerow testified when the taking of testimony began in the trial of 20 members of the communist labor party to-day. Cumerow is an attorney and was counsel for the defendants, who are charged with violating the Illinois sedition act, waived the privilege of making an opening statement and Cumerow took the stand to tell about the communist convention here and was still on the stand to-day.

William Broese, one of the defendants and reputed a millionaire, was elected permanent sergeant-at-arms. Cumerow testified when the convention opened on the third day. He said it selected the name communist labor party because it sounded revolutionary.

Lightning Struck in Middlebury and in Salisbury.

Middlebury, July 13.—Lightning struck the barns on the Bartly Douglas farm, a mile and a half south from this village, which is owned by the Gorman brothers of Middlebury, and the resulting fire destroyed the three buildings last evening. The chemical truck from Middlebury made a record trip and the granary and a tenement house were saved.

The loss to Mr. Douglas on the building is between \$5,000 and \$6,000, partially covered by insurance. The Gorman brothers lost about \$1,000 worth of material, including hay and tools, partially covered by insurance.

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New Vermont Corporations.

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ANTI-"SUFFS" LOST PETITION

Court Throws Out Injunction Proceedings to Prevent Promulgation

AND TEST VALIDITY OF EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Justice Bailey of District of Columbia Supreme Court Quashed the Action

Washington, D. C., July 13.—Justice Bailey in the District supreme court dismissed to-day injunction proceedings brought by Charles S. Fairchild of New York, president of the American Constitutional league, to prevent the promulgation of the ratification of the suffrage amendment and to test the validity of the equal suffrage law.

The court held that it was without authority to inquire into the action of the state legislatures in ratifying the suffrage amendment, and that it had no authority to pass upon the validity of such an amendment. Mr. Fairchild noted an appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

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The First Congregational church of Milton has filed articles in the same office for the purpose of conducting a church in that town.

BASEBALL PLANS PREPARED.

At Meeting of Barre Athletic Association Last Evening.

Considerable was accomplished at the meeting of the Barre Athletic association held in the city court room last evening, despite the comparatively small number of athletic supporters to brave the inclement weather to further this athletic project.

Temporary Chairman Alexander Milne called the meeting a few minutes after the scheduled time, whereupon Athol R. Bell was chosen temporarily to preside as director. A. M. Cella, W. M. Russell, Charles A. Brown, John O'Leary and W. G. Reynolds being the chosen five.

Attorney William Wishart and City Clerk James Mackay were appointed to draw up a set of by-laws to govern the organization. The election of permanent officers for this association resulted with Alexander Milne as president, Athol R. Bell, secretary, and Charles H. Wishart, treasurer. Next a committee of three retired to present the names of five others besides those of the officers to be presented.

W. G. Reynolds, chairman of the campaign committee, was instructed to secure stock books and necessary supplies for the raising of funds, which will be done by the sale of stocks at \$5 each. Membership to the association will be accomplished by the simple purchase of one stock, though as many stocks as desired, not exceeding \$5,000 for the present at least, may be purchased.

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