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VANAMAN WAS SHOT BY KID CURLEY LAST NIGHT

Received Wound in Hip From 32-Calibre
Revolver, But Not Dangerously
Injured.

THE SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL

Sergt. S. A. Vannaman, the Liberal
wrestler, is confined to his bed with
a bullet wound in his left hip, as a
result of a shot fired by "Kid" Curley,
another local wrestler.

A reporter for the Democrat visited
the Vannaman home on North
Washington this afternoon, and he
found Vannaman in the best of spir-
its.

Asked as to the detail of the shoot-
ing, he said that he and Curley were
south of town, just outside of the
city limits, shooting at a target with
a 32-calibre revolver. He did not
know Curley was going to shoot
again, and walked in front of him
just as the weapon was discharged.

The bullet entered Vannaman's
body just above the hip bone on the
left side of the body, inflicting an
ugly, but not necessarily dangerous
wound. The bone was not injured,
but the bullet remains in the wound,
a surgeon desiring to wait until the
wound healed before going after the
bullet.

According to the surgeon, had the
bullet entered one-sixteenth of an
inch higher, it would have resulted
fatally, and Vannaman feels lucky
to be alive.

Vannaman says relations between
he and Curley are most friendly,
that it was purely an accident, and
that he expects to be about in a cou-
ple of weeks.

The shooting gave rise to all sorts
of rumors, and most of these con-
cerned trouble between Vannaman
and Curley. However Vannaman has
set these stories at rest by assuring
the reporter that there was nothing
to the tale, and that he and Curley
were, and are, the best of friends.

Curley is at Perryton, Texas, today
and could not be interviewed.

Vannaman seems to feel none the
worse for his experience. He laughs
and jokes about his wound and seems
glad it is no worse. However, he
seems to think it strange that he was
able to go through the war without
getting shot, and then become the
victim of a bullet in this peaceful
surrounding.

As a result of the accident, the
Vannaman-Curley wrestling bout
will not be held Saturday night, as
was scheduled. The two were to have
wrestled for the championship of
Liberal at that time.

SALVATION ARMY LASS VOLUN- TEERS FOR WORK AMONG LEPERS IN JAVA



Seven years of service among the
lepers of Java is the pledge of Cap-
tain Elizabeth Brooks, a pretty Eng-
lish girl of twenty, who volunteered
to continue the activities of a com-
rade who lost her life by contract-
ing the dreaded disease while in the
colony. It was at a meeting in
Leicestershire, England, that Miss
Brooks made the pledge, offering sev-
en years term of service, and her
life, if necessary, among the suffer-
ing lepers.

ENTERTAINED AT A BIRTHDAY PARTY

A very delightful afternoon was
spent at the home of Mrs. J. D.
Pearce Tuesday when a party of
friends arrived at her home and com-
pletely surprised her. The affair was
in honor of her birthday, and was
given by Mrs. J. A. Fuller and Mrs.
Cecil Pearce. The evening was spent
in playing games and music and after
which dainty refreshments were
served by the hostesses. Many and
beautiful were the gifts that were
received by Mrs. Pearce and the day
will long be remembered by her. The
following were the invited guests:
Mesdames H. W. Magruder, A. J.
Cure, W. L. Zimmerman, Robert
Dickerson, Roy See, A. G. Daugherty,
C. E. Ames, W. B. Sturdivant and
Wiswell.

Rev. Walter Maltas of Salina re-
turned home Sunday afternoon after
holding Episcopal services here in
the morning.

Drink Seal Brand Coffee. Free
at the Star Grocery, Friday and Sat-
urday afternoons.

L. N. Pennington has returned from
a business trip to Garden City and
Syracuse.

GOVERNMENT ISSUES A REASSURING STATEMENT

Under Secretary of the Interior Says
No Alarm Need Be Felt Over
Threatened Outbreak.

THE SITUATION IS MORE FAVORABLE

ROME, Feb. 2.—The Under Sec-
retary of the Interior has issued a
statement assuring the nation that
no alarm need be felt over the rum-
ors of a general outbreak set for tomor-
row.

The rumors originated as a result
of socialistic maneuvers to obtain
government protection against fat-
alists and anti-socialistic organiza-
tions according to the statement of
the under-secretary.

The situation was declared more
favorable today by officials of the
government.

HARD TO RESIST

The charm of brass buttons and a
uniform—few girls can resist them.
Especially when the wearer is young
and handsome and has very polished
manners and is very ardent in his
love-making. The uniform that at-
tracted Katherine, heroine of "A
Dark Lantern," was worn by a Prince
and a very charming Prince at that.
But all that he had to offer the proud
English girl was a morgantic mar-
riage, and her love had a hard struggle
with her pride before she made her
decision. How she decided it would
not be fair to tell but you will learn
when you see "A Dark Lantern," a
Reallart picture starring versatile
Alice Brady, which comes to the Ma-
jestic today and Thursday.

IS SWIMMING POOL A PLACE OF AMUSEMENT?

COLORADO SPRINGS, Feb. 2.—
Whether a swimming pool is a place
of amusement or a necessary adjunct
to a first-class hotel will be decided
by the United States District Court
here.

A complaint has been filed in the
court by the Broadmoor Hotel against
Mark A. Skinner, internal revenue
collector, declaring that Skinner,
through a local deputy, collected
from the Broadmoor the sum of \$557,
representing a "war tax" on the
swimming pool receipts.

The Broadmoor wants its money
back on the grounds that the swim-
ming pool is a part of the hotel
equipment and should not be subject
to a war tax.

LIBERAL PRODUCE MARKET

Eggs	35
Hens and Pullets	20
Old Roosters	8
Staggy Young Roosters	12
Cream	38
Turkeys	28
Guineas each	25
Hides	02

EX-PRESIDENT CALLS HIS VACATION A SECOND HONEYMOON



Mr. and Mrs. William H. Taft, photographed upon their return from
a month's vacation to Bermuda, which Mr. Taft chose to call his second
honeymoon. Mr. Taft declined to comment on Cabinet possibilities of Pres-
ident-elect Harding or any political matter.

LONDON'S NEXT CRAZE COLORED CIGARETTES

(By International News Service)
LONDON, Feb. 2.—London's next
craze may be colored cigarettes!

A few of the fashionable and more
expensive tobaccoists are exhibit-
ing them, but as the price is nearly
prohibitive, it is certain that only
the well-to-do smoker will be able
to afford them.

The cigarettes are of many colors,
some are yellow, some purple, some
red, some green, and altogether they
look like the side of a camouflaged
ship. All the cigarettes have silver
mouthpieces.

THE OIL SITUATION

The Democrat has had little to re-
port in the way of oil news for some
time. This is not because there is no
development but because there is no
change in conditions.

The Traders Bunting No. 2 is still
making hole at a rapid rate and offi-
cials express themselves as well
pleased with the progress being made.
No information as to the depth of
the hole is made public, but owing to
the fact that unknown persons have
been hampering the work all visitors
are barred from the grounds.

The Traders Boles No. 1 is not ac-
tive. The gas is still being used at
the No. 2 well and is ample to keep
the five boilers going full blast.

The Seward County Oil & Gas
Company was active a few days ago.
The casing will be pulled, the rig
skidded a few feet and another hole
larger than the first, will be started.
Active work will start on making hole
as soon as the weather breaks in the
spring, possible the middle of next
month.

Representatives of one of the big
oil companies were here a few days
ago on a deal for a block of acreage
and the negotiations are still pend-
ing. It is very probable that the deal
will be a go and another test will be
started. This company if it starts,
will do business quickly, as it is one
of the most influential in the oil
game.

There are still rumors of other
tests to be made in the spring, but we
have been unable to get accurate
dope on them. It is said that there
are fifteen rigs to go up in the spring
whether this is a fact or merely
rumor we cannot say.

A reporter for the Democrat talked
to a prominent oil man a few days
ago one who is in excellent position
to know wherof he speaks and he said
that he had all faith in this as a big
oil field and expected to locate here
and get into the game.

Liberal folks are still optimistic
over the oil prospect. From the length
of time the Bunting well has been
drilling it is figured that it is getting
down far enough that the next few
weeks run should bring something if
it is to be a producer, and hopes are
built high on this well. It is thought
by many that the west location is the
better of the two; that the gas found
on the hill indicates the presence of

MEXICO HAS MUCH UNDEVELOPED OIL LAND

(By International News Service)
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1.—General
Trevino, former secretary of indus-
try and commerce, who is taking an
active interest in the future devel-
opment of Mexico's resources, says
that not twenty per cent of his
country's oil lands have been even
explored.

He thinks that Mexico's oil fields
offer unlimited opportunity for sub-
stantial returns upon investments,
enterprise and industry.

LIKE ROBINSON CRUSOE— LIVED ON DESERT ISLAND

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 2.—To Mrs.
Charles R. Stone has fallen the expe-
rience of being a Mrs. Robinson
Crusoe.

Recently during a twenty months'
visit with her husband in the Philip-
pines, she was washed overboard
from a sailing vessel during a typhoon
and spent three days on an uninhab-
ited island.

Her husband is an importer and
exporter, Mrs. Stone said. His busi-
ness took him to Iloilo in the Philip-
pines. She went along. They travel-
ed on a dinky little coasting steam-
er.

"When we were off at Bolino
A stormy wind began to blow.
Our boat did wobble-wobble so
That overboard I went!"

paraphrases Mrs. Stone
In reality it was such a stormy
wind that it was rated as a typhoon,
and the little craft bobbed like a
cork battling against it. As the storm
began to subside, Mrs. Stone, life
preserver on her arm, went on deck
to get some air. She got more than
air. She got so huge a wave in the
back that she went overboard, and
the folk on the boat could not rescue
her.

While the distracted husband and
the boat went on to Bolino, Mrs.
Stone and her life preserver went
on a regular Robinson Crusoe life.

"I have an intimate knowledge
now of how that man Alexander Sel-
kirk felt when he was cast ashore on
the deserted island. I knew that this
island that I was on could not be
vacant at all times for I found the
remnants of fishermen's camps. I
just buckled up and ate fruit and
waited. There was plenty of fruit
on the island. The weather was good
and outdoors was no hardship."

Three days later fishermen found
her, and in their boat she went to
Bolino and found her husband, who
mourned her for dead.

oil in the lower land adjacent, and it
would be hard to convince the aver-
age Liberalite that this well will not
be a producer.

The Ladies Aid will hold a food
sale at the Star Grocery Saturday af-
ternoon, and will demonstrate Seal
Brand Coffee Friday and Saturday
afternoon. The Coffee is Free.

Subscribe for the Daily Democrat.

FINDS \$800.00 PEARL WEDGED BETWEEN TOES OF PIG

(By International News Service)

ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 2.—A pure
white toe on the muddy foot of a
hog attracted the attention of Mor-
ris Johnson, a farmer living near
here. Upon closer examination he
found that the white object was not a
toe, but a perfect pearl and that it
was lodged between the two toes. He
sold the pearl for \$800.

Johnson had been feeding his hogs
with mussel meat secured from mus-
sel seekers, who were collecting the
bivalves in the Rock river to sell the
shells to button manufacturers.

Popularity of fresh water pearls
has grown steadily in recent years.
Wisconsin claims the honor of being
the first state to develop a substan-
tial market for these gems, many of
which have a rich lustre and are of
delicate shades of pink and white.
White oriental pearls are the finest,
but the Wisconsin and Illinois fresh
water pearls are in great demand.

Pearl fishing is the most lucrative
of trades in the Orient. In Wisconsin
and Illinois it also has made many
a pearl fisher rich, for not only are
valuable pearls found frequently, but
the shells find a ready market in the
Mississippi river button factories.

ODD FELLOWS CONFER DEGREES FOR TYRONE

A Big Class From Neighboring City
Take Work In Local Lodge Room
Tuesday Evening.

VISITORS PRAISED LIBERAL LODGE.

The Liberal Odd Fellows lodge
held a get-together meeting at the
hall Tuesday evening and had one
of the most enjoyable times in the
history of the lodge.

The Tyrone lodge brought up a
big class of candidates and the local
lodge conferred the work on them.
The visitors declared they had never
seen the work put on in better shape
and were loud in their praises of the
work of the Liberal team.

When the Liberal boys are not in-
clined to boast they are justly proud
of their ability to please the lodges
from the neighboring towns when
they have work to put on. And these
towns acknowledge that Liberal is
a real live one.

Following the work talks were
made by men high in the order, as
well as local men. The hall was
packed to overflowing, and after the
meeting all adjourned to the lunch
room, where a banquet was in wait-
ing. And such a feed. All did ample
justice and the visitors pronounced
the Liberal boys the last word in en-
tertaining.

Liberal has a wonderfully strong
lodge and the fellows are always alive
to opportunities which present them-
selves, and are a credit to the city.

BIG 4 MACHINE SHOP IN RECEIVER'S HANDS

Institution Not Broke But Merely
Dissolving Partnership in
Legal Way

The news that the Big 4 Machine
Company was in the hands of a re-
ceiver led many to believe the insti-
tution bankrupt, but this is not the
case.

The receiver was asked to wind up
the affairs of the business prepara-
tory to a dissolution of partnership,
and Carl Eldridge was appointed re-
ceiver to close up the business of the
firm.

The Big 4 has always had a good
business and is one of the influen-
tial institutions of the town, and it
is a mistake to think that it is in
financial difficulties.

Free demonstration of Seal Brand
Coffee at the Star Grocery Friday
and Saturday afternoon. Served by
the Ladies Aid Food Sale Committee.

Seal Brand. Free at the Star
Grocery Friday and Saturday. Try a
cup. Served by the Ladies Aid Food
Sale Committee.

John Jones was over from Satanta
today on business.

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ALLEN TOLD OF THE N.P.L. INSIDEWORKINGS

Read Letters and Affidavits to Prove
Leaders of Non-Partisan League
Are Socialists.

SHOWED THAT TOWNLEY HAD CONTROL

At the meeting yesterday after-
noon "Fighting" Johnny Allen
read letters and documents to prove
his statements in regard to the Non-
Partisan League and the domination
of the League by Townley.

He read a list of Townley's hench-
men and told their former connec-
tion with the socialist party, and con-
vinced all open-minded persons that
the League had its inception in so-
cialism, and showed why it could not
be other than socialistic even after
Townley's death.

The statement is frequently asked
why, if Townleyism is so bad, the
people of North Dakota do not get
rid of him. If you had attended the
meeting yesterday afternoon you
would have learned why.

The reason is because they cannot.
Townley never built that powerful
machine of power with the idea of
letting someone else steer, and even
should he die, his kind have the power
to control the destinies of the organ-
ization.

Could the people of Kansas throw
the Republican party or the Demo-
cratic party out of Kansas? It could
not be done. Townley manages
smoothly to get his candidates nomi-
nated on the Republican and Demo-
cratic tickets in North Dakota. It
matters not to him which is elected—
he wins. And the people can no
more throw him out of North Dakota
than the people of Kansas can throw
out the old parties in this state.

Allen does not antagonize the
members of the Non-Partisan League.
He everlastingly romps on Mr. Town-
ley and his socialistic followers, but
he excuses the members he is getting
in Kansas on the grounds that they
do not know what they are getting
into.

Allen is a good little talker despite
the fact that a German bullet shot
away a section of the vertebrae of
his neck. He is fighting the Non-
Partisan League solely on account
of the disloyalty of Townley.

You can take your choice. You
can believe the words of a man who
went to fight for the country when
it needed men, or you can believe
the paid agents of a disloyal man who
did not fight. Personally we believe
Allen and we don't have a lot of
use for A. C. Townley or his hired
men.

Trainmasters J. S. Irwin and C. T.
McHugh went to Liberal yesterday
on company business.—Pratt Daily
Tribune.

THREE-room old house for sale;
low figure.—See Ray Millman.

MAY BE FIRST MINISTER OF ULSTER UNDER HOME RULE



Sir James Craig, who, according
to reports from London, will be asked
to form the first Ulster Ministry un-
der the Home Rule Law. With Sir
Edward Carson out, it is regarded
as a certainty in well-informed gov-
ernment circles, that Sir James
Craig will be offered the Ulster
premiership.