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## Assassin Attempts Life Of The President-Elect

### Mayor Cermack of Chicago Seriously Wounded While Franklin D. Roosevelt Escapes Injury



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Miami, Fla.—"I am sorry I didn't kill him. I want to kill all presidents." Joe Zingara, who shot Mayor Cermack, made this statement to Dade county officials after he attempted to shoot President-elect Roosevelt on the latter's arrival from his fishing trip in southern waters. Zingara, who was jostled by the crowd that swarmed upon him after he fired five shots in his attempt to kill the president-elect, was housed for safety in the Dade county jail, twenty-one floors above the street.

Miami, Fla.—An attempt to assassinate President-elect Roosevelt was made here by a gunman who fired a stream of bullets into the Roosevelt party, seriously wounding Anton Cermack, mayor of Chicago, and four other persons.

"I'm all right" shouted Mr. Roosevelt immediately after the shooting as he waved his arm to show the crowd he escaped the bullets.

A black, curly haired man of stocky build who said he was Joe Zingara of New York City was surrounded by citizens and police who hurried him to jail. "I kill presidents; kill all officers," the would be assassin said. The assassin fired from a point near the Roosevelt automobile in Bayfront park. Cermack was about twenty feet from Roosevelt.

The president-elect held Mayor Cermack's head with a circling arm as his automobile sped to a hospital. Cermack was shot in the chest. Zingara's five shots also hit Mrs. Joe Gill, of Miami; William Sinnott; Russell Caldwell, 22; and Miss Margaret Krus, of Newark, N. J.

The bullet that struck Cermack pierced his body, coming out his back, and little hope was held for his life.

**Roosevelt Announces Own Safety.** Startled and momentarily stunned by the firing close to his car, Roosevelt waved to the crowd and shouted he was unharmed as he was hurriedly driven away thru the confusion, bearing Cermack to a hospital. The shooting and screams of the victims created momentary pandemonium. Quiet was quickly restored, however.

Mrs. W. F. Cross of Miami struck the shooter's arm as he let go with a fifth shot and showed his elbow into the air. James W. Galloway of this city and a policeman overpowered

the man and shackled him to a car. Mr. Roosevelt had just concluded speaking from his automobile, standing in Bayfront park, and had sat down when the shooting opened. The president-elect, after a visit at the hospital where Mayor Cermack and the other victims were taken, called off his departure by train for New York until at least Thursday.

Orderly crowds surrounded the city police station where the would-be assassin was taken. The jail was just across the street from the railway station where Roosevelt's train had awaited him.

Bystanders said the prisoner spoke with a decided foreign accent. Mr. Roosevelt, at the hospital, went to the bed of each of the victims before going to the yacht of Vincent Astor to spend the night. He will return to the hospital Thursday morning and then depart for New York by train.

**Made Day of Tragedy.** The shooting turned a day of happiness for Roosevelt into one of tragedy. Only three hours before he had cruised into port here on the Astor yacht, tanned and jovial from his fishing cruise in southern waters. While deeply moved by the incident he was unruffled. He showed no excitement as his car sped away from the scene.

Gore said he heard the shooter exclaim as he was overpowered: "Well, I got Cermack."

The incident occurred about 9:45 p. m. The Roosevelt train had been scheduled to leave at 10 p. m. In the confusion George Broadnax, secret service operative, was erroneously identified as one of those wounded and his name even was reported to his superiors in Washington as a casualty. The man with whom he was confused was William Sinnott. Broadnax was unhurt.

**Delay Operating on Cermack.** After arrangements were made to give him an anesthetic, plans for an emergency operation on Mayor Cermack were abandoned for the time being.

Mayor Cermack told President-elect Roosevelt from his hospital bed that "I am glad it was me instead of you" who received the bullet of a gunman. Dr. G. Raap, the physician in charge, of Cermack, said "the bullet entered the right side below the tip

of the scapula and traveled downward toward the middle line and lies at the anterior margin of the eleventh dorsal vertebra."

Following the shooting the crowd yelled, "Kill him; kill him," as the reports of the shots echoed thru the jammed outdoor arena at Bayfront park. It was thru this same park that Herbert Hoover traveled as president-elect in the early part of 1929 when he came to Miami for a vacation at Belle Isle. As it was then, thousands of persons were massed along the route.

David Winchard, a Western Union messenger boy, gave the following account of the shooting:

"I was right next to Mr. Roosevelt's car. This man was in the middle of the crowd over to the right of the president-elect's car. After Mr. Roosevelt got thru speaking he sat down in his car. This man started shooting just then. This fellow that was doing the shooting seemed to wait until Roosevelt finished. Mr. Broadnax was hit in the head and fell to his knees. He was standing right beside President-elect Roosevelt's car. Mrs. Gill was shot in the stomach. She was standing next to the park benches about fifty feet away from the fellow who was doing the shooting."—State Journal.

## Large Number Witness Play Last Evening

"Protection" Title of Play Presented Under Auspices of Anti-Saloon League of Nebraska.

From Monday's Daily  
A very large congregation was present last evening at the First Presbyterian church to witness the production of the play, "Protection," sponsored by the Anti-Saloon league of Nebraska. The play was presented with a cast of local people and with F. A. High, president of the league, serving as the judge of the trial court.

The play was one that covered the protection of the illegal liquor traffic and the tendency of citizens to condone the traffic and who are patrons of the traffic.

The cast comprised Raymond Cook as the clerk of the court, Ralph Anderson as the U. S. marshal, Mrs. J. E. Wiles as Mrs. Mary Wilson, the plaintiff, Otto Stodola as the son of the plaintiff, C. C. Westcott as Oliver Banks, the defendant, Rev. C. O. Troy as the defendant's attorney, L. S. Devoe as a witness, Roy Olson as the sheriff, J. Howard Davis as the county attorney, Mrs. William Baird as Mrs. William Rich, and J. H. Graves as the editor.

The trial was before a jury composed of James Hall, Mrs. Audrey Garnett, O. C. Hudson, Mrs. Roy Stine, Jess Perry, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, C. W. Anthes, Mrs. Vern Arn, L. D. Hiatt, Mrs. Fred Morgan, George Kuffenberger and Mrs. Leslie Niel.

The trial furnished much entertainment as the various activities of the liquor traffic was shown and at the close the verdict of the jury was for the plaintiff in the case and who was awarded damages of \$25,000.

## INQUIRE INTO DEATH

From Tuesday's Daily  
Roy O'Hare, father of P. R. O'Hare, young man killed at Murdock, was in the city today in company with H. L. O'Hare, an uncle of the unfortunate young man. The two gentlemen motored here from their homes near Van Wert, Iowa, and spent a few hours here at the office of Sheriff Homer Sylvester, inquiring into the circumstances of the case. P. R. O'Hare was killed when he fell down a flight of stairs when he apprehended robbing a store at Murdock.

## RECEIVE PLEASANT NEWS

From Tuesday's Daily  
The message was received here this morning announcing the birth of a fine ten pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leacock, Jr., at Lincoln. The little one was born at an early hour today and with the mother was reported as doing nicely. Mrs. Leacock was formerly Miss Edith Yelick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Yelick of this city.

## Platts. Town Team Wins from Glenwood Five

Hard Fought Battle Won by Locals in the Last Few Seconds by Score of 30 to 29.

From Tuesday's Daily  
The Plattsmouth town basketball squad was at Glenwood last evening, the first team winning a hard fought battle 30 to 29 while the second team lost to the junior team of Co. I by the score of 21 to 15.

In the opening game the local team led by the score of 7 to 5 at the half time, but suffered from the effective work of Hall, guard of Glenwood, who rolled up eight points of his own in the last half of the game. The final score was 21 to 15. The tabulated score of the game was as follows:

Plattsmouth—				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Galloway, f	1	1	3	3
Turner, f	1	2	0	4
Svoboda, c-g	1	0	1	2
Hartford, f	2	0	0	4
Wiles, g	0	0	3	0
Hirz, g	1	0	2	2
	6	3	9	15
Glenwood—				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Martin, f	2	0	3	4
A. Gan, f	0	1	0	1
Flinn, f	1	0	0	2
Engle, c	0	1	0	1
Evans, c	1	0	0	2
Hall, g	2	5	0	9
Keefe, g	0	0	1	0
Otis, g	0	0	1	0
Hamilton, g	1	0	0	2
	7	7	5	21

The second game was hotly contested by both of the teams and the Plattsmouth quintet led by Henry Donat and Knodicek, rolled up a nice lead of 14 to 10 at the half time and at the close of the third period the Plattsmouth team was leading 22 to 19 over the Iowans. In the last period Cheney started a scoring attack that caused the Glenwood team to take a 29 to 28 lead as the game was hanging by seconds. With the timekeeper about to announce the close of the game, Merle McCrary, Plattsmouth guard shot a beautiful basket that was good and the gun sounded with Plattsmouth having a 30 to 29 advantage.

The box score of the game:

Plattsmouth—				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Knodicek, f	4	0	1	8
Galloway, f	2	0	0	4
Hartford, f	0	1	0	1
Donat, c	4	3	0	11
Forbes, g	1	0	3	2
McCrary, g	2	0	2	4
	13	4	6	30
Glenwood—				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Osterholm, f	6	0	0	12
Hatcher, f	1	2	0	4
Boles, c	0	0	1	0
Hall, c	1	0	0	2
Cheney, g	3	1	1	7
Roberts, g	2	0	1	4
	13	3	3	29

(\* Two technical fouls on Boles.

## ENJOY DINNER PARTY

The home of Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Jarvis Lancaster was the scene of a very pleasant family dinner party on Sunday, they having as guests, Mr. and Mrs. John Eppings and son, Richard of Murdock, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCulloch and son, Leroy. After partaking of the sumptuous dinner arranged by Mrs. Lancaster the members of the party spent the remainder of the day in visiting.

## CHIMNEY BURNS OUT

The fire department was called Sunday morning to the extreme south part of the city where a fire was reported at the residence of Max Bowman, South Sixth street barber. The chimney was burning out and the blaze was extinguished without trouble and before the firemen reached the scene of action.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. S. Y. Smith, a former Plattsmouth resident, and who now resides near Union, has returned home from the Immanuel hospital after having spent three weeks there, undergoing a very serious operation. Her condition is very much improved and only hope that it remains so.

## RETURNS TO DUTIES

Miss Jeanne Tidball, who for the past week has been kept at home suffering from illness, has so far recovered that she was able to return to her teaching work at Crete Sunday. Miss Tidball has been suffering from the effects of an attack of the flu and which made necessary her abandoning her work for the last week. She is now feeling much better and will take up her work in the high school at Crete.

## Jack Marshall Dies of Poison at Billings, Mont.

Son of Councilman Adam Marshall Found in Union Station at Billings in Dying Condition.

From Wednesday's Daily  
Jack Marshall, 26, a son of Councilman Adam Marshall of this city, was found on the floor of the men's room at the Union station at Billings, Montana, Tuesday, in a dying condition. The young man was hurried to the hospital but died shortly after reaching there.

The young man stated to the depot master that he had taken poison and that he had come to Billings on Sunday from Columbus, Montana.

In the pocket of the coat of the unfortunate young man was found a note addressed to the father in this city, saying:

"I am forced to do this by two fellows."

The young man has been here on frequent visits but has not made his home here permanently. Mr. Marshall departed this morning for the west where he will investigate the case and inquire into any reason that might be for the son ending his life.

## ATTEND DIOCESAN MEETING

The 66th annual council of the diocese of Nebraska, Episcopal church, opened their sessions at the Trinity cathedral at Omaha Tuesday. The opening session was devoted to the Woman's Auxiliary of the church and the program was taken up with the discussion of this phase of the church work. The delegates from the St. Luke's church of this city were Mrs. R. F. Patterson, Mrs. W. J. H. Pettey and Mrs. James T. Begley. Miss Barbara Gering and Mrs. Perry Coffman were also present to represent the Plattsmouth church.

The session today opened the laymen's conference and which opened with the celebration of the holy communion at 10:30 by Bishop E. V. Shaylor. The representatives from the St. Luke's church were Canon James R. F. Patterson and Judge Peter T. Begley. The session will occupy the greater part of the day.

## RECEIVES PLEASANT NEWS

The relatives here have received the announcement of the birth of a fine nine pound son to Mr. and Mrs. John Kalasek at Burwell, Nebraska, on Tuesday.

The little one and mother are doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of pleasure to the relatives here. Mrs. Kalasek was formerly of Omaha and has been at the home of the parents for the winter. The little son is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kalasek of this city. The many friends will join in their congratulations to the happy parents and well wishes for the future success of the young man.

## BOARD OF CONCILIATION NAMED IN CASS COUNTY

Carrying out the recommendation recently made by Governor Bryan, a board of conciliation to consider mortgage indebtedness problems has been named for Cass county. The selection was made by the state board from a list of names recommended to it. The county board will hold its first meeting at the court house at 1:30 o'clock Saturday, February 18, 1933, for the purpose of organizing. Persons desiring to confer with the board may do so at any time.

The members of the county board are: Roy O. Cole, Mynard; Wm. Ost, Nehawka; Paul Gerrard, Weeping Water; Henry Meierjurgens, Murdock; Searl S. Davis, Plattsmouth.

## Rotary Club is Host to Their Ladies

Rotary Anns Have Charge of Fine and Cleverly Arranged Program That Entertains Jolly Group.

From Wednesday's Daily  
Last evening the Rotary club and the Rotary Anns enjoyed an evening of the rarest enjoyment at the large dining room of the Brown cafe, where the ladies were the guests of the evening at a dinner party.

The dining room had been arranged befitting the St. Valentine day and the tables were decorated with the red hearts and streamers symbolic of the spirit of the occasion. The decorations had been arranged by A. L. Brown, cafe owner and the members of the committee.

The planning of the valentine party had been in the hands of the committee of the past presidents, Searl S. Davis, Fred L. Rea and William Baird, who arranged the event, while the program was in the hands of the ladies committee composed of Mrs. William Baird, Mrs. H. G. McClusky and Mrs. John L. Tidball.

The evening was opened by the formal assembling of the club by President P. T. Heinemann, who turned the meeting over to Mr. Baird, committee chairman, who introduced Searl S. Davis, who in his usual clever manner welcomed the ladies and in turn placed the program of the evening in the hands of the ladies, Mrs. Baird, the chairman of her committee presiding.

The ladies had the roll call of the club and this had been very cleverly prepared by the ladies with a bouquet of jingles and limericks applying to their husbands were sung as each of the names were called and produced a great deal of merriment as the witty and snappy verses were given. The roll call was arranged by Mrs. McClusky and Mrs. Tidball and this feature was one of the most enjoyed of the evening's stunts.

The musical program of the evening was also one that afforded enjoyment to all of the members of the jolly party.

The Rotary quartet, composed of Frank A. Cloldt, H. G. McClusky, L. D. Hiatt and R. W. Knorr, gave two of their always delightful numbers as only this talented group are capable.

A piano duet was given by Mrs. L. S. Devoe and Mrs. R. W. Knorr which was an enjoyed part of the program.

Mrs. Jack Figley, one of the newcomers to the city, was heard in a vocal number which her beautiful voice presented artistically. Mrs. Devoe playing the accompaniment.

The clever verses arranged by Mrs. J. L. Tidball, of the ladies committee were given and added to the entertaining features, the offerings being intended as complimentary to the Rotarians, the hosts of the evening.

Jack Figley of the high school faculty, was presented in a vocal offering that was enjoyed to the utmost and in which the accompaniment was played by Mrs. Figley.

George Jaeger, one of the musicians of the Rotary club, was heard in two violin numbers and forced to respond to a third number by the enthusiastic group. Mr. Jaeger had as his accompanist E. H. Westcott.

## MRS. FORNOFF SOME BETTER

Mrs. George Fornoff has been quite ill for the past week but is now showing some improvement, reports from her bedside state. While she is somewhat better she is unable to resume her usual activities. Mrs. Fornoff is suffering from gall stones and which have proven very annoying several times in the past. It is expected that she will probably have to undergo an operation before she can experience any measure of relief from the malady.

From Tuesday's Daily  
George Bucknell and Ervin Armstrong, well known residents of Greenwood, were in the city for a short time today attending to some matters of business at the court house.

Journal Want-Ads cost only a few cents and get real results!

## HOLD CARD PARTY

From Wednesday's Daily  
The card party and dance given by the Holy Rokay parish of this city, at the Knights of Columbus hall, was attended by a very pleasing crowd last evening and where the members of the party found much entertainment in the various games. The largest number of the party enjoyed pinochle and in the contests the ladies prizes were awarded to Mrs. Baltz Meisinger, Miss Ruth Rotter and Miss Mary Holy while the gentlemen's prizes were awarded to Adolph Koubek, Robert E. Sedlak and Charles Waga. In the bridge games Father George Agius was the winner of men's high score and Mrs. Emmons Ptak of the ladies. In the rummy games Miss Frances Krejci was the winner.

Following the card games the members of the party adjourned to the main hall of the building and where a dance was enjoyed for some time. The music was furnished by Joseph M. Sedlak with the accordion and the party spent the time in dancing to the well known Bohemian numbers.

Luncheon was served by the ladies to add to the pleasures of the members of the party at a suitable hour.

## Louis A. Janda Laid to Rest at Lincoln

Services at St. Patrick's Church at Havelock Very Largely Attended by Friends.

The St. Patrick's church at Havelock was filled to its capacity Monday morning by residents of that community to pay their last tributes to the memory of Louis A. Janda, whose lifetime had been spent in Plattsmouth and Havelock.

The requiem mass of the Catholic church was celebrated by Father Joseph Keany, pastor of the church, the choir assisting in the impressive mass. During the service two solo numbers were given, "Face to Face" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," by Miss Maxine Malone.

Father Keany paid a tribute to the departed as a faithful son of the church of which he was a lifetime member and the high respect in which he had been held in the community where he had made his home. The beautiful flowers and the presence of the friends was a tribute to the memory of Mr. Janda.

Following the services the body was borne to Mt. Calvary cemetery at Lincoln where the last rites were celebrated by Father Keany as the body was committed to the last rest. The pall bearers were nephews of the deceased, John and Theodore Svoboda and Ernest Janda of Plattsmouth, Kearn and Edward Forgerly of Lincoln and Henry Wooster of Reliance, South Dakota.

Those from out of Lincoln and Havelock to attend the services were: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Murray, Mr. and Mrs. William Krisley, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adolphson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ptacek, Mrs. Helen Burns, all of Omaha; Miss Kate Wagner of Gretna; John Wooster and son, Henry of Reliance, South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stenner and daughter, Ernestine, of Sedalia, Missouri; Tone Janda and son, Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Janda and daughter, Ruth, Mrs. Kate Hiber, Mrs. John Svoboda and sons, John and Theodore and daughter Dorothy, Frank Janda, Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Pitz, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Janda, Jr., all of Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Kearn Forgerly of Aurora, Ill.; James Janda, Springfield, Ohio.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

Robert Hall, member of the senior class of the Plattsmouth high school, was taken to Omaha Monday afternoon where he entered the Methodist hospital and a few hours later was operated on for appendicitis. The young man had been bothered a great deal by the appendix in the last few days and it was decided that an operation would be necessary. The patient was in excellent shape and came through the ordeal in fine shape. He was reported this morning as feeling as well as possible under the circumstances.