

Today

Here's Your Hat, King George. How She Killed Him. The Earth's Core. Only \$35,000,000 a Pound. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

more than 600 tons, 3,500 cubic feet of water per second plus the drop, are required to run the turbine. Two similar plants will start next year and in a century, that will all seem as primitive as Fulton's first steamboat.

Mr. Hughes tells Russia this country can't deal or negotiate with them, until they stop their propaganda "to overturn the institutions of this country."

The nations of the world celebrated on Monday, the 20th anniversary of the Wright brothers' "first flight."

Strange new murders based on "human triangles" will continue, until men change. Read Mrs. Vetter's confession, condensed. She and her husband are accused of murdering Jack Storey.

"Just before my baby was born, I told my husband all about Jack Storey and how I knew him, before I was married. Every night my husband would come home from work and say, 'I don't trust you, and I am suspicious about that baby.'"

That was all, except that they took the dead man's pocketbook, with \$200 and she turned his pockets inside out, "so the police would think he had been killed for his money."

This earth has a hard core, like a baseball, or a golf ball. It is a gigantic sphere, bearing a pressure of 25,000 pounds to the square inch, according to reports made to the Washington academy of sciences.

While that central sphere, 4,000 miles in diameter, is probably made of iron, a great magnet, perhaps some believe it may be made largely of gold, platinum, or both.

Platinum, more valuable than gold, may be worth \$700 a pound. That sounds costly. But think of radium, with which the market is now glutted.

It is now believed that radium in the sun accounts for the enduring power of that star, sending out light and heat through hundreds of millions of years, with a certainty of lasting hundreds of millions of years more.

Yesterday the greatest power machine on earth was started at Niagara Falls. A 700,000 horsepower water wheel turbine turns the rushing water into an obedient servant. The electric generator for this power unit weighs

Love Drama Unfolded in Little Serbia

Village Maiden From Jugoslavia Spurns Man Who Paid Passage Money and Weds Sweetheart.

Bessie Strika, 18, night school student, Mike Kovakervich, 25, candymaker, Fred Strika, 62, Bessie's austere uncle.

Joe Sherman friend of Mike, and "angel" of the piece.

That is the cast of characters in a drama of love and marriage licenses and unrelenting guardians which unfolded itself in South Omaha and Council Bluffs Tuesday night and yesterday.

The little drama had its denouement Tuesday night when two detectives, summoned by Uncle Fred, broke up a hilarious pre-nuptial celebration at the home of Mike Kovakervich, 5111 South Twenty-sixth street, and arrested the prospective bride and bridegroom.

The young couple was just indignantly over the interruption of the party. For hadn't Joe Sherman, 5115 South Twenty-sixth street, a friend of Mike Kovakervich, advanced the prospective bridegroom \$250 to be paid to Frank Kovovich, Thirtieth and R streets, to cause him to relinquish his claims on the girl, and didn't they go to Council Bluffs yesterday and get a marriage license after the most approved American fashion? He had, and they did.

Good Melodrama. The story of the romance, which stretches from the Serbian colony in South Omaha to far off Jugoslavia, reads like a melodrama.

Four months ago, Bessie, then in her native village of Plaski-Lika, in Jugoslavia, sent her photograph to her Uncle Fred. Uncle Fred showed it to his friend, Frank Kovovich, and Kovovich was smitten with the maiden's innocent Jugoslavian charms.

Brought to America. "I'll tell you what," offered Uncle Fred, "you pay her passage, and I'll have her come over."

Kovovich agreed. He gave Strika \$250 to be used in paying the girl's passage, and three weeks ago she arrived in South Omaha.

Wedding Ends Tangled Romance



Bessie Strika



Mike Kovakervich

They were in South Omaha. Then, for the first time, she saw Kovovich, and the "stuff was all off."

Bessie had been graduated from high school in Jugoslavia, and in another year and a half would have completed a course in dentistry.

She began attending night classes at the House of Friendship, learning all about English verbs and things.

She met Mike Kovakervich, and her desire for education wavered. How can anyone cherish a true affection for problems of syntax and sentence construction at night school, when love, in the form of a stalwart candymaker, with movie tickets 'n ever' thing waits just without the portals? Bessie couldn't see.

They became engaged. Uncle Fred objected. It wasn't right. Frank Kovovich had paid \$250 to bring Bessie to America, and she no sooner arrives than she falls in love with another man.

Uncle Fred put down the avuncular foot, with the result that Bessie packed her belongings in a trunk, dropped it out the window of her room, and sought refuge at the home of a friend, Graga Lumonia, Twenty-eighth and S streets.

Uncle Fred relented. He agreed that if Mike would pay to Frank Kovovich the \$250 Kovovich had paid for the girl's passage money, he would send the couple forth with his blessing. This was done. But after the marriage license was obtained, and the pre-nuptial celebration was in full swing, Strika had a change of heart.

Two hundred and fifty dollars was a meager price indeed to be paid for a Jugoslavian girl in the bloom of youth, with the pinkness of the wild rose in her cheeks, and her lips like cherries.

He had them arrested because, at

City Council of Kearney Is at War With Gas Company

Power Firm Is Accused of Charging Excessive Rates for Their Service.

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 19.—The Kearney city council has declared war on the gas and power company. Bills presented by the latter for service rendered the municipality were held up at council meeting.

The council alleges that the gas company is charging a rate 50 cents in excess of that fixed by the franchise, while the electric rate is alleged to be 2 cents per kilowatt higher than the cost at which the local power plant furnishes current to other points.

A conference is being held with the Central Power company representatives, manufacturers of both electricity and gas, in an effort to reach a settlement.

SHELTON.—Mrs. Ernest Reese, 57, wife of a farmer living 12 miles north of Shelton, died Monday night with the council, that the local gas contains only about 340 heat units, as compared to a standard of 600 heat units. However, the franchise only stipulates "good gas" be served.

When the man signed his name in a big book in Council Bluffs, he said, he thought that was marriage enough for anyone; but if the law demanded that he go and be married by still another man in another office, why, who was Mike to question the wisdom of the law? Who indeed?

They will be married by a priest of their faith sometime after Lent.

Defense in Souder Trial Opens Case

(Continued From Page One) der at the courthouse that night and Joseph Souder subsequently told him he had located him by telephone at his home.

Souder's attorneys called A. B. Hoagland, secretary of North Platte Elks lodge, to show that a remark Souder is said to have made on Monday following the fire that no one man could have carried the books from his office to the top part of the building, was made after he (Hoagland) had told Souder he had heard it was rumored they had been carried upstairs and burned. Souder's office was on the first floor.

Souder's counsel also called to the stand J. T. Keefe, attorney for the Union Pacific railroad, to show that before the fire Souder was making an investigation of a commissioner's record for Keefe with reference to a special tax levy, his testimony being offered in an effort to offset the state's contention he was looking for this so he could find it and burn it upstairs.

The latter part of the afternoon session was taken up with an attempt by the defense to introduce indictments against other Lincoln county residents, the intention of which, according to Attorney Hoagland, is an effort to show someone other than Souder might have an arson motive. Two of the indictments they succeeded in getting in, one of them being that returned by the grand jury against Elmer Baker, jointly accused with Souder.

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