

Plot to Blast Sea Tragedy Morgue Bared

Pugilist Is Murdered at Cabaret

Bill Brennan Lured to Passageway and Shot—Guest, Attempting to Nab Assaultants, Also Slain.

Two Suspects Captured

By HOWARD R. BANGS. Universal Service Staff Correspondent. New York, June 15.—Lured from his cabaret, the Tijuana club, at 600 West One Hundred and Seventy-first street, William (Bill) Brennan, one of only two men who ever went the route with Champion Jack Dempsey, was shot twice through the body and killed early today by one or more of five men who lay in waiting.

James Cullen, a state trooper, who was one of the party of guests being entertained by Brennan, also was slain. He was shot through the neck as he attempted to capture the prize fighter's assailants.

An unkempt grey-suited man who gave his name as James Hughes, 31, and who police believe to be a member of a West Side gun gang, is in police headquarters charged with homicide following his capture after an exciting automobile chase in Upper Broadway. Hughes is the man who called Brennan into the passageway back of the cabaret where the pugilist was shot. Arrested at the same time was Frank Rossi, 27, an occupant of the taxi in which Hughes fled, and said to be Hughes' companion. He is a taxi cab driver.

Officer Beaten. Two shells from an automatic revolver were found near the spot where Brennan fell. A .25 caliber automatic pistol was picked up on the running board of the taxi commanded by the fleeing Hughes.

Lost in the maze of passageways at the rear of the Tijuana club, the two men arrested, Hughes and Rossi, bent into an unlit passageway as Shirley Sheeman, and with whom Brennan lived in One Hundred and Seventy-first street, Hughes came in and tapped Brennan on the shoulder, saying: "Bill, can I see you a minute?"

"Certainly," Brennan replied, and arose to follow Hughes through a narrow "back curtain" at the rear of the room. He seemed to know Hughes well.

Fires at Sister. Scarcely had the swish of the curtain ceased when two shots were heard. Brennan's sister dashed for the spot and says she saw five men running down the corridor. She caught up with Hughes and attempted to detain him, but he drew a revolver and fired at her. The shots went astray and he shook the girl off and threw her to the floor.

Hughes and Rossi, in attempting to escape, became confused and were compelled to smash through glass doors at the end of the corridor. The other three fled safely through an alley.

The sound of the crashing glass brought Police Lieutenant Hargerty, who was in plain clothes, dashing (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

THREE DIE, 50 HURT IN GAS EXPLOSION. Chicago, June 15.—Three men were killed and 50 injured, some seriously, in a gas explosion at the Inland Steel company's plant in South Chicago today.

The men were repairing a heating chamber when the anniversary of a main blew off, flooding the chamber with gas.

Brennan's Last Fight Was in Omaha; His Opponent Also Dead



Bill Brennan

"Big Bill" Brennan's last appearance in a prize ring was in Omaha last November 7. He was knocked out in the fourth round by Billy Miske of St. Paul.

A strange coincidence of this fight is that both of the principals are now dead. Miske died of Bright's disease in St. Paul in January. Brennan's fight in Omaha with Miske was a futile attempt to stage a "come-back." A few months before he had been battered into insensibility by Luis Angel Firpo. For several days Brennan was confined to the hospital and his retirement from the ring was announced.

After his release from the hospital, however, the call of the prize ring became too strong for Brennan to resist and he began training again. Subsequently he was matched with Miske in Omaha.

Brennan made a pitiful showing against Miske. The St. Paul boxer himself no more than a shadow of his former self—pummeled Brennan at will and in the fourth round "Big Bill" went to the canvas for the count.

Following the fight the Nebraska state boxing commission ordered Brennan's purse held up on the grounds that "Big Bill" was not in condition and that he did not try to do his best.

Brennan's manager was Leo P. Flynn, who is well known to Omaha fight fans and has been here several times, particularly in company with Dave Shade, whom Flynn also manages.

140 Men, Women, 22 Nationalities, Win Citizenship

Naturalization Papers Presented With Special Flag Day Ceremonies at Courthouse. One hundred and forty men and women of 22 nationalities received their final naturalization papers with Flag day ceremony Saturday evening at the courthouse. The program was under the auspices of the Omaha Council of Americanization.

Ten ex-service men and 25 women were among those who received the naturalization papers presented by A. H. Bode, federal examiner. The majority of new citizens was Italian. Mrs. Joseph Rynek, 2402 South Twenty-first street, Dr. and Mrs. Emil Reichstadt, 1224 North Forty-fifth street, Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Sosnowski, 4825 South Thirty-ninth street, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Walker, 225 Park avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. William Weigel, 5061 Nicholas street.

Men who requested a change of name were John George Anastasakis to John George Annas, 464 South Thirty-third street; Sven Johan Benrston to Swan Joyn Sodergren, 617 South Eighteenth street, and George Adam Adamopoulos to George A. Adams, 1717 Chicago street.

'Hell Maria' Goes Along With Dawes

General Says, If Elected, Will Take Famous Expression With Him as Vice-President.

Briar Pipe to Go, Too

Chicago, June 15.—Charles G. Dawes gave his first interview today following his nomination as running mate with Coolidge. It was a short interview, but expressive. The republican nominee for vice president said if elected he would take with him to Washington both his pipe and his famous expression—"Hell Maria."

The importance of this last lies in the fact that it is a fighting expression. As presiding officer of the senate, General Dawes can either become a pipe or a fighter. If he takes along his fighting language it may be he will express a few "Hell Marias" to a time wasting senate to the general good of the administration. The general fondled his pipe as he turned it over in his hand. It is a sort of jimmy pipe, the bowl hanging from a straight stem, which makes it look upside down.

"It's a good pipe," said the candidate, as he pulled it at and explained about "Hell Maria." "It isn't 'Hell and Maria' at all," he said. "It is just 'Hell Maria.' It started this way: A man asked me if I had paid \$400 for a horse when I was purchasing agent during the war. It made me good and mad. I shouted, 'Why Hell Maria. I'd have paid horse prices for sheep if they could have drawn cassions and guns to the Argonne. Our boys were there getting hell from the Germans and they had to have artillery support. We needed horses to get them there. Horses were worth their weight in gold, and I'd have paid anything for them.' Hell Maria never fitted any occasion so appropriately."

It was Sunday at the Dawes home, a quiet Sabbath. The candidate said he would give no political interviews. He is too shrewd a judge of the feelings of voters to give weight to the biggest possible interview he could give in his announcement that he expects to take "Hell Maria" with him to Washington.

"Hell Maria" in Washington for full four years, after his appointment as published in the few short months General Dawes was whipping the budget into shape, say his friends. The same friends when they learned Dawes had said he was planning to give that pungent expression four years' work, were more than delighted. They congratulated the interviewer.

"Hell Maria made the budget," said one of these friends and saved the taxpayers \$1,250,000 a year.

Thus "Hell Maria" becomes the "1,000,000" catch, after his interview which, Dawes maintained was not an interview, he said.

"I won't have anything to say until I have been officially notified of my nomination." The official notification is expected any day now. Then General Dawes is expected to swing into campaign speech-making.

YOUTH SWEEPED TO DEATH IN RIVER

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Wood River, Neb., June 15.—George Halky, 19, was drowned late this afternoon when he stepped into a hole in the Platte river, where he was wading. Two companions, assisted by August Donner, who was fishing near the scene of the tragedy, made frantic efforts to save the young man, but were unsuccessful.

The body was recovered half a mile below.

Funeral services for John Mansel, slain burglar, will be held Monday afternoon at 4 from the Crane mortuary, 515 South Twentieth street. Burial will be in West Lawn cemetery.

Columbus Pilot Completes Dawn to Dusk Flight

By Associated Press. Columbus, Neb., June 15.—Major William N. Hensley, commander of the army air service station at Mitchell Field, N. Y., arrived here at 7:23 o'clock this evening. Central Standard time, from Mitchell Field after making four stops in the flight begun at 4:30 this morning, Eastern Standard time.

Maughan First to Try Coast-to-Coast Flight Unaided

San Francisco, June 15.—Plans are complete for the coast-to-coast daylight flight to be attempted some time within the next week by Lieut. Russell Maughan, it was stated at army headquarters here today. Lieutenant Maughan will hop off from New York at dawn and try to reach San Francisco before dark.

He will make about three stops en route to refuel, and will try for a speed record. He hopes to make the trip in about 17 hours, well under the period of daylight available. He will fly alone, thus facing an unprecedented strain for an aviator negotiating such a distance. He expects to cross the continent in nearly 18 hours less than the time Lieutenant John A. MacReady and Oakley G. Kelley required to accomplish the feat in a non-stop flight. Lieutenant Maughan will drive a small racing plane, with which he hopes to maintain a speed of 160 miles an hour.

In army aviation circles, where the attempt was pronounced one of the most daring in the history of aviation, it was said that the feat was intended to test the mobility of the army air force. A coast-to-coast daylight flight, it was explained, would demonstrate the feasibility of transporting men and supplies with such speed.

POST CARD ON WAY FOR 13 YEARS

Hartington, Neb., June 14.—A post card mailed nearly 13 years ago, not badly worn and with the ink on it as clear as fresh as if written yesterday, was received here by Martin Nelson, county treasurer of Cedar county. It was from the Ford Motor company, mailed at Detroit, Mich., October 30, 1911.

The writing on the card brings out an interesting thing. Mr. Nelson recalled that at that time he had a Ford agency here, and the card asked for information as to whom he had sold a model T touring car, No. 29,180. This shows what an increase there has been in the manufacture of Fords, as recently it was announced that car No. 1,000,000 had been made by the Ford company.

The card bore a stamped order to "Return in five days to Henry Ford, Detroit, Mich.," and the stamp on it is blue instead of green. Where the post card has been these 13 years is a mystery.

DROUGHT, PLAGUE HIT RUSSIAN CROPS

By Universal Service. Berlin, June 15.—Prolonged drought, combined with a plague of locusts and other pests has destroyed a large part of the crops in Russia. Many districts in the country are again faced to face with famine, according to alarming reports printed in the German newspapers.

The districts reported to be hardest hit include Saratov, Zariyyn, Jeliskawetpol, Voronezh, Platikorsk, Bachmidt, Kioff and Nikolayevsk. The Zariyyn district are reported white with the larvae of cock chafers and the whole steppes are resounding with the chirping of locusts. The population and the authorities are powerless to avert disaster.

BANKER IS FREED ON \$15,000 BOND. Fremont, June 15.—Caleb E. Negus, former vice president of the defunct Nickerson State bank, was released from the Dodge county jail here Saturday night on \$15,000 bonds. His release came with the charge of embezzlement and unlawfully obtaining funds.

\$1,000 Bills May Solve Mail Theft

Twenty Big Greenbacks, Identified as Loot From Pouches, Discovered on Train Robbery Suspect.

Confession Is Reported

Chicago, June 15.—An alleged confession of a suspect, identification of others and information found in letters taken from them guided city, state and federal authorities in their investigation today of the \$1,000,000 registered mail robbery Thursday night when four automobile loads of bandits held up a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul mail train a few miles from here.

Twenty \$1,000 bills, some of which, according to federal officials, were identified as coming from the registered pouches, were found in possession of James H. Watson, arrested last night when he came to the flat where previously detectives had taken J. H. Wayne, identified as a bandit shot during the robbery, Paul Wade, Tulsa, (OKL) actor; Walter McCormick and James Mahoney. Federal warrants charging robbery of the mails have been issued for the last four.

Acting on information obtained from Wayne, wounded five times and near death, detective squads were dispatched today to definite localities to search for the loot, which they hoped to recover nearly intact. Confidence that they were following the right leads and would clear up the affair in short order" was expressed by Chief of Police Morgan Collins, and Martin Hughes, detective chief.

Britons at Rodeo Boo and Hiss as Steer Is Injured

Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Threatens to Halt American Exhibition. London, June 15.—An audience of 120,000 Britons filled a gigantic stadium at Wembley yesterday to find out for themselves just what an imported American "rodeo" is like. The afternoon demonstrations of the prowess of the cowboys were greeted with enthusiasm, but at the evening performance there was an unfortunate accident during the roping and tying contests. A steer's leg was broken. This brought many in the audience to their feet. They indulged in several minutes of booing and hissing and some women left the stadium.

The demonstration continued through the next act, but the crowd eventually quieted. It was evident, however, that some still bore resentment over what they considered the maltreatment of an animal.

Officials of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who earlier objections to the holding of the show were not heeded and who were present in large numbers, are threatening to bring the matter before parliament and demand that, as the operator of the exhibition, it cancel further performances.

Fate Plays Cruel Joke in Mating of Orphans, Alleged Brother and Sister

New Hampshire Boy and Girl Deny Blood Relationship and Go to Altar—Couple Jailed on Charge of Breaking State Marriage Laws. Portsmouth, N. H., June 15.—A boy and a girl—pawns of fate and tragedy—are confined in the Rockingham county jail accused of breaking the state marriage laws which forbid near blood relatives to marry.

Elizabeth was the sister of the boy adopted by the Langley family.

"There was a time when I did believe Louis was my brother," said Elizabeth, telling her story tonight. "But when we met, all feeling that we were brother and sister vanished. I fell madly, desperately in love with him. It was love at first sight."

Tornado Razes 30 Farm Homes in South Dakota

Isabel, S. D., June 15.—The entire village of Gladvalley was destroyed by a tornado late Saturday afternoon. Thirty farmers lost their homes in a path 30 miles wide. Several buildings were destroyed in Dupree, the county seat of Ziebach county. Many people are reported injured. It was the worst storm in the history of this section of South Dakota.

Bodies of 48 Victims Are Guarded

I. W. W. Said to Have Threatened to Dynamite Building Following Attack on Their Headquarters. San Pedro, Cal., June 15.—Threats to blow up the morgue containing bodies of 48 victims of last Thursday's explosion aboard the U. S. S. Mississippi, said by police to have been uttered by radicals whose hall was raided and wrecked by sailors here last night, caused a strong armed guard of civilian and naval police to be thrown about the morgue early today.

Omaha Observes Flag Day Under Auspices of Elks

Young Author of Prize-Winning Essay Introduced—W. F. Gurley Delivers Patriotic Address. Impressive Flag day services were held under auspicious conditions at Hunscom park Sunday afternoon under the auspices of Omaha Lodge No. 39, Elks, and with the co-operation of Omaha post of the American Legion. Several hundred persons were in attendance.

The program was opened with a salute to the flag by the American Legion, and the playing and singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the Elks band and the audience.

Introductory exercises were conducted by the following officers of the Elks lodge: Herbert W. Johnson, exalted ruler; Ray Short, esteemed loyal knight; Judge James M. Fitzgerald, esteemed loyal knight; Russell W. Gentzler, esteemed lecturing knight; Otto Nielsen, secretary; Charles M. Fika, treasurer, and John E. Himco, tiler.

Scroll Presented to Elks. A prayer by F. A. McCormick, chaplain, and the singing of "Old Glory Mine" by Grace Gallagher was followed by the reading of the Liberty Bell with flowers of red, white and blue by lodge officers and "History of the Flag" by W. A. Fraser.

Harry C. Hough, adjutant of Omaha post, American Legion, presented a scroll of the Declaration of Independence to the Elks lodge in recognition of its wartime and present activity in patriotic endeavor. Adjutant Hough referred to the scroll as the most precious bit of literature in existence.

J. H. Beveridge, superintendent of schools, read the prize essay on the flag written by Ruby Perkins, 12, of 4018 North Thirty-ninth street, a seventh grade pupil at Central Park school.

School Given Radio Set. The young author, dressed in white, was introduced to the big audience, which rose in recognition of her ability. She stood before them for a moment, shy and modest, but not embarrassed, clasping the tiny silk American flag which had been given her. Similar flags were presented to a group of civil war veterans on the platform.

For the essay, which was entitled "The Speech of the American Flag," her school is to receive a coast-to-coast radio set.

"When I picked him up, I asked Rynes what was the matter," continued the ensign. "He did not answer my question but muttered 'It was awful—awful!'"

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Funeral Rites Tuesday

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The guard was placed as the result of information given to Police Lieutenant Hollowell to the effect that members of the Industrial Workers of the World planned to dynamite the morgue in retaliation for the attack on their meeting place.

The raid was said to have grown out of disparaging remarks made by radical orators about three officers and 45 enlisted men who perished in the Mississippi's No. 2 turret when one of the turret's 14-inch guns "faced back" on its crew. Three girls, a boy and a man, were injured in the affray.

Los Angeles, June 15.—Wrapped in the folds of Old Glory, 48 caskets lie today side by side in the funeral home of the Cleveland Undertaking parlors at San Pedro.

These flag-draped caskets contain the bodies of 48 men of the Pacific fleet, come ashore for the last time. Victims of the tragic turret fire on the battleship Mississippi, they await the impressive fleet memorial in their honor Tuesday morning at Trona Field, the navy stadium, where in many of them had triumphed in athletic contests.

Los Angeles and harbor townships will join with the fleet in a massed ceremony conducted by Fleet Chaplain Capt. E. F. Patrick, aided by other chaplains of all denominations.

Following the reading of Protestant and Catholic ceremonies for the dead, relatives and friends will claim the bodies of their loved ones for private burial. Others, unclaimed, will be buried in national cemeteries.

Inquiry to Be Resumed. The naval board of inquiry, presided over by Capt. Yates Sterling, tomorrow will resume examination of witnesses in the inquiry which seeks to establish the possible cause of the turret fire during target practice on Thursday which snuffed out the lives of the 48 bluejackets.

Chief Turret Capt. F. J. Rynes, whose testimony is considered most vital to the blast probe, while in an extremely serious condition from injuries and burns, is expected to be able to make a statement within a few days.

The story of Rynes' rescue from the gas-filled turret was told by Ensign Frank W. Parsons, junior officer of turret No. 2, who related a thrilling tale of heroism on the part of Seaman Morganstein, on duty in the turret as an observer from the battleship New Mexico. Morganstein, Ensign Parsons told the naval board, saved Rynes' life, and to prevent an explosion of the main powder magazine.

"Smoke and gas was pouring down in great volume and we could hardly breathe. Morganstein stayed with me even after the other men had left. It was as if he started to leave. Rynes fell from a ladder in the hatchway. I borrowed Morganstein's handkerchief, as the gas was increasing. I wrapped it about my face and turned back to get Rynes. Although he had no protection from the gas, Morganstein accompanied me and helped carry the injured man to the third deck."