

POPPYCOCK! IS EXPLANATION OF MYSTERY STORY

County Attorney Grace Ballard Scouts Report of Identification of Omaha "Mystery Girl."

Poppycock! This was the terse comment offered by Mrs. Grace Ballard, county attorney of Washington county, Saturday night regarding publication in the Council Bluffs Nonpariel Saturday of a story which purported to reveal the identity of the "mystery girl."

Inquiry into the past records of the case reveals that Marie Donnelly, alias Madison, alias Alice Morissette, whom the Council Bluffs report alleges is the murdered girl, is Alice Massette, former Omaha waitress.

Alice Massette Returns. The fallacy of this report was disclosed last February by Mrs. Harry Wymore, who operates a restaurant at 107 South Fifteenth street, and who is a former employer of the girl.

Miss Massette visited Mrs. Wymore several weeks after the "mystery girl's" body was found.

This visit to Omaha of Miss Massette exposed the last announced theory of the murderer upon which local police worked.

Miss Massette's name was brought into the general inquiry at that time by reports of intimate friends that she was missing. Two of her former room mates identified the "mystery girl" as Alice Massette.

Denies Giving Interview. At that time they told police that a waiter, known as "Dale Mann," had threatened her life, following his marriage to Gladys Shade, who lived formerly at 2123 Douglas street, Kansas City, Mo.

Final confidence in this theory was strengthened by Mann's disappearance from Omaha.

When Miss Massette visited Mrs. Wymore in February she commented upon the publicity she had received through the erroneous identifications of the "mystery girl."

Miss Ballard also stated that Washington county "had done its duty in the matter," and reiterated that she intended to come to Omaha for a conference with Police Superintendent Ringer before delving further into the case.

"At no time have I given out to any reporter any information that I have obtained confidentially concerning the case," Miss Ballard stated last night.

"Neither have I given out any names."

The murder still remains a mystery. Two theories remain un-olved and it is upon these Iowa and Nebraska authorities are working.

Grand Opera Singer Asks Heart Balm of \$50,000. New York, July 25.—Miss Carmen Garcia, grand opera singer of Mexico City, has filed a breach of promise suit in the supreme court asking for damages of \$50,000 against Hermendelzio Robles, son of the "Mexican oil king" of Tampico, who died in May last.

The song bird, in her complaint, says that when news of Mr. Robles' marriage to "another" came to her in July, 1919, from San Antonio, Tex., she was chagrined and surprised. Twice the Tampico oil millionaire had asked her to be his wife. She had said "yes." Their marriage was put off at the time, she averred, so that it would not interfere with his operatic career and to give Mr. Robles time to look after his father's business.

Boys Seeking Excitement Turn in General Fire Alarm. Love of excitement and adventure caused Joe Rosenberg, 10 years old, 205 North Twenty-second street, and Joe Nemas, 9 years old, 2426 Blondo street, to turn in a fire alarm at Eleventh and Howard streets Saturday evening.

When Fire Chief Salter arrived, he found the boys at the box. They rang the alarm so long that a general alarm was sent in.

"We wanted to see the fire trucks," said Joe Nemas.

Suff, Sued for Divorce, Denies P. C. Broke Up Her Home. Topeka, Kans., July 25.—Mrs. Effie W. Main, well known Kansas woman suffragist, named some time ago as one of a number of women arrested for picketing the White House, is defendant in a divorce suit in the district court here, and filed her answer today. Her husband, William W. Main, is a truck farmer living near here. Mrs. Main denies that politics caused her to neglect her home.

Famous War and Fiction Writer Attempts Suicide. New York, July 25.—Harry C. Witwer, fiction writer and war correspondent, attempted suicide by swallowing poison at his home in Yonkers. He was removed to a hospital.

He made a notable success as a writer of light fiction, and his income was said to be about \$100,000 a year. He was Collier's correspondent in France during the war.

California Raisin Growers To Sell Fruit at Auction. Fresno, Cal., July 25.—Between 200 and 500 cars of muscat raisins will be sold at public auction in New York City by the California Associated Raisin Growers. Wylie M. Giffen, its president, announced and prices established at the auction will determine the prices to be named by the association for the remainder of the crop.

Relic From the Lusitania



After five years this relic of the ill-fated Lusitania vividly recalls the most horrible tragedy in the history of the sea. Covered with seaweed, with one arm strap broken, this lifebelt from the Lusitania drifted into the Delaware river. The Lusitania was sunk by a German U-boat on May 7, 1917. The belt was found floating off the Race street pier, Philadelphia, by T. L. Deland, a railroad detective.

Wealthy Texas Man Is Held for Murder of Bellboy in Detroit

Detroit, Mich., July 25.—Patrick J. Reany, reputed to be a wealthy plumbing contractor of Dallas, Tex., was taken into custody following the shooting of a bell boy, which police said occurred in Rainy's room at a hotel. Hospital attendants said the boy may die.

The boy, Charles Watkins, was making early morning calls when Reany is said to have invited him into his room to talk with him. Watkins said he was too busy, but would return, whereupon Reany shot him in the abdomen, according to a statement made by Watkins to the officers.

Reany was at liberty under \$10,000 cash bail in connection with the sudden death of his wife at a hotel here last February. A coroner's jury found her death was due to poisoning.

Nude Body of Man Found Floating in Small Rowboat

San Diego, Cal., July 25.—The nude body of a man believed to be an American, bearing knife wounds, was found in a rowboat picked up by a Mexican patrol boat nine miles off Ensenada, Lower California, according to word brought here by officers of the motorship, Crme. Ensenada officials were quoted as expressing belief the man was slain on a ship at sea and the body placed in the rowboat, which was cast adrift.

Form Corporation to Aid Industries in Germany

Berlin, July 25.—To aid industries in distress, notably those in the textile branch, a German economic corporation has been organized with a capital of 100,000,000 marks. The Reichs bank is closely identified with the new venture. The corporation will be given the benefit of profits earned by official war corporations which legally belonged to the government.

Albanians Attack Italians Along 10-Kilometer Front

London, July 25.—Insurgent Albanians, numbering about 4,000, attacked the Italians yesterday on a front of 10 kilometers between Ciak-cocier and the Castle of Canina, but were driven by counter attacks, according to a semi-official statement as reported by Reuters' correspondent at Rome.

Father of "More Daylight" Plan Dies in Baltimore

Cincinnati, O., July 25.—E. H. Murdock, prominent in Cincinnati business and club life, and said to be the father of the "more daylight" movement in America, died last night at Baltimore, a few hours after having undergone an operation at the Johns Hopkins hospital there. He was 58 years old.

New Orleans Street Car Men Will Return to Work

New Orleans, July 25.—Striking street car men voted to return to work tomorrow under an agreement with car officials to leave wage questions for settlement by conciliators. The men have been on a strike since July 1, but partial service has been maintained.

Resort Hotel Burns

Bentonville, Ark., July 25.—The Park Springs hotel here was destroyed by fire this afternoon, entailing a loss of more than \$100,000. None of the guests of the big resort were endangered.

Airplane Pilot Killed

Cartagena, Colombia, July 25.—Pilot Fratoni was killed here in the second airplane accident reported in Cartagena.

GREEKS READY TO PRESS DRIVE AGAINST TURKS

Landing of Last Detachment of Troops at Dede-gatch Made Under Guard of Battleships.

Athens, July 25.—Under a broiling sun tempered by an Aegean breeze the last detachments of Greek troops are landing at Dede-gatch. The movement is covered by the Greek fleet.

It is expected that the Rodosto column, which is already making 30 miles a day, will attack Lule Burgas, and if successful, cut behind Jafar Tarier, the nationalist commander at Kirk-Kilise, and prevent the escape of his regular troops over the Bulgarian frontier. The Greeks seek a quick victory, but wish to capture Jafar, Tarier, who, however, declares that he will never be taken alive.

Another column is proceeding to Keshar to support the frontal attack by the main body of troops along the Maritsa river against Adrianople. It is highly believed that the morale of the Turks is such as to duplicate their five months stand against the Bulgarians in 1912 when the defenses of the city built by the Germans were in good condition. Today they are partly demolished, and there is a general lack of munitions. It is known, however, that the nationalist commander has laid in large food supplies.

The Greeks do not wish to bombard the city in which there still remains a large number of Greeks. While thus far there is little evidence of ill treatment of the Greeks in Adrianople by Jafar Tarier, it is asserted that many of them have been forced to enroll as soldiers and villages have been obliged to pay indemnities when the men were not taken as soldiers.

SISTER OF OMAHA MAN PERSECUTED BY BLOODY TURKS

Local Doctor Receives Letter From Sole Survivor of Family in Near East.

Dr. John Baptist, formerly of Marsova, Turkey, but for many years a well-known resident of Omaha, is rejoicing over the arrival of a letter from his sister, Mrs. Balyozian, the only one of his family who has survived the Armenian massacres.

The letter has been long in coming, but it breaks an eight months' silence, and Dr. Baptist has at least the joy of knowing that on May 23 his sister and her family were alive. "We are alive," she writes, "but in dire need, as is everyone, of food, of clothing and of money. For two months we have been fighting day and night with the Turks, manufacturing our ammunition and using everything possible as a weapon. Had it not been for the French military aid we would all have been massacred."

Man Charged With Murder of Wife in Vancouver Park

Vancouver, B. C., July 25.—W. G. Robbins, longshoreman, was charged in a coroner's jury verdict here with having killed his wife, to whose body, covered with leaves and roses, in a local park, he led the police Thursday.

Police said Robbins confessed he killed his wife because he believed she was not taking proper care of their children and because he believed she had committed to an insane asylum.

While walking with his wife Monday in the park, officers quoted Robbins as saying he shot her and then beat her with his pistol when she promised not to "tell on him" if he would let her live. Tuesday, he said, he thought she might still be alive, so he went to revive her with a wet towel.

Oil Burning Steamer Makes Fine Time From Liverpool

New York, July 25.—Completing her first trip since refitting as an oil burner, the steamship Aquitania arrived here from Liverpool. Despite an accident off the Irish coast, where one engineer was killed and a stoker injured in a boiler valve explosion, the steamer averaged 22.04 knots and made 576 miles on the fourth day out.

Among her cabin passengers were Walter Hagen, American open golf champion, who recently won the French open golf championship, and Arnaud Massey, French amateur golfer.

Thayer County Assessment.

Hebron, Neb., July 25.—(Special.)—The Thayer county board of equalization has completed its work showing the assessed valuation of the personal property is \$2,567,770; total improvements on land, \$2,659,725; actual valuation of land and improvements averaged, per acre, \$85.25; actual valuation of land averaged, per acre, \$77.83. Thayer county claims 2,266 automobiles. The real estate valuation assessed in 1920 is 49.12 per cent higher than in 1919.

Notify Dry Nominee at Ohio Home on August 11

Lincoln, Neb., July 25.—Aaron S. Watkins, prohibition nominee for the presidency, will be officially notified of his nomination August 11 at his home at Germantown, O. This was decided at the final meeting of the national committee here.

Discover Red Plot in Riga.

Washington, July 25.—A communist plot to overthrow the Latvian government is reported in advices to the State Department to have been discovered at Riga. The conspirators were arrested.

Choose Sioux City.

St. Louis, July 25.—Sioux City, Ia., was chosen the next convention place of the Gideons' Christian travelers' association. J. H. Humphris of Huntington, W. Va., was elected president.

FLATIRONS ROUT WHITE GIRLS IN REFORMATORY RIOT

Race War Breaks Out in New York State Institution; Several Injured.

Bedford, N. Y., July 25.—Inmates of the state reformatory for women engaged in a serious race riot today, which started in the laundry and quickly spread to all cottages at the institution.

Hot flatirons used by the negro girls during the fighting in the laundry forced their opponents to flee, but the battle was renewed on the lawn when a score of white inmates joined the fray. The laundry was wrecked.

About 150 girls took part. The negroes were outnumbered, 5 to 1, but they held off their opponents with knives and flatirons. The disturbance was quelled by state troopers and the Bedford police.

Three girls escaped from the reformatory tonight. A fourth, who had escaped during the riot, was caught at Mount Kisco and brought back here.

Several policemen and troopers were injured slightly while quelling the disturbance. One was bitten by a girl. About a dozen girls were cut and bruised. The ringleaders of the riot and about 70 participants were locked in the prison building, where they continued screaming and shouting for some time.

Miss Florence Jones, superintendent, resigned tonight as result of the trouble. Rev. Thomas Kelley, former chaplain, assisted the police in quelling the rioters.

Chamber Discusses Alleged Disrespect to Brazil

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, July 25.—Alleged disrespect shown Brazil during the recent revolution in Bolivia by Bolivian citizens, who entered the Brazilian consulate at La Paz, and seized a Bolivian who had taken refuge there, was discussed by the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon. The chairman of the diplomatic commission of the chamber expressed the opinion that the consul at La Paz had exceeded his duties in granting the Bolivian asylum, and that no disrespect had been shown Brazilian sovereignty unless the archives of the consulate were interfered with.

FARMERS NAME COMMITTEES ON CO-OPERATION

American Federation Starts Move to Eliminate Middlemen in Grain and Live Stock Industry.

Chicago, July 25.—Appointment of committees to devise plans for the co-operative marketing of grain and live stock was determined upon at the final session today of the American Farm Bureau Federation. The live stock proposal was unanimously approved when the association's committee on that industry recommended it. This action came a few hours after the plan of the grain committee had been received favorably by a majority of the convention.

The grain committee, which will be announced in the near future, will be a permanent body with headquarters in Chicago. It will investigate plans of co-operative marketing as well as suggest new plans. Members of the committee will comprise leading grain producers, grain elevator men and others.

Production of Bituminous Coal Shows Big Increase

Washington, July 25.—Bituminous coal production of 10,969,000 tons for the week ended July 17, announced by the geological survey, was the largest of any week since the first of the railroad switchmen's strike in March.

This output also exceeded that of the last previous full-time week by 413,000 tons.

Shipments of 603,808 tons to the lakes during the week showed little variation from the tonnage of the preceding week, and total shipments from the beginning of the season to July 17 were 5,288,000 tons, compared with 10,300,000 tons in 1918 and 11,840,000 in 1919.

Representatives of the United States Grain Growers association and of the National Board of Farm organizations, who attended the meetings announced that a convention of those organizations would be held at Columbus, probably in August.

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