

Death of Paris Stage Favorite Caps Tragedies

Suicide of Mrs. Hallye Peck Is Seventh In Year's Cycle of Violent Ends for Once Happy Crowd.

By ROBERT J. PREW, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. London, Dec. 30.—The suicide in Paris of Mrs. Hallye Peck caps the most startling series of tragedies within a single social set that has ever been recorded.

Inside of one year seven men and women, all dazzling figures in Anglo-American circles, moving in London, Paris and New York, have met sudden or violent ends.

The first link in the chain of calamities was forged early in the year, when Gaby Deslys, stricken with cancer, lost every vestige of her famous beauty and died in a Paris nursing home.

Eva Luscombe Second. Then Eva Luscombe, one of the finest dancers of England, was burned to death in New York.

"Babs" Taylor, was slain in her fashionable apartment by George Augustus in a fit of jealousy. While his sweetheart was dying in a hospital where she was taken after Kelly shot her, he turned his weapon upon himself and died a suicide.

On the same day Miss Luscombe's husband, who was the son of a baronet, fell dead at his dressing table. "Babs" Taylor's close friend, Phyllis Maude, a beautiful chorus girl, who had married the Marquis de Sain, died the same week in a Glasgow boarding house.

Gaby Knew "Babs" Taylor. At one of her last appearances in London Gaby Deslys played at the Globe theater in "Suzette" with "Babs" Taylor and Hallye Peck, whose death the last week in Paris ended from this life the last member of the tragic circle.

Mrs. Peck was a beautiful woman about town, frequenting the best hotels and night clubs for some years, her bills being paid by a famous millionaire. In her heyday she had a house in exclusive Carson street, where her expensive parties were attended by famous people of art, letters and drama.

Then fell the evil days when she moved among the desperate gamblers and quickly sank from wealth to poverty. She was only 26 when she died. The early days of her married life were happy, but she became estranged from her husband when she launched into the night life of the West End, dining at the Ritz, Savoy and Carlton and finishing her nights in gambling dens.

Lived With Gaby. She once shared an apartment with Gaby Deslys, whose death greatly influenced her during the recent months, though penury, and not grief at the loss of her many friends, caused her to take her life.

She went to Paris after pawning her jewels with friends, and divorce proceedings were pending in Paris when she fell inextricably into the clutches of drugs.

At the end of the summer she made her first attempt at suicide with veronal. Paris doctors saved her that time, though she hovered between life and death for several days.

She Arranged Funeral. When she recovered she made a last futile attempt to restore her financial position by pawning her jewels. Describing her later months as a "wounded butterfly," she said that some of them would care for her sole remaining servant.

Schoolmasters Want "Soviet" for France. Paris, Dec. 30.—Thirteen thousand schoolmasters employed in French public schools are in favor of a soviet for France.

This fact was discovered when a census was taken recently of members of the extremist wing of the labor party, which recently urged adherence to Lenin's third international.

Most of the tutors give as their reason their underpay. The schoolmaster is the most important person in any country and he is paid as though he counted for nothing at all, they state. "Under the communist system we could get our just dues."

A surprisingly large number of "intellectuals" in France are subscribers to the third international.

Two Stars of Filmland In Double Elopement



Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 30.—Two of filmland's most popular stars, Dorothy Gish and Constance Talmadge, eloped to Greenwich, Conn., last Sunday, and were married without a single moving picture camera to click out the scene.

Miss Gish was married to James Rennie, who plays Pancho in "Spanish Love," and Miss Talmadge was married to John Philgou, a Greek tobacco importer.

The marriage of Miss Talmadge took place in the presence of the bride's mother and her two sisters, Norma and Natalie.

Since Sunday both Miss Gish and Miss Talmadge have been living with their mothers at Savoy hotel, while their husbands have continued at their bachelor apartments.

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Galli-Curci and Samuels Will Wed At Minneapolis. Ceremony, Which Will Occur January 15, Will Be Quiet Home Affair at Residence of Parents of Groom.

By EARL L. SHAUB, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Chicago, Dec. 30.—Mme. Amelita Galli-Curci, grand opera star, who will wed her accompanist, Homer Samuels, in Minneapolis January 15, didn't know she was in love with the talented musician until she became homesome in Paris last summer, she said today.

The couple will be married at the home of the parents of the groom. The wedding will be a plain home ceremony.

Samuels was homesome, too, while she was abroad, and so when she returned to New York he met her at the dock and right then and there he popped the question and she said "yes." Neither had spoken of love before in his life.

"I went to Paris; Homer stayed in New York," she said today. "When I reached France I found I was homesome, more homesome than ever before in my life."

Felt Very Lonesome. "At first I did not know why I felt so miserably happy. That's the only way I can explain my feeling. But soon I knew. It was Homer."

"Back I went to New York. Mr. Samuels met me at the dock. "I was so lonesome here without you," were the first words he said.

"And I, too, was unhappy alone," I found myself telling him. "I'm in love," I said to myself. "I love you," he said to me.

"And we became engaged on the spot."

Telephone Girl Gives Clue to Bathtub Murder

Reveals Name of Man Whom Mason City Woman Went To Chicago to Visit Before Death.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Evelyn Beckner, employe of the Iowa telephone company here, gave authorities a clue to the identity of the man who is being sought in connection with the mysterious death of Edna B. Wilson of Mason City. Miss Wilson was found dead in the bathtub of her home yesterday, entirely nude and police allege she was murdered.

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Hostilities At Fiume Ended As City Capitulates. D'Annunzio Plans to Leave City In Company With Signorita Bacchera by Airplane.

Triste, Dec. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Hostilities at Fiume between Italian regular troops and D'Annunzian legionaries ended tonight.

The agreement for the capitulation of Fiume will be signed tomorrow morning.

Orders for a cessation of fighting at Fiume apparently followed a report to General Cavaglia, commander of Italian regulars in Dalmatia, that the council of Fiume, to which Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio had turned over his powers as head of the "regency of Quarnero," had accepted the terms of the Italian government.

At a conference held at Abbazia yesterday the council gave complete recognition of the treaty of Rapallo, against the application of which D'Annunzio and his men were fighting.

The last news from D'Annunzio personally stated he had resolved to leave Fiume by airplane, and it is presumed he planned to take with him Signorita Luiseella Bacchera, who has been in Fiume for several months and to whom he has declared he will be married as soon as he is given a divorce from his present wife.

Signorita Bacchera refused to leave the post-soldier when an attack on the city was imminent, declaring she would rather be killed than to quit the city.

Speaker Makes Appeal to Rotary Club for Legion. A plea for a firmer co-operation with the American Legion on the part of Omaha business men was made Wednesday noon by T. J. McGuire, speaking before members of the Omaha Rotary club at the Rome hotel.

McGuire outlined the plan for a coming drive for legion members and asked the support of the Rotarians.

Guy M. Hoyt, resigned executive of the Omaha Boy Scouts, who leaves soon to enter the University of Chicago, was given a farewell by the Rotarians.

Ezra Meeker Celebrates His 90th Birthday at Seattle. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30.—Ezra Meeker, known from coast to coast by his pilgrimages with an ox-drawn prairie schooner over the route of the old Oregon trail, which he traveled for the first time 50 years ago on his westward journey, celebrated his 90th birthday here yesterday. Part of the celebration last night was an old-fashioned spelling bee with a spelling book published in 1829 used as the text.

Fifty years' residence in this state was required of entrants.

Residents of Hurley, Wis., Blame Wholesale Raid on Curse Placed on Town by Lone Woman. burned like a powder train and a dozen men and women, among them the Chicago girl, were trampled and burned to death.

This sort of sobers the town for a few days. Local priests urged the proprietors of the Alcazar not to rebuild it, but they disregarded the requests, and the notorious den arose from its ashes more brazen than ever.

It lasted six weeks. Then a second fire swept it and twenty-seven persons perished in the ruins. This time it was not rebuilt and for sixteen years the twisted iron and charred wood remained untouched.

Sister Causes Her Brother's Arrest

Man Who Came to Collect Part of Estate Charged With Disturbing Peace.

W. B. Earnest of Logan, Ia., came to Omaha yesterday morning and visited his sister, Mrs. Cora Bramon, 412 South Twenty-fifth street, to claim two diamond rings and other articles in the settlement of an estate.

His request being refused by the sister, he obtained a writ of replevin in municipal court and returned to the Bramon home in the afternoon with Constable F. W. McGinnis.

The next movement of Mr. Earnest was to the Central police station on a charge of disturbing the peace, brought by his sister, who alleged that during his morning visit the brother used violent and abusive language.

Mr. Earnest came to Omaha with his brother, Thomas, in connection with their joint administration of the estate of their sister, Nettie Earnest, formerly of Omaha. They allege that the sister willed all of her personal effects to them and that Mrs. Bramon held two valuable diamond rings, one wrist watch and a Hudson seal coat, all of which were mentioned in the writ of replevin issued yesterday to Constable McGinnis, who obtained the seal coat.

The Earnest brothers are farmers at Logan, Ia.

Greeks Meet In Secret Session

Stage Set for Grand Ball of Alpha Tau Omega Congress. The fraternity "grip" and pass word were necessary for attendance at the second session of the 27th biennial convention of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity in the Hotel Fontaine yesterday.

It was behind closed doors, and those not possessors of credentials to admit them into the realm of A. T. O. Greekdom were turned away with a happy shrug by the sergeant-at-arms stationed at the entrance.

After the meeting all officers of the various provinces throughout the states gathered at the Farnam entrance of the court house for a photograph.

Three hundred couples attended the ball at the Fontaine last night. E. J. Galbraith will be present and will address the meeting.

The governor of Iowa and distinguished citizens from this and other states will be guests at the meeting, as well as members of all Iowa posts and state legislature. Commanders and Legion members from all over the state will be present.

Clothing Workers Are Charged With Attempt To Organize Combine

Boston, Dec. 30.—Charges that representatives of the clothing manufacturers of New York City had approached Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, a few months ago with a proposal for combinations in that industry similar to those disclosed in the building trades inquiry announced last night, were made by Hillman in addressing 2,500 members of the organization.

Mr. Hillman said the proposal called for "friendly strikes and lock-outs," which would force a clothing shortage and make it possible for the manufacturer to "bleed the public to the limit."

"We rejected their plans," he said, "and later, when manufacturers in Chicago, Baltimore and Rochester refused to join them, the plan fell through."

Police Seek Missing Man. St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Police today began a search for J. Oscar Boeck, secretary treasurer of a local battery company, who failed to return home last night. A note found in his desk read: "We'll get you and your crowd—BLACKHAND."

Habitués of the Gilded Cabarets of New York Ready for New Year Eve. New York, Dec. 30.—Habitués of the gilded cabarets along the "gay white way" will have at least one reminder this New Year's eve of the old time rollicking midnight celebrations before the demise of John Barleycorn—the prices for viands will be as high as usual. In some establishments diners will be asked to pay \$15 for cover charges as a preliminary fee for the mere privilege of paying still more for a meal.

Nearly all restaurants announced today that all tables had been reserved. Their menu proof sheets show, among other things, cocktails, punches, fizzes, highballs and juleps, but—the "foot notes" explain, laboriously, that these beverages are non-alcoholic.

Omaha Man Elected Head of State Bar Association. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Bar Association, in session here, elected the following officers: President, Alfred G. Elick of Omaha; vice presidents, Charles P. Anderberg, Minden; William E. Schuman, North Platte; Earl M. Cline, Nebraska City; secretary, Henry Raymond, Omaha; treasurer, R. M. Crossman, Omaha. The member elected to the executive council for three years was Guy C. Chambers of this city.

There's three-fold goodness to CHOCOLATE PUFF CAKES—the soft, fresh cake, the creamy marshmallow, and the thick chocolate coating. Sold by the pound.

President-Elect Spends Busy Day In Conferences

Coal Situation, Packer Control and Naval Program Among Subjects Discussed at Marion.

Marion, O., Dec. 30.—Wide variety of subjects, including the coal situation, packer control and the naval building program, were talked over by President-elect Harding yesterday in a dozen conferences which kept him busy from early morning until late at night.

The coal production problem was presented to him by Daniel B. Wentz of Philadelphia, president of the National coal association, which furnished detailed information about the present rate of production and the outlook for the coming year.

Mr. Harding asked many questions on the subject but it was not indicated what attitude he took regarding government regulation of the industry.

On the subject of naval construction the president-elect sought information from Representative Patrick A. Kelley of Michigan, chairman of the house subcommittee which handles naval appropriations.

Means of cutting down expenditures without crippling national defense were discussed at length. Mr. Kelley suggesting that while the present building program was being completed, an international agreement might be perfected for limitation of armaments.

A committee from Chicago, headed by S. B. Stafford, president of the Chicago Live Stock Exchange, took up with Mr. Harding the question of government regulation of the live stock industry and presented a plea that during the next four years the means of raising restrictions should be selected in harmony with that policy, but said afterwards that they had not put forward any particular candidates.

Another caller was Victor F. Lawson publisher of the Chicago Daily News, who said his conference concerned various domestic problems. Charles B. Warren of Detroit, former republican national committeeman for Michigan, also called to see the president-elect and had luncheon at the Harding home.

Canadian Engineers Lose Membership in Trades Organization

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—The charter of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Engineers has been revoked, Tom Moore, president of the Canadian Trades Labor congress, announced. The congress has more than 12,000 railroad workers, the majority of whom are employed on the Canadian National railways.

Mr. Moore said the charter had been revoked because the brotherhood's activities had conflicted with those of the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, the only organization which will, in the future, be recognized by the Trades and Labor congress.

Marshall Field III Takes Up Banking as Life Business. Chicago, Dec. 30.—Marshall Field III, announced today that he had decided to take up investment banking as his life business and had formed a partnership with a Chicago investment banking firm. Mr. Field, who was the principal heir to the estate of his grandfather, Marshall Field, which made him one of the wealthiest men in the world, also will continue his association with the various New York and Chicago interests left by his grandfather.

Laws Urged To Aid Mothers of the U. S.

Association for Labor Legislation Seeks Co-Operation In Protecting Maternity.

New York, Dec. 30.—Enactment of laws in all states to co-operate with the federal government in protecting maternity, particularly among working women, was urged by speakers at the closing sessions of the 14th annual meeting of the American Association for Labor Legislation here today.

Restriction of employment, cash benefits to offset loss of earnings, and free medical care were declared to be the pressing need to overcome an increasing mortality rate for both mothers and infants.

Dr. Richard Bolt, general director of the American Child Hygiene association, said it was a "condemning fact that in this enlightened age and prosperous country more women between 15 and 45 years of age lose their lives from conditions connected with child birth than from any other cause except tuberculosis. More than 23,000 mothers die under these conditions in the United States during the past year," he said.

"What would the government do," Dr. Bolt asked, "if 20,000 or more persons died in this country in one year from smallpox or bubonic plague?"

San Francisco Cops Have Whisky Mystery On Their Hands Now

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The "evaporation" and loss of proof in 48 barrels of whisky that traveled less than five miles through the streets of San Francisco yesterday is today under federal investigation. Under heavy guard and with extensive entourage of motion picture operators and newspaper men the whisky was moved from the home of its owner to a warehouse.

When gauged previous to its departure each of the 48 barrels was found to be full of 102 proof whisky. federal officials said. A re-gauge at the warehouse showed every barrel lacked from two to three gallons capacity, they declared.

Woman Awarded \$40,000 Alimony By Iowa Court

Farm Land and California Home Given to Wealthy Land Owner's Wife by Judge.

Audubon, Ia., Dec. 30.—Alimony approximating \$40,000 and an absolute divorce has been awarded Mrs. Olive Halleck in her suit against her husband, Keyes Halleck, wealthy Audubon county land owner.

The divorce was granted by Judge O. D. Wheeler of the district court, who heard the case two weeks ago. Mrs. Halleck sued for a divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. She asked \$80,000 alimony and sought to show her husband to be worth from \$125,000 to \$200,000.

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Call On Bond Brokers to Give Up Property to Cover Losses. Portland, Ore., Dec. 30.—W. D. Whitcomb, temporary receiver of the bond house of Morris brothers, which failed to open last Monday, following the flight of its former president, John L. Ethridge, now under arrest at Minneapolis, announced last night that he will make legal demand tomorrow upon Fred S. Morris, who succeeded Ethridge in charge of the business for a few days, for the surrender of all property owned by the corporation for the benefit of the creditors of the firm.

THOMPSON-BELDEN & COMPANY. A Sale of Aprons. In the Basement Housewear. Charming little organdie aprons which have sold for 79c, 89c and 98c all go at one price Friday, 59c. The \$1.25 and \$1.50 aprons for \$1. Attractive New Prices on house dresses, dresses for children, bungalow aprons, petticoats and new middies. Housewear—Basement.

Julius Orkin. For Friday Only—300 Beautiful New DRESSES \$9.75 and every dress involved is easily worth three and four times this price. Here's the greatest value surprise announced by any local store during 1920. Dress offerings that seem quite impossible. It's a one day event, so be here early. Lace Striped Tricolettes, Tricotines, Figured Georgette, Crepe de Chine, Foulards, Serges Velours, Check Velours. Beautiful Beaded, Yarn and Silk embroidered, iridescent trimming, silk braid, combination effects. We appreciate that 300 dresses at this ridiculous low price can not last throughout the day, and our best advice to patrons of this store is, be here when the doors open at 9:00 A. M. sharp.