

FIVE GIRLS DIE BY SUICIDE PACT

SHOCKING STORY OF LOVE AND LIFE FAILURES

Sixth, Attempted by Asphyxiation, to Join Her Friends in Death.

New York, March 14.—A startling story of how five girls who came to New York from St. Paul took their own lives was told by Helen Baxter, after she had made a vain effort to commit suicide. She said she was one of the party of five girls who were in the city together last night, and who were planning to die together. She said she had made a vain effort to commit suicide. She said she was one of the party of five girls who were in the city together last night, and who were planning to die together.

When asked why she had tried to end her life she replied: "Why should I not be allowed to die? My five friends who left St. Paul with me a year ago, after we left school, have all committed suicide. I want to die as they did, and join their ranks."

"Was it a suicide pact?" she was asked. "My five friends are all dead, and they died as they chose," was her reply. The girl said she and her five friends decided while in the business school in St. Paul to come to New York together, thinking there was more of a future in the metropolis. She refused to give the names of any of her girl friends.

A short time after their arrival in New York she said one of the girls married. She did not live happily with her husband, however, and killed herself a few months after she became a bride. In the meantime another girl had been seeking employment without success. She sought death, and found it by the same means her friend had used.

The next to go in the same way, according to her story, was one of the girls who had fallen a victim to a man's false friendship. With three of the companions dead she remained worried constantly, and when hard times came and employment was hard to find, two others followed their friends to the grave. That left Helen alone.

Then a man came into her life. The man was represented to her as immensely wealthy, and she fell in love with him. She was suddenly called for Europe. She had nothing more to live for after that, she said, and decided to join her five friends in death. Helen said her father is dead, but that her mother still lives in St. Paul. She refused to give her mother's address. When it was found that the girl would recover she was taken to a police station and locked up, charged with attempted suicide.

The board will endeavor to stop the cutting of trees and benches, and to this end authorized the superintendent to offer a reward of \$10 for information leading to the conviction of the offenders. In future dogs will not be allowed within fifty yards of the animals' enclosure at the park. The elks, especially, are excited by the barking of dogs, and are liable to injure themselves against the wire.

The board intends to visit the park at Buffalo station, and investigate an application of residents for improvements. **GERMANY IN ENGLAND.** Teutonic Analine Factories to Be Established in Old Land.

London, March 14.—Some of the bigger manufacturers of analine dyes, whose patents are in German hands, are taking steps to establish factories in England as a consequence of the new patent law introduced by David Lloyd-George, president of the Board of Trade, which came into effect January 1st, and which empowers the revocation of patents unless the process is carried on in the United Kingdom.

The new law is expected to have great results in bringing trade to Great Britain. It is still the subject of negotiations between Great Britain and Germany, the latter of which is seeking to secure a respite from the enforcement of its provisions. Mr. Lloyd-George, speaking at a banquet at Camarvon, Wales, last night predicted that the new patent law will give work to tens of thousands of British workers.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK CAR. Big Log Placed Across B. C. Electric Track at Fairview. Vancouver, March 13.—A dastardly attempt was made to wreck a car on the B. C. E. R. Co.'s Fairview branch on Wednesday night. Somewhere about 8 o'clock a big log was placed across the track, between Cypress and Cedar streets, on Fairview. Fortunately the log was noticed by a passerby, who notified the policeman on that beat, and assistance was obtained and the log removed.

WANTED FOR GRAND LARCENY.

San Diego Doctor Fled to Vancouver Only to Be Arrested.

Vancouver, March 14.—Dr. W. L. Warner, wanted in San Diego, Cal., for grand larceny, was arrested here yesterday afternoon on the strength of a telegram from the sheriff of the American city. Warner has been chased all over the western part of the country, and a few days ago the authorities at San Diego secured a clue which told them that the fugitive had come to Vancouver. The local police were communicated with by wire and they were furnished with a description. It was learned that Warner was in the city and for four days he has been shadowed while definite instructions were awaited from the States. These were received early this afternoon and Detectives Waddell and Scott arrested him. He will be held until the sheriff from San Diego comes to take him back.

GOLD IN BLACK SAND.

Vancouver Men Exploiting Claims Near Cape Scott. Vancouver, March 13.—Capt. Wilbur Johnson, who with several other Vancouver men holds a lease on Gold Beach near Cape Scott, at the northern end of Vancouver Island, has just returned from that point after working on the claims all winter. The property consists of a long black sand beach, wide open to the ocean. The auriferous contents of the sands are sufficient per cubic yard to make the working of them pay. During the past winter Captain Johnson and associates did considerable prospecting along the beach line and in the hills which lie some distance back from the shore. They have suspended work till spring, when they will return with a plant for the handling and saving of the fine gold carried in the sands.

CONFIDENT HE WILL DEFEAT GOTCH

Hackenschmidt Arrives in America for Championship Wrestling Match.

New York, March 14.—Expressing himself as not to be misunderstood by the American public, Georges Hackenschmidt, the champion wrestler of the world, who arrived here yesterday from Europe, proclaimed confidence in his ability to defeat Frank Gotch, the American champion, whom he will meet in Chicago on April 3rd. "I would to have it understood, however," he said, "that whatever may be the outcome of the match between Gotch and myself, it will be an absolute square contest in which the best man will win."

While Hackenschmidt feels well, he is not quite in the best wrestling condition. "I have been working for the past year and have had little time in which to train, but I know that with two weeks' training I will be in perfect shape." When he was told that Gotch was a great wrestler, he said: "I'm glad to hear it. If he's as good as reported our bout should prove a good one."

GRAIN EXCHANGE IS FACING CRISIS

Winnipeg Body Cannot Obtain Money to Pay Debt on Building.

Winnipeg, March 14.—The grain exchange is in a serious financial condition as a result of its inability to raise money to pay a debt of \$323,000 against the Newhall \$1,000,000 building. Recent legislation is blamed for all the trouble. Seats worth a few weeks ago \$2,650 are now down to \$1,000. A special meeting of the exchange is called for Friday.

COLOMBIA MINISTRY.

Bogota, March 14.—General Mercaderes Vargas has been given the portfolio of Minister of Government, and P. A. Purrullita that of Foreign Affairs in the cabinet of President Rivera.

CITY MEMBERS WILL NOT MEET WOMEN

Premier McBride, H. B. Thomson, H. Behnson and F. Davy Refuse Conference.

At the recent meeting of women in the city when the subject of the franchise being extended to women was fully discussed, a resolution was passed sending the city members to meet with the women for the purpose of discussing the vote cast by these members against the granting of the franchise to women. A reply has been received from the members. It is to the effect that they are "unable to see that any benefit would result from such a meeting," and they decline to accept the invitation.

This decision, it is explained, was reached after a conference among the members representing Victoria in the local legislature, namely, Premier McBride, H. B. Thomson, H. Behnson and Fred Davy.

NEGRO GETS LIFE TERM.

Chicago, March 14.—Imprisonment for life was the verdict of the jury yesterday that convicted Howard Steele, a colored man tried of attacking Mabel Miller, 17 years old, near her home last December. Steele was identified by the girl. She said that he struck her and left her unconscious in the snow.

JAP SQUADRON'S SECRET MISSION

CRUISERS READY TO SAIL FROM FORMOSA

"Manoeuvres" Says Admiralty but Tatsu Maru Incident May Be Cause.

Hongkong, March 14.—Information has been received here from Formosa that the first Japanese naval squadron will sail to-day on a secret cruise. The cruisers Yakomo, Akitsuama, Asama, and a flotilla of smaller vessels have been made ready to sail at a moment's notice since March 1st.

The Tatsu Maru case has caused a sensation in the navy, and some action in this connection is surmised. A dispatch from Tokio under the date of March 9th announced that a part of the first Japanese naval squadron was to leave port on March 14th. Other preparations for the departure are proceeding rapidly. At the office of the admiralty in Tokio it was declared that the squadron was about to begin a series of manoeuvres. It was pointed out further that this was being tried on two months ago, and that, therefore, the activity of Sasebo should not necessarily be considered in connection with the difficulty with China arising from the Tatsu Maru incident.

BOWSER SUSPENDS HIS NATAL ACT

Vancouver, March 14.—Attorney-General Bowser announced to-day that pending the appeal no further effort will be made to enforce the provisions of the Natal Act. The attorney-general expects the appeal to be on here on April 7th.

TOWN DEVASTATED BY RAGING FIRE

Hundreds Homeless in Big Timber, Mont.—Gale Spread Flames.

Butte, Mont., March 14.—Fire yesterday destroyed three-fourths of Big Timber, Mont., leaving three hundred families homeless and causing \$400,000 damages. The fire raged for seven hours during a gale. Early in the struggle control of the fire was lost and a special train with fire-fighting apparatus was hurried from Livingston, about thirty miles from Big Timber. The fire started in the stock yards of the Northern Pacific Company, and from there spread to a dwelling on the outskirts of the town, thence it was carried from house to house until the business quarter was reached. The flames cut a swath more than a block wide through the business section of the town. The wind then veered, and the flames were driven back, destroying the houses which had escaped the first sweep.

HUNDRED INJURED IN RAILWAY WRECK

Halifax, N. S., March 14.—One hundred passengers were injured in a wreck on the Newfoundland railway near Port Aux Basques. The engine and cars rolled over a snow-covered embankment on the route to Farnie, had his arm badly dislocated. A girl bound to Vancouver had her teeth penetrate her lips.

INQUIRY INTO "UNEMPLOYED" STRIKE

Provincial Government Sends W. M. Manson to Investigate at Nanaimo.

Nanaimo, March 14.—The strike of the "unemployed" who were given work by the Provincial Government near the city has resulted in the government sending W. M. Manson, an old Nanaimite, now government agent at Port Simpson, here, to make a careful investigation of the whole situation. Only such measures as are actually in need of work will be employed and the government will have to take oath in answer to the questions Mr. Manson will put to them.

WILL SETTLE RIOT CLAIMS OF CHINESE

W. L. Mackenzie King to Visit Vancouver as Royal Commissioner.

Ottawa, March 14.—On W. L. Mackenzie King's return from London, Eng., he will be sent to Vancouver by the government as a Royal Commissioner to adjudicate and settle the claims of the Chinese residents there for damages in connection with the anti-Oriental riots of last summer. Although Japanese claims were settled promptly action toward settling Chinese claims has been delayed till now.

DINED WITH U. S. AMBASSADOR.

Berlin, March 14.—Emperor William and Empress Alberta Victoria dined last night with Chattemagne Tower, the American ambassador, and Mrs. Tower.

ASHORE WITH DOUBLE TOW.

Tug Tye on Beach Near Port Gambier Sea Lion Standing By.

Port Townsend, March 14.—Tug Tye, of the Puget Sound Tug Boat Company, with a double tow, went ashore last night near Port Gambier. The prompt action of the tug in dropping anchor saved the trio from all going on the beach. The two vessels in tow are the schooners Mabel Gales and Spokane. Tug Sea Lion is standing by the Tye and expects to float her to-day.

TO ADMINISTER PROVINCE.

Ottawa, March 14.—Gordon Hunter, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, has been gazetted administrator of the province pending the appointment of Dunsmuir. James Thornburn of Vancouver, has been gazetted accountant in the land revenue division at Vancouver.

AWAKENING TO SENSE OF PERIL

LIBERALS REJECT "RIGHT TO WORK" BILL

Socialism Receives Set Back in British House of Commons.

London, March 14.—The Liberals and the Socialists came to a clash in the House of Commons yesterday, and, undoubtedly influenced to a certain extent by Lord Rosebery's speech to the Liberal League against Socialism, the Liberal majority rejected the "right to work" bill of the Labour party. The majority against this bill was 149.

AWOKE FROM DREAM TO KILL HIS WIFE

Terrible Crime of U. S. Treasury Clerk—"Thought She Was Burglar."

Washington, March 14.—Hugh Hollis, a treasury department clerk, who came here from Louisville, Ky., and who served as a relief sergeant on the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, shot and killed his wife at their home on Newton street yesterday. Hollis procured a revolver a day or two ago and took leave from his office to practice with the weapon. About three o'clock yesterday morning his wife awoke to attend to their child, and as she returned to the bedside Hollis awakened, pulled his revolver from beneath his pillow and fired, instantly killing the woman. Immediately he went to sleep again, and said he knew nothing of the shooting until he was afterwards awakened. He declares he was dreaming of burglars.

MINING LODGES VOTE ON WAGE AWARD

Likely Settlement Between Dominion Coal Company and Its Employees.

Halifax, N. S., March 14.—All the P. W. A. Lodges in Glace-Bay held special meetings to vote on the fixing of a board of conciliation appointed to the investigation of questions at issue between the Dominion Coal Company and its employees regarding wage schedule. Nine mining lodges voted in favor of accepting the award.

HAS WEATHERED FINANCIAL STORM

Sir William Van Horne Speaks of New Born Confidence in Dominion.

Montreal, March 14.—Sir William Van Horne, who returned to Montreal yesterday from Europe, said he heard strong expressions of admiration in London and Paris, in fact everywhere he went, for the splendid way in which Canada had weathered the recent financial storm which so seriously affected the rest of the world. He says Canadian investments were never so highly regarded abroad as now, which will mean much for Canada in future. If we do nothing to shake this new-born confidence.

EMMA GOLDMAN TOUR.

Portland, Ore., March 14.—It is announced that Emma Goldman will spend three months on the Pacific Coast, beginning next month. She will deliver lectures and enter into debates in Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Gough, and Salt Lake and other cities.

NO MONEY MAKING IN BARS.

Hon. G. E. Foster Suggests Custom Tried in Great Britain.

Montreal, March 14.—In an address last night in St. James' Methodist church at the twenty-ninth annual convention of the Quebec provincial branch alliance, Hon. G. E. Foster suggested that licensed drinking places in Canada should be conducted on the system obtaining in some parts of Great Britain and the United States, a system by which money making is eliminated from the management. In all such places Mr. Foster said, tea, coffee and light refreshments would be provided, and care exercised in retaining liquor to all those who had enough.

CONSTABLES HAD ROUGH TIME.

Ladysmith, March 13.—Constables Callender and Connell had rather a rough time last night. Two Russian Finns, under the influence of drink, were creating a disturbance. They were warned to go away quietly but refused and Constable Callender promptly arrested them, rather he tried to do so, for the men resisted stoutly, and it was only after a great struggle that they agreed to go quietly to the lock-up.

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EAST SLOPE OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS WILL BE SEVERELY SWEATING

Government to Preserve Land From Boundaries to Arctic.

Montreal, March 13.—The feature at last night's convention Dominion forestry convention has opened here, was the statement of Hon. Sidney Fisher was the intention of the government to reserve the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains as a forest preserve. This vast territory, extending international boundary, would be kept free from timber, held for forest growth, to be cut from time to time in strict regulations as would be for all time.

The announcement was met with hearty cheers by the delegates. Another notable feature taken in the deliberation of the convention was the presence of Hon. J. B. Macdonald, who spoke in support of the forestry convention. He said that the government's policy was to preserve the forest as a source of revenue, and to provide for the future of the people of the province.

Robert Meighen, who is interested in New Brunswick, complained that neither the provincial government nor the federal government were doing enough for forest preservation.

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