

BRUCE SWAIN TELLS OF ROMANCE THAT ENDED IN NEAR-TRAGEDY ON TUESDAY

MET GIRL 5 YEARS AGO

SWEETHEART OF DOLLIE PRICE GIVES OUT STATEMENT OF COURTSHIP.

TELLS DETAILS

Were to Have Been Married Last July, But Marriage Was Several Times Postponed. Miss Price is Regaining Strength.

(By Eastern Press)

New Bern, Oct. 22.—A representative of the Daily News this morning obtained an interesting account from Bruce Swain, the young man who was to have married Miss Price about five years ago, that their friendship grew into love and that they were to have been married on the fourth day of last July. She was in Goldsboro at that time and when the date set for the wedding arrived she told him that she was not quite ready to become his wife.

Three weeks ago Mr. Swain went to Goldsboro to see Miss Price and at that time she told him that she was giving up her position there and was going to seek a new place and that if she did not find such that she would marry him last Sunday week ago. She was to have met him at Chocowinity where he intended going from Elizabeth City where he was stopping.

Searches for eHr. The day on which the young couple was to have met at Chocowinity arrived and Mr. Swain went to Chocowinity but Miss Price was not there. Then, according to his statement, he went on to Goldsboro to search for her. He found that she had gone to Greenville and had secured a position at the Proctor hotel. On Wednesday he went to that place and found her. All during that day, Thursday and until Friday night he talked with her.

On Friday night she took Lottie, the eight-year-old sister of Mr. Swain, and went to Ernul to see her mother. She told Mr. Swain according to his story, that she would meet him in Elizabeth City on Tuesday morning and that they would be married there that day. He confidently expected her to meet him there and, in order to make sure that she had left New Bern, called up the Gaston hotel over the long distance telephone after the train had departed. He was told that she had not and he requested that she be called to the telephone. At that time the young woman could not be found and when she called up a little later Mr. Swain had departed.

The First News. He said that he heard nothing else until a short time after 11 o'clock when he received a telegram that Miss Price could not talk to him and that he at once boarded a train for this city, arriving here to learn that she had attempted suicide.

Mr. Swain feels that the impression has been gained that he was the cause of the shooting and that he regrets this very much. He emphatically stated that he loves the

PLIGHT OF SERBIANS DESPERATE

ARE BEING HEMMED IN ON ALL SIDES BY FORCES OF THE TEUTONIC ALLIES.

GREECE NEUTRAL

Undecided as to What Part She Will Play. No Great Activity in the West. Russians Win Several Victories in the East.

London, Oct. 22.—The plight of Serbia's hard pressed forces, assailed on the north and east by the numerically superior armies of Germany, Austria and Bulgaria is becoming desperate.

As much is admitted in an official statement from Niah. This announcement confirms previous reports that the Bulgarians have captured Vranja on the Nish-Saloniki railroad. Communication on this line is interrupted in two places, impeding the advance of French and British troops whose arrival is being awaited with anxiety by the Serbians.

No Resumption of Offensive. There are no signs of resumption of the offensive movement on the western front, which has been expected in England and France. The only fresh activity disclosed in the day's reports are German attacks near Rheims and Souchez, and a small engagement in Lorraine. In every case the French war office reports the Germans were frustrated in efforts to reach the French lines.

Greece Still Undecided. Greece is still undecided what part she shall play in the operations in the Balkans. It is reported from Athens that new proposals have been made by the quadruple Entente in an effort to procure the assistance of Greece. According to these advices, not only the island of Cyprus has been offered, but also an extension of the Greek boundary, at the expense of Bulgaria and Turkey, almost to Constantinople as well as to include certain territory in Asia-Minor.

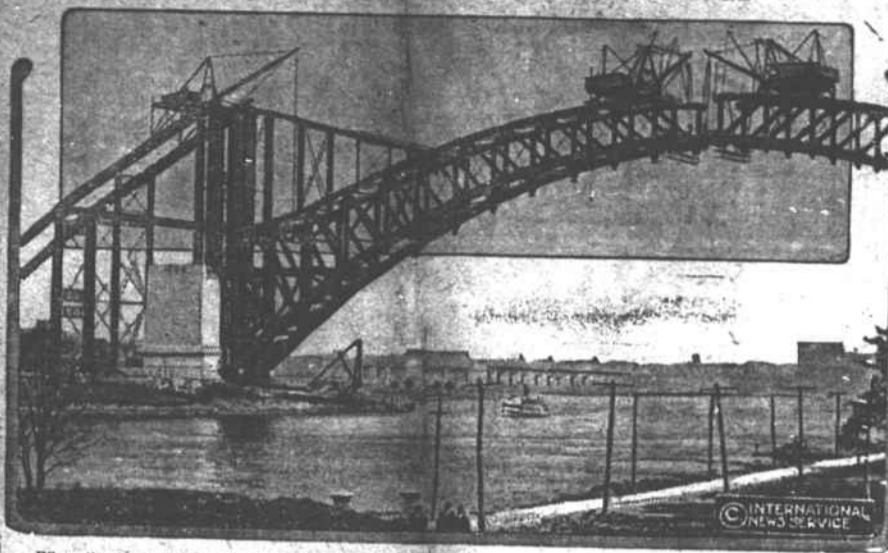
Russians Win Victory. Russia's armies which recently have been prosecuting a vigorous offensive movement with some success on the southern end of their front, are now reported to have won an important victory further north, in the central district of the long front. An official communication from Petrograd announces the capture of several German positions in the neighborhood of Baranovich, north of the Pripiet river. The Russian staff states that more than 3,500 men, together with ten machine guns and one field piece, were captured.

Pope's Plan Falls. Pope Benedict has made another effort to hasten the conclusion of the war, requesting King Albert of Belgium to make the first move toward peace. The pope is said to have promised to use his influence with Germany to bring about the evacuation of Belgium territory in the event peace was concluded. King Albert, however, responded that he would not lay down his sword as long as Belgium was "in slavery."

Young woman and intends making her wife if she recovers and is agreeable to the union. He further declares that Miss Price has something to say in regard to the shooting and that she is going to give out a statement just as soon as she is able to do so.

Miss Price's condition continues to improve. She spent a comfortable night at the hospital and this morning had apparently regained considerable strength.

JOINING THE ENDS OF HELL GATE BRIDGE



When the last girder of the 19,000-ton bridge over Hell Gate, New York city, was put into place recently, the largest, heaviest and most expensive structure of its kind in the world was nearly completed. The bridge, built for the New York Connecting railroad, is 1,917 feet long and its cost is \$12,000,000.

ENTERTAINED THE ADDISCO CLUB

Book Club Met Yesterday Afternoon at the Home of Mrs. Moss at Washington Park.

Yesterday was another red letter day for the Addisco Club, the members being most delightfully entertained at the handsome summer home of Mrs. B. G. Moss, Washington Park. The paper for the afternoon was "The Tree, in Sentiment and in Literature," by Mrs. S. R. Fowle, so beautifully was this subject treated, that it really was an epic poem. Trees are being studied as never before and knowledge of them is called for by an ever widening circle.

After the literary programme the hostess, assisted by little Miss Jenette and Master Baxterley, Moss, served a most tempting salad course. As a memento of this enjoyable afternoon, each one was given a beautifully bound miniature book, filled with bonbons.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. D. Grimes on November 4th.

GRAND OPERA WELL RECEIVED

Singing at Performance of "Rigoletto" Was the Best Ever Heard in This City.

The National Grand Opera Company, which presented Rigoletto at the New Theatre last night, made a most favorable impression—and then again, they didn't. Those of the audience who had an idea that grand opera for a form of musical comedy, were somewhat disappointed, and it is feared that they did not enjoy the program. Those who really love good music, however—and the big majority of the audience was composed of this class—highly appreciated the excellent singing of the different members of the cast. The applause that was tendered the singers at the end of some specially good selection, exceeded in volume that accorded any previous performance at the local theatre this season. The attraction was a distinctly high class one. The singing of Rigoletto and Gilda was splendid. The other performers were almost equal as good. The orchestra accompaniment, which consisted of eleven pieces, added greatly to the beauty and effect of the songs.

Although the audience was not as large as had been expected, still the house was comfortably filled and showed that there are a large number in Washington who appreciate the class of attraction that was presented last night.

FREEMILL BAPTISTS MEETING AT ERNUL

(By Eastern Press) New Bern, Oct. 22.—Between four and five hundred delegates of the Freemill Baptist churches throughout this section of the State are in attendance at the annual conference that is being held at Ernul. A great deal of interest is being manifested in the program that is being carried out, which includes a number of addresses by various prominent men. The convention will continue through Sunday.

TRAMPS SET FIRE TO SIGNAL TOWER

OPERATOR NEAR ROCKY MOUNT NARROWLY ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE. DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT OVER \$2,500.00.

(By Eastern Press)

Rocky Mount, Oct. 22.—Tramps last night set fire to the interlocking electric signal tower of the Atlantic Coast Line about four miles from this city, almost caused the operator, J. Doggett, to lose his life and partially destroyed the building, the loss being estimated at over \$2,500.

The night watchman first discovered the blaze and saw the tramps running across the yards. He did not give chase, but ran up to the burning building and gave warning to the operator, who was working on the second floor. Doggett had a narrow escape and barely managed to make his way through the burning stairway and the ground floor. Other employees arrived and put the fire out.

AVIATOR AND MECHANICIAN KILLED WHEN BIPLANE FALLS

Lynn, Mass., Oct. 22.—J. Chauncy Redding, of Melrose, and Philip Bulman, of Mallden, were killed today by the fall of a biplane in which they were riding.

Redding, who was manager of the August Aviation school, was operating the machine. Bulman was his mechanic. The accident apparently was due to the collapse of the wing frame work.

Both men were buried to a depth of two feet in the soft mud of a marsh and were dead when taken out.

FEW MEN WILL APPEAR IN CAROLINA'S LINEUP HERE

Chapel Hill, Oct. 22.—Several new names will appear in the Carolina line-up for the V. M. I. game at Greensboro Saturday. The probable lineup for that game, as furnished by Coach Trenchard, will probably be: Homeward and shrdlu shrdlu; Homeward and Love, ends; Boshamer and Jones or Royall, tackles; Cowell and Grimes or Gay, guards; Tandy, center; Long or Macdonald, quarter; Blades and Black or Denning, half; Reid, full.

The two first string halfbacks, Capt. Dave Taylor and "Bill" Townsend; Ramsey, tackle; John Taylor, guard; and Wright, end—these will not get in the game Saturday on account of injuries received in the Georgetown game. Fullback Parker's condition is doubtful at present, and very probably he will not get in the game Saturday.

Watching for the Watches? We have it second-hand that women are now wearing knee watches. But as far as we are concerned we are still from Joplin.—Durham Sun.

O. HENRY CLUB MET YESTERDAY

Interesting Paper Read. Spirited Debate Held Between Two of the Club Members. Program an Excellent One.

Mrs. S. R. Clary entertained the O. Henry Book Club yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Short. The meeting was a most interesting one and was well attended.

After the roll call, a discussion was held, formulating plans for the convention, celebrating Reciprocity Day, which will be held in this city next month. Arrangements were made for the entertainment of the many visitors who are expected.

Mrs. W. A. Blount read a highly interesting and well-prepared paper on "The poet's purpose in writing the play, 'Measure for Measure.'" This was followed by the reading of acts 2 and 3 of the play by the club.

Another excellent feature of the afternoon was the spirited debate between Mrs. H. W. Carter and Miss Lida Rodman, the query being: "Is the realistic presentation of vice conducive to the love and practice of virtue." Miss Rodman had the affirmative and Mrs. Carter the negative. After an animated discussion by each side, the judges, Mrs. Mrs. John H. Small, Mrs. C. M. Brown and Mrs. Geo. T. Leach, decided in favor of the negative.

This debate proved very interesting and the club has planned to have subjects discussed by other members during the year.

Last, but not least, on the afternoon's program was the serving of a delicious and dainty salad course, which closed one of the most interesting meetings that the club has ever held.

The next meeting will be held on November 4th at the home of Mrs. John H. Small.

ENJOYABLE MEETING OF CRESCITE CLUB

Panama and San Diego Expositions. Topics of Discussion and Papers. Met With Mrs. Etheridge.

The Crescite Book Club was entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Sam Etheridge. A large number of members were in attendance and the session proved a most enjoyable one.

An excellent paper on "The Panama and San Diego Expositions," was read by Mrs. Mason Smith. Mrs. Smith brought out some excellent ideas that were received with the closest of attention on the part of her hearers. The paper was also given by Mrs. Caleb Bell on "The Promoters of the Exposition."

A two-course luncheon followed the business session of the meeting. The club will meet next with Mrs. Harry McMullan.

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MURDERER GIVEN 20 YEARS WILL APPEAL BECAUSE JURORS SAW "ST. ELMO" AT THEATER

EXPLAINS WHY FARMERS TAKE TOBACCO AWAY

LOCAL BUSINESS MAN BELIEVES THAT HE HAS HIT UPON RIGHT SOLUTION.

WANT GOOD TIME

Believes That Certain Farmers Are More Anxious for a Two-Days' Outing Than They Are About Prices Paid for Tobacco.

That he had solved the question as to why several farmers of Beaufort county persisted in taking their tobacco to a near-by city, instead of bringing it to the local market, was the statement made this morning by one of the prominent business men of Washington, who has spent the last two days in this other town.

"It was during my absence from town that I came upon what I believe is the answer to the problem and explains why this other city gets a certain amount of our tobacco," remarked the merchant this morning. "I spent two days in that town, and while there, I saw at least eight farmers from Beaufort county. I talked with one or two of them and they appeared in high spirits.

"Are you getting better prices over here than in Washington?" I asked one of them.

"It ain't the prices so much," he replied, with a wink. "It's what we get for coming over here."

"He then invited me over into a corner to have a drink and he also told me that he and a couple of others had been having a high old time since they arrived in town with their loads of tobacco.

"And there, I believe, you have the solution. Some of our farmers don't like to bring their crop to Washington because of the privileges which they can enjoy elsewhere. Therefore, they take their tobacco to this other city, giving as their excuse that they can get better prices for it, and while they are away from town, and among strangers, they cut loose and have what they call 'a big time.'"

"BRINGING UP FATHER."

A treat of unusual proportions is promised at the New Theatre next Tuesday night where the successful Cartoon Comedy in three acts, "Bringing Up Father," is underlined to hold the boards. This merry concoction of mirth, melody and songs is based on the popular comedy of George McManus, and is sponsored by Manager Gus Hill, whose name requires scant introduction to followers of local theatricals. The play is out of the beaten path and has been universally praised by critics all over the country, because of its original features, treatment of theme, catchy music, novelties, surprises and all around entertaining qualities. Dullness has not been permitted to find access into its ranks while the dialogue and situations are so spirited and effervescent that one must always be on the alert to catch the good things that he action and plot unfold. A strong and competent company has been engaged and no detail has been overlooked to make the offering one to be remembered and enjoyed.

Gooseberry and Radish Mate.

Belmont, O., Oct. 22.—Thos. H. Taylor, of Belmont, grew a freak plant in his garden this summer. Last spring he planted a gooseberry root among some horseradish roots. Both the gooseberry and horseradish plants grew and they entwined, yielding a long gooseberry sprout on which five large horseradish leaves grew.

LET'S BUILD IN WASHINGTON PARK. 10-22-15. Tues. Sat.

PETE DAVIS FOUND GUILTY

SHOT KINSTON MAN, THOMAS LANE SOME WEEKS AGO AT JENNYLIND.

HAD CONFESSED

Counsel for Defense, After Verdict Was Announced, Declared Play at Theatre Had an Effect on Bringing About Verdict of Jury.

(By Eastern Press)

Kinston, Oct. 22.—The jury, in the case of Pete Davis, charged with the murder of Thomas Lane, last night brought in a verdict of "guilty of second degree murder." Davis was sentenced to twenty years.

The counsel for the defense gave notice that the case would be appealed to the Supreme court, due to the fact that the jurors, on Wednesday night, went to the Grand theatre and witnessed a 30-cent version of "St. Elmo," in which a horrible stage tragedy was enacted. The counsel explained that it was his belief that the tragedy, depicted on the stage, had an effect in bringing about the verdict of the jury.

Davis, some weeks ago, was at Jenny Lind, in a typical Saturday evening gathering of whites and blacks of the neighborhood.

The story has been that Lane, who was drinking, advanced in Davis' direction with a drawn knife, that the latter drew a revolver and shot him and then fled. Lane was brought to the hospital here, lingered for a few days and died. Davis was picked up by officers at Hines' Junction and confessed.

The case has attracted considerable interest and more interest has been added on account of the action of the counsel in asking for a new trial. This is believed to be the first instance of its kind in the attempt to set aside the verdict of the Superior court.

FINED \$20 FOR PERJURY

Young Man at Tarboro Swore Erroneously as to Age of Girl He Wanted to Marry.

Tarboro, Oct. 22.—George Jones, a few days ago obtained license to marry for J. W. Roberson and Miss Mamie Ayers. Later the parents of the Ayers girl swore out a warrant, charging Jones with false representation of the girl's age. The case came up before the recorder yesterday, and Jones was made to pay a fine of \$20 and receive a road sentence of thirty days, the road sentence being later stricken out at the request of his father.

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