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## Mrs. Rorschach Was Shot Through Heart by An Unknown Burglar

**After Firing Two Shots At Man The Wife of Lieutenant Frank Rorschach Was Killed with Her Own Revolver.**

## Bloodhounds Put on Trail—Young Son Rushed to Inform Neighbors And Returned to Find His Mother Dead.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 10.—Mrs. Mary Lawless Rorschach, wife of Lieutenant Frank Rorschach, of the United States navy, and sister of Joseph T. Lawless, former secretary of the commonwealth of Virginia, was murdered in her home, No. 832 Park Avenue, Parkview, Portsmouth, by an unknown burglar early this morning.

## Countess Weds Italian Singer

The two shots fired by Mrs. Rorschach awakened her oldest boy Frank, Jr., and the mother cried to the boy up stairs: "Frank, somebody has taken my pistol and shot me. Go quickly for help."

## Another Move on Matrimonial Checker—Board of Royalty—Divorced Wife of King of Saxony Marries Again.

New York, Sept. 10.—Advice from London state that the Countess of Montignoso, the divorced wife of the King of Saxony, is to be married there today to Signor Toselli, the Italian singer.

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### LUSITANIA'S FIRST VOYAGE.

Great Passenger Steamer Makes Remarkable Speed—Passengers Feel as if They Were in a Palace.

New York, Sept. 10.—Dispatches by wireless telegraph from the steamer Lusitania, one of the giant ships that is expected to break records in making the trips between England and the United States and return, give some details of how the steamer is acting on her first voyage.

"Two hours after we left Queens-town the Lusitania was still ahead. At 6 o'clock Sunday night she was about 15 to 20 miles in front of us. A fog caused the Lusitania to slacken down her speed, which greatly disappointed the passengers. There were occasional patches of brightness, during which the pace was increased."

Another dispatch sent at 9 o'clock Sunday night, reported that the ship was 130 miles from Queens-town. The weather was clearer, it announced, and the vessel was ploughing ahead at great speed.

"The Lusitania is believed to be near us," the dispatch continued, "but her position is not specified. She has not been sighted since dinner time. The passengers are lining the sides to catch a glimpse of her if possible. The progress of the Lusitania is beautifully smooth."

The countess, who was formerly the Princess Louisa Antoinette of Tuscany, Archduchess of Austria, was married in 1891 to Crown Prince Frederick August of Saxony.

She had six children. Her elopement in December, 1902, with Andre Giron, a Belgian, the tutor of her children, caused a world-wide sensation.

The couple wandered about Europe for a year, when Giron deserted the princess, leaving her a note saying he did so in order not to be an obstacle to the reunion of the princess and her children. Giron has since married a Belgian girl.

Just previous to this the emperor, Francis Joseph of Austria, issued an order depriving of all her Austrian titles and privileges, and about the same time the crown prince secured a divorce.

Later she was permitted to assume the title of Countess Motignoso. After the death of King George of Saxony, late in 1904, Frederick August became king and then issued a proclamation that he would have no further relations with Louisa, shutting off all hope that they would be reconciled.

Attempted Assault Charged. Durham, N. C., Sept. 10.—Irving Barbee, a negro, was bound over to court without bail yesterday on the charge of house breaking and attempted assault on Ida Merritt. The facts in the case were brought out in the police court. The Merritt woman claims that she was awakened by some one blowing out a lamp and that she saw a dark form in her room. He soon escaped out of the window and from the reflection of the electric light she recognized Barbee.

He denied the charge but the evidence against him was strong enough to place him in jail without bail.



## Two-Cent Railroad Fare Passed By The Pennsylvania Legislature Is Declared Now Unconstitutional

### Young Man Attempted To Kill Himself

Concord, Sept. 10.—Ernest Mauney, a young man, attempted to commit suicide here Saturday night, but did not accomplish the act as one of the boys in the office grabbed the pistol from him. He fired one shot, the bullet passing between his body and the left arm. It is thought that the young man was crazed with drink. Chief of Police Boyer was sent for and he took him to the city hall, where he spent the night.

Young Mauney was in the employ of the telephone company, being a lineman, and his home is in Lincoln-ton, N. C., where he was sent yesterday afternoon.

### Meat Wagon Drivers Strike Is Settled

New York, Sept. 10.—After being on strike for 19 days the meat wagon drivers, employed by the Butchers' Employers Association, have returned to work.

The terms on which they go back are a 65-hour working week, the wages they received before the strike and no discrimination for or against union or non-union men, no competent man to be discharged to make room for strikers.

### A Disastrous Auto. Wreck

One Woman Was Killed And Four of The Auto. Party Badly Injured—Hurled Against Telephone Poles.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 10.—One woman was killed and four other persons seriously injured in Allegheny this morning when an automobile, bearing a party to the city, skidded along the street in making a turn and striking a curb stone, threw the occupants against several telephone poles.

### Preparations for State Fair

Secretary Pogue Making Plans For Big Fair To Be Held Oct. 15 to 20. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 9.—Commissioner General Joseph E. Pogue, in charge of the North Carolina exposition at the Jamestown Exposition and secretary of the North Carolina state fair has returned to the city from the exposition and will spend several days looking after affairs preparatory to the state fair Oct. 15 to 20. He says crowds are pouring into the exposition which is fully completed and proving to be one of the really great world expositions. He expects North Carolina to win the trophy for the biggest gate receipts for a day, nothing having thus far come anywhere near the North Carolina week attendance.

### Officials Enjoy Minstrel.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 10.—The chamber of commerce gave a box party at the A. G. Fields' Minstrel show last night to the official representatives of the Interstate Chemical Co., who are locating their branch manufacturing and distributing house at Greensboro for North Carolina, East and South Carolina and Southern Virginia.

### Philadelphia, Sept. 10.—Judges

Willson and Audenried, in the common pleas court declared unconstitutional the 2-cent railroad fare law passed by the last legislature.

The case upon which the decision was made will be at once taken to the state supreme court.

The 2-cent fare law which was to be effective Oct. 1 was enacted by the legislature as a result of agitation during the last political campaign, all parties pledging themselves in its favor.

The railroads, led by the Pennsylvania and Reading, made a strong fight against the enactment of the law, the bill was passed with practically a unanimous vote.

Pennsylvania was the first to attack the law, bringing suit in the local courts to restrain the county of Philadelphia from collecting a fine for violating the act.

The contention of the company was that the law was unconstitutional and that a 2-cent rate was fixed without any investigation on the part of the legislature as to whether the railroad could make fair profit under the law, which the company asserts it cannot do.

All other railroads operating in Pennsylvania have also brought similar proceedings in the various counties of the state, but no decisions have been rendered, as it is generally understood that the Pennsylvania suit will be made a test case in the higher courts.

### Oil Driller Goes Through Agonizing But Heroic, Mishap.

Galeton, Pa., Sept. 9.—John Bartlett, an oil driller in the Hebron field, had a splinter the size of a big knife driven through his back into the right lung and was badly bruised by falling timbers by an accident to the machinery while he was lowering the tools into a well 1,800 feet deep which wrecked the derrick completely.

The brake in the wheel broke, letting the tools down with such terrible velocity that the bull-wheel flew into pieces, the splinters piercing him.

He heroically stood his ground, trying to check the speed until it was too late to save himself. His condition is very critical.

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### Western Union Adopts Resolution of Approval

New York, Sept. 10.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Western Union payment of the usual quarterly dividend was provided for, and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the executive committee of the Western Union on behalf of the company hereby places on record its hearty appreciation and unqualified approval of the course which the president and officers of the company have pursued in connection with the late strike of operators, and compliment them upon their success in maintaining integrity of the service, under control and the direction of those rightfully charged with the responsibility."

### Steamship Rate War.

New York, Sept. 10.—A new turn has been given to the steamship rivalry and rate war on the Atlantic, says the Times today, by the statement of a North German Lloyd official that in the event of the Cunard liner Lusitania breaking the Atlantic record of the North German Lloyd, the latter will at once begin to build a liner with a running speed of 28 knots. This is equivalent to speed of 32 land miles an hour.

Steamship agents here, it is also stated, believe that the Atlantic rate war will pass the crisis between now and Saturday. It is expected that the Cunard line will cut the first cabin rates far below the present fixed minimum rate of the Etruria which is \$60, before her date of sailing.

### Woman Has Elephantiasis

Physicians Discover Case of Rare Disease Since Attack Began Woman Has Gained Near 400 Pounds.

New York, Sept. 10.—Physicians at the King's county hospital, Brooklyn, have the most remarkable case of that rare disease, elephantiasis. The patient is Mrs. Juliette Felt, of Brooklyn, a widow, 63 years old.

Before she was attacked by the disease she weighed 149 pounds. She now weighs 525 pounds and is gaining daily in size.

Her skin is thick, hard and coarse, like an elephant's.

The disease first manifested itself seven years ago. It began with an itching in one of her legs. This ceased after a time, but it was presently followed by a swelling of the limb, accompanied by pain. Then she took on weight rapidly. The body, arms and legs have been the parts affected, but not her face.

She thought herself growing fat from natural causes, but could not account for the pain which attended her increase in bulk. Two years ago she found she weighed 350 pounds and then in alarm she resorted to medicines and dieting, but these measures were of no avail. A week ago a physician diagnosed her case as elephantiasis.

An idea of the effect of the disease may be judged from the fact that each of her legs is as large in circumference as the body of a well developed man. The doctors do not yet know whether she will recover.

## The Oriental Quarter Of Vancouver Is Now In a State Of Siege

EDUCATIONAL BOARD MEET. Make Several Important Appropriations—Mr. Brockman as Secretary of Merchants' Association.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 10.—At its regular session yesterday morning, besides transacting routine business, the Guilford county board of education appropriated \$300 towards the erection of a \$4,000 school building at Springfield, High Point township, \$600 for additional room at Hilltop school in Jamestown township, and \$400 for an additional room for Piney Grove school house. Other appropriations were made for the improvement of several other buildings. On Sept. 25th there will be a big educational rally at Glenwood, one of Greensboro's latest beautiful suburban towns, to celebrate the completion of a handsome school building and the opening of school there.

The Greensboro Retail Merchants' Association have employed Mr. Chas. E. Brockman to give his whole time to the work as secretary of the association. Mr. Brockman has recently completed a course at Poughkeepsie Business College, and is admirably equipped for the duties. He leaves tomorrow for Richmond to make a special study of the rating system in force there with a view of establishing a similar one here. The merchants' association here is moving along with system and organization and is doing much towards helping to get relief from freight rate discrimination against North Carolina towns.

### Chinese And Japs Buy Firearms And Prepare For More Trouble—Every Effort Made To Repel Attack.

### Information Given Out That Riots Were Carefully Planned Beforehand by Anti-Japanese Organizations in Seattle

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 10.—The Chinese and Japanese quarters here are practically in a state of siege. Hundreds of guns and revolvers were sold to the Orientals yesterday until the police prohibited the sale of fire arms. Every Chinese merchant goes about with an armed bodyguard and at the entrance of every Chinese store stands a Mongolian with a rifle.

All Chinese cooks an laborers in the country within a radius of 15 miles have been summoned to the Oriental quarter.

Besides firearms, knives, stones and bricks are in stock to repel the attack of the mob at any future occasion.

Attack Was Planned. Portland, Ore., Sept. 10.—The Oregonian prints a special from Seattle, saying: "Every indication shows that the Vancouver, B. C., riots were carefully planned to impress K. Ishii, chief of the bureau of foreign commerce. It is significant that the leaders of the Seattle organization against Japanese immigration were in Vancouver heading the demonstration."

"The significance of the Japanese riots dates back to a program evolved when it was announced that Ishii was coming to Seattle.

"There was planned at a conference between the Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle anti-Japanese leaders all the details for a big anti-Japanese demonstration in Vancouver September 12. It developed that Ishii did not have the time to spend in Seattle and he went through to Vancouver.

"Simultaneously with his going, the local leaders of the anti-Japanese society went north. They were in Vancouver when the outbreak occurred, and though the announcement is made in private letters from the anti-Japanese leaders that they harranged the mob not to do violence the society itself believes the demonstration had to do with their presence."

Officials Reticent. Tokio, Sept. 10.—The Japanese officials decline to say what steps, if any, have been taken in the Canadian trouble, pending a further investigation.

FIRST OF FOOTBALL VICTIMS. Players at Shamokin and Chicopee Severely Injured. Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 9.—James Ryan is the first football victim for 1907 in this state, having badly dislocated a shoulder while playing here. In addition he was almost crushed to death by players piling on top of him. He was pinned to the ground for some time and is now in a very serious condition.

Another One at Chicopee. Chicopee, Mass., Sept. 9.—The first football accident of the season has been recorded here.

Within a minute of beginning the first football practice the collarbone of Fred Griggs, 18 years of age, of the Chicopee High School eleven, was broken in a mass play.

Rhode Island Day at Jamestown. Norfolk, Va., Sept. 10.—Rhode Islanders took possession of the Jamestown exposition today and held interesting exercises in commemoration of the ninety-fourth anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, which resulted in a victory for the American fleet under the command of Commodore Hazard Perry, a native of Rhode Island.

At 11 o'clock this morning Governor James H. Higgins and the other visitors from Rhode Island were escorted to the auditorium, where the exercises of the day were held.

### Treaty Near Realization.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 10.—That stringent exclusion treaty between America and Japan is measurably nearer realization than most optimistic administration officials could have believed forty-eight hours ago is the judgment of the members of the diplomatic corps here.

This long sought object is expected to be attained perhaps as an indirect result of mobbing of the Japanese at Vancouver in British Columbia.

### Modern Style Cuts Out Hips

### Sponsor of Dame Fashion Says Straight Figures Will Prevail This Season—Bulkiness Eliminated.

New York, Sept. 10.—Curves will be unfashionable and hips impossible in winter styles for women, according to Miss Elizabeth A. C. White, president of the Dress Makers' Protective Association of America, who is demonstrating new gowns at the annual meeting in the Masonic Temple.

"The stylish figure," Miss White, declared, "will be one without hips, a straight line figure. It is all in the correct."

Nor will there be any fleshy woman at least none that are well dressed. Miss White declares there is no need of any woman appearing fat unless she is lazy and wants to so appear.

Miss White told a man who sought authoritative information, that well dressed women on winter afternoons this coming season, will wear demitailed skirts of grey, lavender, reddish-purple and light blue; black coats; waists of net embroidered in the color of the skirt; and partly mushroom hats trimmed with orchids, morning glories and roses.

### MURDERER IS PLACED IN JAIL.

Chief Neelley Bring Negro Murderer From Columbus, Ohio. Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 10.—Chief of Police Neelley returned Sunday from Columbus, O., bringing with him Lee Kirk who is wanted here for the murder of "Black Joe Morehead" and who was arrested some time ago at Columbus by the chief of police at that place. Kirk will be tried at the Guilford term of criminal court to convene next Monday. Kirk says that he submitted to the officer at Columbus because of the fact that he was a murderer troubled man so much that he could rest neither day or night.

The police yesterday morning captured five negroes and locked them up, awaiting trial before the mayor on a charge of running perambulating blind tigers.

The jail has so many prisoners awaiting trial at next week's term of criminal court, a guard was last night placed around the prison to prevent possible escapes. There are sixty prisoners, some of them charged with murder.

Death of Mr. Nichols. Statesville, N. C., Sept. 10.—Mrs. George M. Austin was called to Hickory yesterday on account of the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. J. Wesley Nichols, who died early yesterday morning. Mr. Nichols was about 55 years old and leaves a wife and two children. The funeral services were conducted at Hickory this morning and the interment was in the cemetery at that place.