

# Two Jap Murders Upset Long Traditions Of Race

## In Philosophy of Ancient Japan Stealing Affections of Another's Wife No Killing Matter but Contact With Western Civilization Makes Complications

By FORREST WHITE

Los Angeles, Calif., June 3.—Two love tragedies, one following swiftly upon the other, among members of the Japanese colony of Los Angeles, have upset tradition that goes back through hundreds of years of the philosophy of the people of the land of the Geishas, the cherry blossom and lantern fetes and reveals a strange conflict of emotions in the clash of oriental viewpoint with Occidental association and customs.

It is said that sex crimes are seldom known in Japan and so far as the record goes here they were rare to the degree of being unknown until the last few days among the numerous Japanese residents of Southern California, with even divorce a rarity, although many of the wives were picture brides claimed by husbands they had never seen before their arrival in the United States.

The two tragedies were complete. There was nothing for the law to do but investigate, for in each instance the slayer took his own life after having worked his revenge.

The case of Seichi Nakamura, a well-to-do Japanese rancher on the outskirts of Los Angeles, is one in which the conflict of Oriental mind and Occidental customs presents its most striking contrast. Nakamura served with the American Army in the World War and had absorbed a sort of Americanism, warped to his heritage of the Oriental mind. That

mi, so I started to take her to you to arrange for you to send her back to Hawaii or Japan, although this is lots of trouble to you. I ask you to take care of her for me. Farewell."

The other tragedy was the end of a romance of old Japan—a Japanese lover who did not take his affair of the heart with light philosophy, but followed it through years and to the conclusion that death for the object of his affections and himself was the only solution of his problem.

I. Tashima, the lover, was left to nurse his unrequited affection when the pretty daughter of his neighbor sailed away for American 17 years ago. His purpose was to follow her and a few months ago he succeeded in reaching the shores of California and started out to search for the loved one.

He found her in Los Angeles, the wife of Kusuno Matsumoto, a prosperous merchant in Hollywood. She was happy, and repelled Tashima when he came to renew his suit in the belief that he could win her love.

"I will make the decision for both of us," he said when he left her. He returned and shot her down, killing her instantly. Then he shot himself and survived but a few minutes. He, too, left a note, and said that the woman had made a fool of him in Japan, leading him to believe that she really loved him, and that he had not forgotten.

# LITTLE BOY KILLED WHEN HIT BY CAR

Washington, N. C., June 3.—Walter Guy Jarvis, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Jarvis was fatally injured Monday between 12 and 1 o'clock by being run over by a Studebaker car driven by Mr. James Roberson, who resides a few miles in the country. As soon as the accident happened Mr. Roberson rushed the boy to the Washington Hospital where he died a few minutes afterwards. Both of his legs and one arm were broken, head crushed at base of skull and internally injured.

Mr. Roberson was on his way up West Second street, running his car about 15 miles an hour, he said. Reaching Fleming street the boy on a wheel dashed out in front of the car and before Mr. Roberson could bring the car to a stop he was on the boy.

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# Woman Still Pays Despite Recent Gains By Feminism

## Law Handed Down from Time of Adam Still Holds Good Despite New Freedom Typified by Shorn Tresses, Short Skirts and Privilege to Exercise Right of Suffrage

By L. C. OWEN

Berkeley, Calif., June 3.—Feminism, carrying with it the right to vote, to wear short skirts and bobbed tresses, has wrought many changes in the lot of women. But there is one seemingly immutable law, handed down from the time of Adam, that even the militant feminists have been unable to change. It is that "the woman must pay." If there is any doubt as to the truth of this ancient law, two tragic cases which are passing through the courts here just now bear pointed witness to it.

One case involves the wife of a university savant of considerable wealth and note. The other involves the wife of a prominent lawyer. One case brings strikingly to the fore the propensity of husbands to "cast the first stone." The other presents a little more of husbandly charity. But in both cases the woman is paying.

Mrs. Nancy Ochsner, whose husband formerly was a member of the faculty of Stanford University, a geologist of some prominence, was arrested recently after her automobile had crashed into another, injuring its woman occupant. She was charged with driving while intoxicated. Her husband feeling keenly the humiliation of the situation, took their children and went away leaving her to face the music—alone and penniless. How thoroughly she has "paid" is graphically told in her lawyer's plea for leniency after she had been convicted.

"This woman, because of one unfortunate misstep," he said, "now neither has home, husband or children. Without funds, unable to earn a livelihood, she is dependent on such charity as a few distant relatives may show her. Immediately after the tragic accident her husband closed their home and went away, taking the children with him. The children have been placed in private schools where the mother is not permitted to see them. A divorce and their custody now is being sought in Los Angeles."

The court, in passing sentence, expressed accord with the lawyer's plea, but said the law gave him no alternative but to fine Mrs. Ochsner the minimum fine—\$500. Unable to pay she was sent to jail.

The other woman who transgressed and paid, and still is paying is Mrs. Hugo N. Orr, wife of a Berkeley lawyer. Their intimate friends believed them ideally mated. They had two small children.

Then one night Mrs. Orr surreptitiously went for an automobile ride with another man. The car broke down. Bandits came along, robbed her escort and kidnapped Mrs. Orr.

Later they threw her from their car and she was found unconscious at the roadside. Her husband found her at the police station where she had given a fictitious name.

In the sensational developments that followed, Orr stood by his wife. He declared she had had his consent to go for the ride. According to the police, he "lied like a gentleman."

The other man said that if Orr divorced Mrs. Orr he would marry her. Orr filed suit. In it he made no mention of a correspondent. He merely alleged incompatibility.

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