TELEGRAPHIC.

AN ACTRESS KILLED.

Jealousy Supposed to Be the Cause of the Murder.

CREDIT GIVEN UP FOR TRAGEDY.

The Victim and Her Slayer Well Known in Theatrical Circles in this Country.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 17.—Helga Yorke, a soprano singer with The Bostonia Chorus company, was shot and almost instantly killed between 8 and 9 o'clock last night at Zozo's Hotel, this city, by John P. Conroy, a comedian of Collier's Dark Number company. Conroy escaped and up to a late hour had not been captured.

The Bostonia Chorus company, which opens at the Empire Theater tomorrow night, arrived here early this morning from Cherokee, Pa., and a number of the members, including Miss Yorke, registered at the Zozo Hotel. Miss Yorke having a leisurely lunch soon after it was said, told Miss Yorke, whom she knew in New York City, that a note came for her that day, but one returned to the hotel about 7 o'clock the evening she was murdered.

About 8 o'clock Conroy walked into the hotel office and asked for the clerk. He saw Miss Yorke's room. Being unknown to the hotel clerks, he was told he was a new comer. A bellman was sent to the girl's room, but Conroy did not wait. He walked into the hallway and stumbled by means of the stairway.

Miss Yorke and Miss Lida Clarke, a member of the company, were in the latter's room practicing songs when he appeared at the door and walked to the centre of the room. Miss Yorke manifested her surprise at seeing him, and intimated that he leave.

Conroy then drew a revolver and fired one shot at his wife, inflicting a probably fatal wound in the side near the heart. He then turned the revolver upon himself, but inflicted only a slight scalp wound before he was seized. His wife will probably die.

BOYNTON'S EXPONENT.

Verdict in a Divorce Case against the Former Salesman.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—In the high court of justice today Captain Paul Boynton, the swimmer, appeared as a co-respondent in a divorce case. The charges were preferred by a man named Beale, the proprietor of a restaurant. Answers of £20 damages were entered against Boynton and the divorce was granted. The co-respondent, Emma Beale, was formerly employed by Boynton as a swimmer in an exhibition which he gave in Ireland.

Drug Not Investigation.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 16.—The assembly judiciary committee today reported a substitute for the attorney-general's bill granting it a diagnosis of investigation of alleged municipal corruption in San Francisco. The substitute measure provides for a committee of three, one member to be appointed by the governor and one each by the president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly. The committee is authorized to sit no longer than until the convening of the next legislature, and has power to send for persons and papers and take testimony.

Decision for Mexican Missions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Senator Gray is engaged in circulating to the Senate a recommendation to the President that Senator Bannon, of North Carolina, be appointed minister to Mexico, to succeed Hon. T. F. Gray.

He has so far prevented it only to the Democrats. Many of the Republicans have expressed a desire to sign the document, and it will be presented when the members shall have been canvassed sufficiently.

Witness Missing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—The grand jury is unable to find William Hall, essentially of the board of police commissioners. Former Organ states that in a private interview Hall made startling revelations of the methods alleged to have been employed by some police officials in shakedowning and then perjuring candidates and other disreputable characters. Organ says that Hall agrees to appear and testify to these statements before the grand jury, when the candidates that he should have immunity from prosecution. Tobias Foreman Organ assures, but Hall has since disappeared. He owns valuable real estate property.

EXTRAVAGANT ESQUIRALANCE.

A Young Man Comes Near the Gallows for Another's Crime.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 16.—Walter Bryant, a young man with a head scar on his forehead and another on his arm, has been in jail in this city for several days, held on suspicion of being Thomas Harris, wanted at Atchison county for the murder of John McDow all, seven years ago. He was arrested in Springfield and brought here by Sheriff Shackleford, of Atchison county. That county has no jail and its prisoners are kept here. Bryant answered the description of the murderer in every particular, even to the scars on his arm and forehead. Several men from Atchison county who had known Harris, saw him and declared that the right man had been arrested. Harris was under sentence of death when he escaped, and it looked very much as if the young man who answered his description would have to pay the death penalty. He did not become alarmed until his father came down from Atchison county and identified him as his son.

Bryant said his parents and brother lived at Santa Rosa, Cal., but there was no answer from the address he gave. He declared that he had been arrested before on the same charge, once at Hartford, Wyo., and once at Little Rock, Ark., but he had forgotten the name of the sheriff from Atchison county who went after him and found that he was not the right man. He remembered the year, however, and described the sheriff. William Turner, who lives in Red Willow county, Neb., was sheriff of the county at that time and he came to St. Joseph to save the young man's life. Turner recognized the prisoner at once and said he was not the murderer of McDowell.

Bryant's statement that he had been twice arrested before this on account of his resemblance to the fugitive was confirmed by the ex-sheriff. When Turner came he brought with him a minute description of Harris, made while the murderer was a prisoner in his charge and called attention to a scar on the left ankle which could not be found on Bryant. He said the resemblance between the two men was perfect with this exception. The absence of that scar on the ankle has probably been the means of saving Bryant from being executed for another man's crime. Nothing has been heard from his parents at Santa Rosa.

COUNT DU CASTELLANE.

Miss Gould's Prospective and Impotent Husband.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The most noted guest at the Hotel Waldorf is the Count de Castellane, who is engaged to marry Miss Anna Gould. He does not even walk through the halls without hearing his name mentioned. The young man, for he is only 28, is well built and wears a crop of light curly hair. He dresses like a thorough Parisian. Count Castellane is willing to talk to newspaper men. He speaks the English language well, but with a strong French accent. The publicity which has been given to his projected marriage is distasteful to him.

Seal Killing Continues.

MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 16.—Information has been received at Ottawa from Victoria, B. C., which shows that the seal killing industry is far from being killed by the Behring sea arbitration arrangements. Never was it in a more flourishing condition than it is today and never were more persons engaged in it. Up to date fifty vessels have sailed for the grounds. One half are bound for the Japanese coast and the other half to hunt in British Columbia and Pacific coast waters. Of the vessels which have gone to Japan there are 535 hunters, nearly all of whom are whites, the gun being used freely in hunting on the coast of Japan. On the other vessels there were 178 whites, and 892 Indians, making a total of 1,595 persons employed in the industry, exclusive of those who will go to sea on the schooners still in port.

THE RAILROAD CONTENTION.

No Issues of the Union Pacific Offers an Explanation.

OMAHA, Feb. 16.—The new development in the Western transcontinental trouble growing out of the refusal of General Manager Dodge of the Union Pacific to recognize and settle the settlement supposed to have been completed is very seriously compromising the situation. General Passenger Agent Lomax of the Union Pacific, on this subject said:

"When the conference between the transcontinent lines relative to the boycott was ended, Mr. Caldwell asked me if there was anything else the Union Pacific demanded. I informed him there was nothing.

"What, he said, 'You are ready to sign the agreement?' I told him the Union Pacific has been ready to sign for the last six weeks, or six months, the moment the boycott was lifted. A circular letter to all lines was then prepared and signed by the transcontinent lines, the Rio Grande Western being a party to the agreement. That circular is now in the mails and has been received by many roads ere now. We shall have to let associations, of which we are members, for the necessary protection, just as we would have title to protect ourselves had we been outside the association.

"Formerly upon the Union Pacific has granted such relief to Salt Lake as Salt Lake having a limit sufficient to allow such a rate. We are not ready to say it will now because the Rio Grande Western refuses to grant us the equality we have insisted on. That seems to some outside, however, for the suggestion of Colonel Dodge is altogether, to say the least.

"General" Booth in Boston.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—"General" Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, addressed three big mass meetings in Tremont Temple yesterday. This evening the hall was crowded to its utmost and it is estimated that his hearers numbered at least 25,000 people during the day.

Train Fo Wreck.

PRESTON, Kan., Feb. 17.—The regular train for Kansas City was wrecked just outside the limits this evening, and several of the passengers injured. Nobody thinks it is thought, will die.

The wreck occurred just outside the city limits at the junction of the Santa Fe, Missouri Pacific and the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf roads. A Missouri Pacific east train was coming, and the engineer, looking back for signals, failed to see the approaching Santa Fe passenger going north. The coal train struck the tender of the Santa Fe, shattering the entire passenger train, except the engine, to the bottom of a three-foot embankment. Every person on the Santa Fe train was more or less injured, and the wonder is that nobody was killed.

Rizal Makes Another Confession.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—A special to the Tribune from Minneapolis says that Mrs. Winchell, the stenographer, was seen tonight, and from her the fact was elicited that Rizal made another confession, which changes the whole course of events, if it is allowed, in the trial of Harry Hayward.

She claims that Rizal stated to her in answer to a question from his attorney that Adry Hayward put him up to the job of murdering Miss Ging. It was planned previously in the tragedy, and all of the details are almost exactly as stated by Rizal on the stand, excepting that the name of Adry should be substituted for that of Harry in the confession.

Wanted to Sacrifice Two Lives.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—At the female hospital of this city today Clyde Cameron, a youth of 17, made a desperate attempt to end the lives of his girl wife, Maudie, aged 17, and himself. Through a succession of misfortunes the couple had become unable to make a living. Mrs. Cameron was taken sick with the malarial fever and moved to the city hospital for medical treatment. Cameron, still out of work, called to see his wife today. They talked earnestly for some time, when suddenly Cameron drew a cheap revolver and fired one shot at his wife, inflicting a probably fatal wound in the side near the heart. He then turned the revolver upon himself, but inflicted

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