

TIBBETT FEARS HE KILLED HIS SINGER FRIEND

Opera Companion Dies After Accidentally Stabbed At Rehearsal.

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took Mr. Sterzini's hand, examined it and advised him to leave the stage. But Mr. Sterzini said: "Oh, no, let's finish the scene."

Dragged From Stage

Mr. Tibbett insisted and dragged his friend from the stage. A doctor bound up the cut. Mr. Sterzini, a member of the opera company for 30 years, changed to street clothes and later went to a private hospital. He died while Mr. Tibbett was en route to Newark.

When the singer returned to his New York apartment early today, he was met by Assistant District Attorney Sylvester Cosentino and seven detectives. They questioned him for an hour and planned today to question Helen Jepson, a member of the "Caponsacchi" cast, who was on the stage at the time. They said there was no doubt that the stab wound was accidental.

"Accidents such as this happen now and then," Mr. Tibbett said, "but usually they are not serious. Eight years ago Martinelli ran a dull sword into my side while we were playing 'Faust' but it never bothered me."

Wife Sees Accident

"Of course, I feel horrible. This is the most terrible thing that has ever happened to me," Mrs. Tibbett said. "I was in the audience when I saw the accident. She also was in Newark when word reached her that Sterzini was dead."

Members of the company regretted that Mr. Tibbett had been informed. They said he was so upset that he had great difficulty in going through with his part.

At the end of the second act, in his singing of the great aria, "Di Provenza, il Mory," Mr. Tibbett's voice displayed an undercurrent of strain and anguish that accentuated the pathos of the music. The audience did not know why.

Tells Tragic Story

The opera "Caponsacchi" is based on Browning's "The Ring and the Book." It tells the tragic story of the Soldier-Saint Caponsacchi and Pompilia, wife of the wicked Count Guido.

Caponsacchi helps Pompilia to escape from her husband, who is plotting to kill her and her father. Guido overtakes them, intending to kill the priest. Moved by Caponsacchi's plea, a crowd intervenes and forces Guido to carry his case to Rome. There Guido's hired assassins slay Pompilia and her parents, and the guilt is cast on the priest.

The opera ends in the court room of the Vatican, where Caponsacchi is on trial for his life.

Hospital physicians reported that Mr. Sterzini suffered from high blood pressure. They said possible causes of death might have been either a heart attack or a cerebral hemorrhage induced by the pain from the wound.

Mr. Sterzini came to the United States from Ferrara, Italy, 30 years ago when he was 22, and soon after joined the chorus of the Metropolitan Opera Company. He sang in the chorus of the company during the days of Caruso. His wife said his "one interest" in life had been the opera.

TEETH, JEWELRY AND CLOTHING ARE STOLEN

A burglar took a five-tooth removable back bridge valued at \$95 and a platinum brooch set with three diamonds valued at \$185 from Apt. 2, 3520 Fall Creek Blvd., according to a report made to police last night by Sam L. Bennett.

Police believe the same burglar remained in the neighborhood long enough to take jewelry and clothing valued at \$168.50 from the apartment of Mrs. Joe R. Beckett, 3528 Fall Creek Blvd.

A Cadillac radiator cap valued at \$10 was reported stolen last night from the garage of R. C. Cashion, 3909 Central Ave. Isaac Carver, 74, of 3731 E. Walnut St., told police of the theft of an Elgin watch from his room yesterday afternoon.

SHORTRIDGE CLUB OFFICERS NAMED

New officers of Shortridge High School clubs are: Fiction Club—Bob Shank, president; Madeline, vice president; Bill Barr, treasurer; Mary Bell, secretary; Richard Millard and Julia Jean Rowe, program chairmen, and Mary Kershner and Hirst Mendenhall, party chairmen. Radio Club—Bob Milholland, president; Claude Ritchie, vice president; Bruce Cameron, secretary-treasurer, and Dave Kennedy, chief operator of the Shortridge radio station.

The Shortridge Paddle Club, sponsored by Miss Naomi Pike, has started a table tennis tournament. Twenty-three members are participating.

CHURCH GROUP TO MEET

The Alice Meier Circle of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church will meet at 1 p. m. tomorrow at the home of Mrs. J. W. Cox, 206 Eastern Ave. Mrs. Glenn Diddel, of the Y. W. C. A., will speak.

How to Make Better Cough Remedy Than You Can Buy

A Big Saving, and It's So Easy! No Cooking!

Cough medicines usually contain a large quantity of sugar syrup—a good ingredient, but one which you can easily make at home. Take 2 cups of granulated sugar and 1 cup of water, and stir a few moments until dissolved. No cooking! No trouble at all. Then get from your druggist 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex, pour it into a pint bottle, and add your syrup. This gives you a full pint of truly wonderful medicine for coughs due to colds. It is far better than anything you could buy

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

CRIME FILE ON BOLITHO BLANE

This serial story is the complete file of a crime, with clues and items of evidence as reviewed by police. The crime was a murder. Can you solve it?

SPECIAL RADIOGRAM

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BOLITHO BLANE COMMITTED SUICIDE STOP

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POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MIAMI, FLA.

9:20 p.m. 7-1-37

MEMO.

To Detective Officer Kettering:

Radiogram herewith passed to you

for attention. Bolitho Blane is a

British financier. The yacht Golden

Gull left Miami Beach at 7 o'clock

this evening. As she was an hour and

three quarters out when radio was des-

patched she should be in about 10:30 p.m.

Meet yacht and undertake inves-

tigation.

John Milton Schwab

Lieutenant Florida Police

CHAPTER ONE

Report of Detective Officer Kettering of the Florida Police

ACTING on instruction received I boarded the S. Y. Golden

Gull from Police Launch X21 at 10:40 p. m. in the company of Detective Officer Neame, Police Surgeon Jacket, Station Photographer Southwood and Officer Gurdon of the uniform branch.

Capt. Derringham received me with the owner, Mr. Carlton Rock-savage. I proceeded to the captain's cabin to take statements, Detective Officer Neame acting as stenographer.

Capt. Derringham's Statement

WE sailed from New York at 12:30 p. m. on the 5th carrying five passengers in addition to the owner, Mr. Carlton Rock-savage, and his daughter, Miss Ferri Rock-savage.

The passengers were Lady Welter, the Hon. Reginald Jocelyn and Mrs. Jocelyn, who are Lady Welter's daughter and son-in-law, the Bishop of Bude and Count Luigi Posodini.

We arrived off Miami at 2:35 this afternoon, where we anchored. My instructions were that three new guests would come on and immediately these were aboard, I was to proceed to Nassau, Bahamas.

At 4:30 p. m. a Japanese gentleman, Mr. Inosuke Hayashi came on board and at 6:55 Mr. Bolitho Blane, accompanied by his secretary, Nicholas Stodart.

The tender was cleared at 7:05, upon which I gave orders that the ship should proceed to sea.

At 8:38, just after I had sat down to dinner in my cabin, I was sent for by the owner to come down to the suite which had been allotted to Mr. Bolitho Blane.

I found the owner there with Mr. Blane's secretary. They explained to me that Mr. Blane was missing and had left a note which gave reason to suppose that he had committed suicide.

The window of the drawing room

cabin was wide open and it looked as if Mr. Blane had thrown himself overboard through it.

It was decided not to alarm the other passengers so the owner said that he would just tell them that Mr. Blane was ill and we were returning to Miami for a doctor. At 8:45 I ordered the ship back to port.

Mr. Carlton Rock-savage's Statement

WE had just come down from New York for a few days' pleasure cruising off the islands, and I had arranged to pick up two more of my guests who could not make the yacht at New York, from Miami.

Mr. Inosuke Hayashi came on during the afternoon, and had tea with us, then Mr. Bolitho Blane arrived with his secretary, Nicholas Stodart, just before 7 o'clock. They went straight down to the private suite which I had allotted to them, and we sailed at once.

I didn't see them as I was on the bridge with my captain when we left Miami at 7:05. Then I went down to the lounge for a drink and, finding Pamela Jocelyn and Count Posodini there, I talked with them for a while.

At 7:25 Mr. Stodart arrived and introduced himself as Bolitho Blane's secretary. He said that Blane wished to get some cables off before changing and asked that I would excuse him from putting in an appearance before dinner.

I introduced Stodart to Mrs. Jocelyn and the count, then offered him a drink which he accepted.

After a few moments Stodart asked me if the type sheets on the notice board in the lounge contained the closing prices on the New York stock market and, on my telling him that that was so, he said that Mr. Blane was anxious to have the latest information.

HE took down some of the prices in his notebook, tore the leaf out and, as he had not finished his drink, asked the lounge steward to take the list down to Blane's cabin.

The steward came up again and said that the drawing room of Blane's suite was locked and that he could get no answer.

Stodart then told him to take it down again and slip it under the door.

Mrs. Jocelyn and Count Posodini left us at about this time and I remained with Stodart for a while. Later, the Bishop joined us and Lady Welter came in a few minutes after him.

Then I noticed that it was already ten after eight, so realizing that I would have to hurry, if I were not to be late for dinner, I went down to change.

At a little after 8:30 I got back to the lounge to find all my guests assembled for dinner, except Bolitho Blane and Stodart. Just as I was contemplating sending down a message to Blane, the cabin steward came up with an urgent

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Here's us Wilkens and a few old-timers that help make our Family's Whiskey

Sitting over on the left—that's my brother in law Tom. Then comes me—standing up. That little white haired man scratching his nose behind the table—he's been making whiskey just short of 20 years. Pop Easley we call him. Leaning his back on the wall—that's Dan Coyle, that took up whiskey making 42 years ago. And sitting on the right of Dan it's Mell Swank. Then my brother William.

Harry E. Wilken

Speaking of enjoying yourself wait till you taste our own Family's Whiskey!

It's the same as us in the distilling business drink when we enjoy ourself

Real if you want to sample something real extra tasty and that's got a grand warm glow to it without its ever being the least bit strong tasting, I just wish you'd take a little swallow of our own Family's Recipe. For slow sipping on these long winter evenings I don't know of any whiskey anywhere that's so grateful

like and pleasant as this Family's

Recipe of ours.

Us Wilkens have been a family of whiskey making people since I couldn't just say how far back. Pa Wilken worked for Grandpa Wilken in his distillery, and Pa gave William and Tom and me all our schooling. And the old-timers like Dan Coyle and Pop Easley in the picture have been working with the Wilken Family ever since they can remember.

Harry E. Wilken

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