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AMARILLO, TEXAS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1930.

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Payne Confession Is Given in Detail

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON.

by me may be used in evidence what makes this so awful. Thomerson:

SAYS CRIME FIENDISH

perfect as anyhody's ever was. I have in view, such ideas as that predomnever known a circumstance in which Insting. I worked incessantly and I, A. D. Payne, being in custody of the relationship between a man and over-reached myself in some respects Will N. Thompson, Sheriff of Putter wife was quite so perfect and com- trying to provide more than a nice County, Toxes, and having been first plete as mine and Mrs. Payne's, and home for her and the children, and warned by Edward W. Themerson, the she was the personification of every- make our home likewise as happy as person to whom the hereinafter sel- thing pure, devoted, faithful and a possible and insofar as a nice home out statement is by me made, that I help-mate and companion in every well farnished, well equipped and do not have to make any statement respect. There are no words or ex- every comfort that I was able to proat all, and that any statement made pressions to describe her and that is vide for her and the children, insofar

fense of murder and concerning After we were married fifteen the way along. I didn't spend anywhich this statement is made, do, years ago, more than fifteen years thing for luxuries, didn't spend anywithout persuasion or compolsion, ago, I proceeded along the ordinary thing on myself or in any other remake the following free and voinn- work, taught acheel, tried to get a spect. Everything has been towards tery athtement to the said Edward W. start in a small way with one idea keeping that home situation as bigh or interest which was at home and as possible. I started in probably the establishment of a home to make with a little better condition there I will tell all of you before start- the surroundings as pleasant and as then we were able to maintain at ing that I don't know how much ex- happy for her as possible. That was first and I tried to improve that a perlence you have had as peace of my bighest ambition, all of my in- little all along as we went, and times floors or how many dealings you terests were her and home, I stayed were such and business conditions have had with criminals or how hor- there at the exclusion of everything were such that I couldn't keep imrible the circumstances you have also. I had no diversions, no enter- proving it under ordinary legitimate handled, you are about to hear a fainment or anything elee except procedure, but I was determined story that is the God's truth of the her and the home and there is noth- above all things to keep it up and to most fiendich individual that ever ing in the world that ever hore as keep the relation between hey and played a part in the realms of crim- heavily on me as the fact that any- | me such that she would not know I thing or circumstances might develop was doing anything other than what My married lite was like I told to detract from her pleasure, happi-You before. It was as happy and as hers and satisfaction, and with that

as those things were-concerned, I against me on my trial for the of- WANTED WIFE TO BE MAPPY lived a little beyond my means all

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Played Lone Hand in Planning Crimes, Payne Declares

BOUGHT GUN

GOES INTO DETAIL ABOUT HOW CRIME FIRST ENTERED HIS MIND

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I should do, and by hard work, saci fice and staying on the job incessantnothing up to that time that any man could ever regret In fact, there was well afford to be proud of, and after I moved to Amarillo, after I had been here a little more than a year, business looked pretty well, but there was some things that I wasn't able hard but expenses were higher than place. to make and it began to get a little closer. I began to get in a little closer shape financially and began to over-reach myself, tried to keep up the home and place that she loved more than anything else. She always interested in the home that seen it. From the standpoint of home, that was the biggest thing in her life. other material thing. She did everytrue in a way, but I was not slways that Ever since that was done,

life ever suspected anything class. WIFE ECONOMICAL when we first came there and just able at that time to meet those pay most women if they were to do the studied seriously at that time work that she did, would have broken | what drustic or terrible means but the was happy in her work and Tras able to do un nausual amount of work and she would do so cheershe was able to stand up under it. She plways did all our laundry at home, all the house work. We never hired any help. When she had these bearders she had no help. She took care of all of them, and made quite a little bit of money and paid for same of the furniture that is in tho house. Some of the furniture that in the house now was paid for by what she took in keeping boarders. She did that quite a little while. Then I wouldn't let her do that I chose illegitimate means to obtain money to pay expenses, than to let her work on such things, though sidn't know that I had any such idea. I insisted that she not keep boarders so sae would have more time to enjoy home and things of that kind. After she quit keeping boardersthat was nearly three years agoshe of course was not taking in any nancially. She had more time to dehome, in making all kinds of attractime to associate a little with some said that, I guess bundreds of times that she never was as happy in her life and never enjoyed living in a place as much as she did there, and that she never knew of a piece in all of her life, and had never seen u place that she liked to live as much as she did our little home there, although there were flace places and all-there was nothing that appealed to her like that did, because that was her interest and love and home. As I say, I tried to raise other mesas to enable her to go shead without putting myself in the way in that respeck She was just economical as the could be. She didn't spend any.

a soul anywhere that could maintain things and keep them up on as little as she had. EMBEZZLED FROM SISTER I had a sister whose husband died In Iowa about there years ago and he had a little estate there. She wants ed to put out some of her money on interest. I had a second lien note against the home of about \$2,000.00, that is, notes aggregating about \$2,-COD.CO. that I told her that if she cared to invest in that she could do the proper ideas going through my so, and I would pay her IC percent in- | mind, and I successfully all the way terest and take care of it on a through kept her thinking that very mentbly payment proposition. She thing. She never thought that I ever chose to do that and we executed had anything other than a perfect our notes Mre. Forne and I did, in legitimate thought, and as I sald,

thing unnecessarily sad there was not

other words, sold it to my sistor, got that \$2,000.000 with which I released a number of minor matters that were needing my attention in a financial in larger monthly installments, then I was able to meet, I refinanced it and put it into another lose, straight loan, and in order to do that either had to have my sister to subordinate her loan to that or dispose of it some other way without her knowledge or consent. I proment to it and recorded it to re-PLAYED LONE HAND

could take care of and she still had tended to obtain for her vendors lien notes, she relying on me to do that I pretending to purchase for her other vender's lien notes, totalling \$5, 000.00 nil told over a period got to Amarillo and sequired the about a year and a half or something like that, all payable on menthly pay ments proposition making the total monthly payments to her in amount of \$87.50 a month and the notes pay out in ten years. All o thing in the world to help me so that those payments have been taken care it could be maintained. She never of and are paid up to the present. had an unrighteous or dishonest The next payment to her will be due thought with reference to anything the 16th of this month. There is and she didn't know that I did. But nothing delinquent on that I was deshe thought when I was studying termined that those should not get such things, she thought I was just behind and she should not be put out. studying business affairs which was I felt I would be able to take care of studying in a legitimate line; I was realized all of the time that if anystudying means when I couldn't make | thing over should happen or any kind | my way and maintain that situation of contingency should ever happen bothered or something and she conin a legitimate way. I was studying by which those payments could not soled me and petted me out of it, told another means of doing so. She thought be made, that it would mean my ruin, me that she knew something that everything I did was absolutely and I put that first of everything. I, bothering me and that she wanted correct, that is, she thought that I of course, had to have a car and a to help me anyway she could, an was honest, upright, fair about all number of other things, office rent | wanted to know what the trouble was, my dealings; she never during her had to be taken care of, monthly Of course, I denied that there She was willing to do any kind of the monthly income would meet ago, the first of July, 1929, Mr. Cade though Hving there in that home, if and Mr. Hart and I dissolved partnerit would have helped. She would have ships and I was in by myself pracbeen willing to keep and did keep ticing law. Things were in a strainroomers and boarders for a while ed financial condition; I was hardly worked lots harder than she should ments to her and meet the other obilhave. She was a beautiful woman, and | gations that were coming on, and I and lost their attraction long ago, might undertake to work things out some way or other. At that time ! had only \$7600 insurance, \$5,000 of which carried double indemnity. That little girl came in and went to fully and she was interested in it, which made \$12,500 in case of my accidental death. I planned suicido at that time and I picked out several different means of executing that in a way that it would conclusively be presumed to have been an accident so that she would be able to get the full amount of my insurance. Caleuround about, I saw that all of my business for C. D. Rittenberry, and kiss me and tell me that I must not very affectionate woman and any like a thousand dollars in fees off of insurance would not pay up my obli- for his sister and brother. On the be so moody that way, that she was man would easily become interested his family. She made that applicathing much less provide her means tion having been made a few days me and all such things. Of course, loves his wife more than anything Dr. Askew and her policy was deliv-I went out and sized up two or three days, I got a ten thousand dollar podifferent means of killing myself in a way that it would appear an acci- Insurance Company from Rittenberry dent I figured I couldn't afford to do that at that time. She and I had often discussed our domestic affairs -I guess people generally do-and when the change began to come fi- how much we cared for each other and what our attitude would be torote to the place, that is, to the wards the firm wind up of things. and I had expressed and she had also tive little affairs, in which she took | that we each hoped from our selfish considerable interest. She had more | point of view that we would be the first to die; in other words, as I alof her neighbors, made lots of visits, ways expressed from my point of went to elub affairs and one or two view. I had much rather died before little bridge clubs, and a few things she, and she, of course, expressed of that kind, and that gave her a the same idea, that the unfortunate little diversion, and enabled her to one would be the one who is left. I associate in a social way with some shouldn't be concerned for any symof the neighbor women out there and pathy for myself because I am not at Sunday School classes at the San entitled to any. My emotion is not Jacinto Methodist Church, they had a | due to sympathy to myself; it is little diversion and in all those ways through thought of her and my reshe formed the ecquaintonce with a lation. I decided then that I couldn't number of the nicest kind of neigh- efford to do that at that time, and I working unusually hard on a legitibors in that community, and that en- took new courage. I talked over mate basis, after my resulution the abled her to enjoy herself and be business affairs with her always and first part of August, I was getting happier than ever before. She loved related everything to her fully, all along fairly well and able to take the home and the community and she | though I didn't relate to her fully the | care of business affairs, and in Octograveness of such a thing as that her I begon to fail a little on those about me and my sister. She didn't things and didn't do quiet so well, know about that; she thought I had altho my bank deposits will probably to him about it. And when we talked obtained this money from other show a little larger, because I collect. of going we didn't know what excuse means. She didn't know that I had cd for my clients and merely checked she could have if she should go. I obtained the money that I had from it out to them. The deposits In the mentioned this because she did in her my sister. She thought that I got it bank do not represent the net to me, statement. I told her "well we are in the way of fees and such as that. but I had described the graveness of the financial offairs not being able te maintain the home and all of that, and we had discussed ways and means on a legitimate basis -- but when I was contemplating any other

kind of means I would sit and study

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an absolute lone hand. Nobody had

the slightest idea in the world or

over knew unything about what I was

working on. She thought I was re-

fleeting on those same legitimate

means that we would discuss; once

in a while I would make some men-

tion of those legitimate means right

in the midst of my contemplated if-

legitimate means, not discussing the

things or illimitimate means of do-

ing comothing worse, to make her

think that there was nothing except

position and gave it to my sister; in of that kind, and another was to and was not likely to get touch with me lots of times that she knew she sheet myself. This gun that shot her the forgery and tend to it and then ought not to but she liked for me to bought it to shoot myself with. I in | place and maybe a transfer take place | her ulthough she realized way. As the first lien being payable neighbors on a duck hunting trip or dividual and the owner perhaps not lies about myself and Mrs. Payne's I got it in August last year or some | money. where along about there, pretending have any intentions of defrauding the gun ke off two or three times, that was the first advance I made nothing that but what any man could strong out on an easy payment plan. way that they wouldn't know but what it was absolutely an accident, Then following that financial af- I remembered I fired the gun three fairs were still not as satisfactory as times out about three-miles south-STARTED ANEW I hooked it on a tack in the up-

holstering-I pressed the trigger egainst a tack on the upholsteringhad a tack on the upholatering that could hook the trigger on that when the way to no this was to let it go that girl said I guess I would someas I said before the insurance that I what I did do about those things, vide for her means of support, so I things that were worrying me so paything else. I resolved not to do little with this girl I would find a ony other fraudulent or illegitimate little interest in her and got my acla at all. I just swore I would mind absolutely off of those other not. I even thought of taking out additional insurance and then doing that and I determined that I wouldn't do that, even though I studied on it quite a lot, and she saw that I was any and the beauty of her attitude. tact and with almost seeming like- to her, and she was pretty serious nimost superhuman effort, I started about that at first. I think that was in again. In August, about the 6th a rather serious objection in her of August, I employed this little girl, mind and it was probably all of the the Thompson girl, decided that I way through, but she didn't mention would maintain an office of my own it anywhere so seriously as the first without any assistance, put on a bold few times. She did joke about it and front and a prosperous effort to ob- say "oh you married man" and joke could on a legitimate basis and do everything possible to make a go of it work, made a good stenographer, die her work well and showed her devotion to her duties and dependability and in every respect in the time she could see things going alright. I gave necessarily, I would be sitting there licy with the Lincoln National Life carrying double indemnity and of course was payable to Mrs. Payne. templating suicide or anything of that kind then, but I realized that I needed more protection for her and the county. Went to Dumas the first trip children and that was the reason that we made to get to look at three or I took that out. She wanted me at four pieces of land, particularly that that time to take out a \$10,000 policy I wanted to check on with the view on her, because she said that if any- of executing some of those things thing should happen to her that I I was just telling you about, and I would have an awful burden taking took her with me, She didn't have care of the children and since I al- any idea in the world or no other ready had about \$12,500.00 that she human in the world ever did about ought to have half as much as I had, what I was thinking about 1 told I ween't in favor of it and never did her there was a man I wanted to see for me to get by with the chlidren, it was, and I did try to see him. He then. And during September business was a little better and by just because I made two or three thou- going to see Mr. Yake, and I went sand dollar deposits when only a to take a statement from him," along there. I guess it must have that she had better take a note book mate scheme. I saw that I couldn't thing to be done as far as work was work out on a legitimate basis a way to get by. Nobody knew anything for company, and that is the first man dealing in leases and real estate, this fellow Young you asked me about several times, was dealing in farm lends owned by non-resident

persons and I had the lists of the

names and addresses of the owners

of various pieces of land over the

non-residents. I obtained a book of

maps each map being a sectional map

of the different counties and i began

to check off on that man the pieces

of land belonging to certain non-resi-

dents, pretending to do that with the

view of getting acquainted with that

stuff generally and hendling his af-

Panhandlo where they belonged

STARTED ADVANCES

something of that kind. I thought I learned of it for a long time after- relations. I don't knew how seriously would get the gun before hand and words and by that means obtain the she took them; she kept telling me that I wanted to let the little boy While I was working on these maps in every respect and all that and she learn to hunt and he was always checking of pieces of land on there knew that Mrs. Payne and I were wanting to do that. I thought that as this iittle girl stated in her state, gelting along. She knew I hadn't would be the safest means that could ment, I was sitting at my deak like thought of divorcing Mrs. Payne and pared a release of that two thousand be used-to get out shooting a few the stenographer is here, I had the she knew she hadn't thought of didollar note to her and signed her jack-rabbits and things like that, and mup on this sliding table here and vorcing me. She told me many times name to it, forged an acknowledge incidentally I did go out a few times she was sitting there sitting right and I am confident she really beand shoot jack-rabbits for the chick- by me with a list of names and the lieved that at those times; she might lease that mortgage that she held and ens. I fully planned that. I went out description of the land and I was have had nome doubt at other times she doesn't know until yet that that driving away out towards-I don't locating it on the map. We would because I would tell her how much I has been done. I have been meeting know-but it is southwest of town, work for quite a while and get tired thought of her and we talked about the payments ever since. I did not off out there on the prairie and let sometimes I would stop and rest and her out of anything because I did not letting it miss me each time then to her like she said in there, put my have any intention of beating her to see how it would work, whether the around her while I was sitting out of a penny. I never intended it would work or look like a perfect there close to her, more in a tens- ing to quit me pretty soon and she ways told Mrs. Payne shout that oth- that and I don't know just how serthought affectionately of her. She they could have been. I was working west of town. I could show you the understood that and joked me out of but you get the idea from her story it She had been married for years and from my speaking of her that and had a family of her own and I we had a very close relation of that hadn't seen her for years, but it kind for a long time, but it was over While I was working and studying quently. She related I believe in her

on those illegitimate means and do- story every trip we ever took to-I was getting it from a piece right ing the wrong thing sgain, I would gether and if you will check them behind the sent and let it go off un- get despondent at times to where I off you will find they averaged more der my arm. I planned at the time hardly knew what I was doing. As than a month apart, during a time it Well, I had things figured out and for quite a while; I don't know just had wasn't sufficient to relieve every- and I tried to devise some scheme felling that took place. She did get thing and take care of her and pro- to divert my attention from those was determined that I wouldn't do much, and I found that by tensing u matters and could come back on studying on the things that I was trying to do with a little renewed it off of those things was because toward any petting. I remember par-I got pleasure of playing around with Licularly on two occasions that it her a little. She objected to any ad- wound up by her own advances. She ! there along those things, maybe over Whenever I decided to quit, she wanta period of a week or two, we had ed me to pet her more than ever, and her relation and love for me, I de- gotten to the stage where she didn't she would renew it herself if I didn't termined absolutely to make a go of object very much. A few times prob- So much for that. She is not responit in a legitimate way and to do the ably a half dozen times during all sible for any of this tragedy and right thing, continue to do the right of our associations, she did mention knows nothing of it whatever and nothing by her and maintain that home that I was a married man with a body clsc except me. Along in Nothat she loved so much, keep it in family and ought not to be making love vember here near the first of Deat me but then she did tell me how much she cared for me anyway and any question of that kind was likely our attitude and I studied her comnot objectionable in view of her affections toward me. In these cases where I would be sitting there study- other. In case one of us would be again. She told me 'that several looking out the window planning or proposition, up to that time I just picturing every step in my purpose the \$22,000 insurance which I did have some insurance also so about equipment around that place, and probably thought that it was due to tions there that if she really loved her taking out a policy of insurance that was the only consideration that the fact that she wouldn't pet with | me as I knew she did, that she would | and that was also with Rittenberry I gave to her at all. On the 28th day me, and she would come in and put still be miserable there at home. All since I had been doing a lot of work other similar obligations of August, I had been doing some her arms around me and hug me and though I, realized that she was a for him and had collected something

> bers of times, and we made several trips together. I went up in Moore was going up there for, to try to see him, and I did see him and talked

concerned, but she was going strictly SAYS GIRL PETTED

-I bought it for that purpose. I have it ceme in from some other go with her and liked for me to pet tended to be out probably with some there and it later be sold to some in- shouldn't, and I told lots ond lots of that she didn't believe it and that she knew our relation was congenial what all we might have in the way of a home in case we did marry and such as that. There was no definite plans ever made in that respect. I to come out from the Roberts-Olver did tell her that Mrs. Payne was go- Lumber Company and put that door ly and persistently, I was able to do matever to do that. Then I got this accident. So when I pulled it off in lag way, and she began to object would probably go to Reno to get a lag that room up tight. I got a rug first loan into a loon and that was an occident and of my first sweetheart. I had at times her folks and probably go from there is above of three two or three persons present all along had a lingering thought of the door so as to close it up boy making two thousand dollars on smell of the chloroform a little and my place. The first loan totaled a have two or three persons present all along had a lingering thought of to lieno and all, but there was no light saw that the gas jet was in definite set out proposition on that proper shape. I exemined all the er girl, that is, about my first sweet- lously she really took that. She might light. After she got asleep good, I have considered it even more ser- turned the gas on in full force. The lousiy than I really thought sho did, fact of the business is that I screwed would come back to my memory, a long period but it was not fre- by the side of her and I took the was not once a month that we were off so it would shoot me in the heart. times sit and look out the window out any place and while she was in the affecting me a bit and she was sleepoffice it was only once or twice a to where she would kiss me good-by every evening when she would leave. Sometimes she got pretty affectionnte and would be willing to pet a large part of the time and at other times she would be more besitant about it, declaring that she was going to quit entirely and I declared that I was going to quit, and did quit for a period. Then for a week or two at feeling as having gotten it off of my a time we would meet in a husiness might be air or oxygen but I don't mind. The reason I was able to get way without the slightest tendency know whether gas is mixed that way vances at first like she said she did said that she wanted me not to pet, chloroform and went back to bed, figand after a few days working along but when we quit she wanted me to. uring I would study out some other intended to go with her right there and then. Then right after that cember, I again become very despon- things, dent over things the way they stood. figured some at that time on the execution of some illegitimate transfer of lands that I was talking shout I never attempted to execute but one tude of that kind, she talked me out

> would have let me. Those are the to go abred and leave her even in of collecting it by cousing her death that condition, although I planned in any way. I had again taken courit again and studied on it quite a bit. | age and determined to make a go The question arose between her and things and that we would get by all me one day and I mentioned it to right. She wanted to do that and DOUBLE SUICIDE had been mentioned before but I expressed satisfaction and was elated think that in August alone about that over the fact that she had done that time, just before I got over my first much towards helping to make pro-I mentioned it in a sort of a joking to stay on and helping to make a go on the Santa Pa to the East, the and I think she made some mention

payable on a monthly payment pro- had drowned accidentally and things lived away off youder some where, ized she ought not to do it. She told wouldn't suffer. I couldn't stand the they are still able and disposed to or something live that, It made her

whatever, and I wouldn't give it so much consideration for that fact myself, but I did for her. I thought if I could turn the gas on in the bedtoom while she was asleep and if could have something else available there so that in case she did wake I could give it to her in a way thatgive her choloform or something like that, to keep her sleeping so that she wouldn't wake and feel any pain until she had passed on. That would be an easy way, and a way that wouldn't burt her, and I got a botten of chloroform and had it there by the bed for that purpose and had the place prepared. Even before the gas jet-I got up and closed all the windows tight and I had a door put in and you will find that door still not painted. between the south bed room and that is still unpainted. I had a windows to see that they were closed call that thing on there, and let the end of the pipe exposed so the gas chloroform so I could give her if she woke and was suffering. I let the gas run for about five hours and fifteen minutes but it didn't seem to be doing any good. It was evidently escaping from the doors; it wasn't ing as sound as ever and it wast having any effect on either one of us. I did notice that all along during that five hours, I had calculated how much-I had examined the meter and saw how many cubic feet of gas capacity per minute and I calculated the capacity of the room and I saw that there had several times sufficient gas come through that to fill that room over and over. I couldn't feel it either, and I couldn't figure where it was escuping. I figured there or not, but it didn't have any effect serewed that jet on and put up scheme, and that was about three thirty in the morning. I slept the rest of the night pretty well. was the first attempt I ever made to kill her and myself too. I fully

BOUGHT INSURANCE She saw that I was worried and

was bothered, she could always tell I had forged these notes to her and without my saying anything, when I would get a despondent attiof those and that more for an ex- of it and instilled new courage in me periment than anything else, and I and told me how she would do any. money I may leave. I couldn't figure had decided, Mrs. Payne and I had thing in the world to help me. discussed again along about that time course, she knew the financial affaire were very close, but she didn't know and no one still know that. That is, ment on that in particular, our atti- how close, and she told tude toward one dying before the thought she ought to take boarders happened and I didn't want that to ing, I wouldn't be broading over the fore the other and I figured that it times; told me she thought she ought study on the possibility of devising was true that the one that was left to take boarders and I wouldn't cun- a means of letting Mrs. Payne go on would be the unfortunate one, that sent to it. She said prior to that and even if I should die and leave her about that time that the ought to saw her as a part of the business with these other affairs and the have at that time, under the condi- the first of December I consented to this indebtedness to my sister and gations and would not leave her any- 28th of August Inst year, the applica- for me and how much she cared for in her, you can see that no man who tion and was examined and passed by doing that by any means that would such means. Well, she always rethen I would come out of my study- else in the world, would like to know ered on December 11th, five thousand ing attitude and pet her awhile and his wife would become the wife of dollars payable to me carrying douwhich I liked to do very much and someone else, even after his death ble indepently. I didn't take out that and I couldn't get my consent fully policy with any view or any thought any means so that she could just and make a go of our financial affelt like she would accomplish something toward helping in providing tained over a period of five or ten driving and we would get up to the don't remember to what extent it some additional protection and she real despendent period, either she or visions in case of her not being able or four at a time and keep them in a I knew what her preference would be. way when driving around one day to of everything in case anything should be used, and maybe keep them there where she could and would forgive "jet's run Into that train that is com- happen. It wasn't long after that, in another box and when we would get me but there would be a scar, a ing and end our financial troubles", about Christmas I believe it was, my additional ones maybe where some chasm there that along with the oththink that that would be necessary up there, Mr. Albert Yake, I believe There was a passenger train coming brother was over from New Mexico body needed something of that kind er affairs, the financial affairs to have insurance on her, and I didn't had been leasing a piece of land from place where those people were killed of it to him about the fact that she menstrum period. She suffered a few that she loved so much that I just ... take it out on her. My whole idea a man by the name of Allen N. Smith. out by the cotton gin. We had seen had some insurance now and things times and the doctor prescribed couldn't do it. There were times in was to protect her and the children of Los Angeles, California, and I it several times and we discussed looked like we were going to make a that, and we had accumulated, I he- which I could just brace up under ... think his address was somewhere on running into the passenger train at go. I had begun to work harder then lieve there were six or maybe seven those things and could consider as .. Highland Avenue, He had written me that time, and I think she considered on some other matters, one or two of those tablets, and I didn't know coolly and deliberately the question to try to get me to make a collection It somewhat seriously and I did to, pieces of business had turned up that anything about the power of them. I of providing means for her death or off of Mr. Yake for him, for back we were for about a half of a mile. had enabled me to make the pay- | thought or I had understood that for myself without the slightest rerental that he had not paid him, and we had been discussing it seriously, ments and relieve the matters and I three or four of those tablets taken | morse or hesitancy. I have particuthat is what I told the girl that I She mentioned that it might not re- took new courage. Things went along at one time would put a person per- larly sort of a dual personality in sult in death, that it might either oll right and the main thing that was menently to sleep, and I think it was that respect and there was no body leave one or both of us crippled and worrying me then, I was playing six or seven of them that we had in the world that has any more injured for life or something of that around with this other girl quite a on hand. I waited an opportunity to heartiess remoracless determined diskind, we might not end the thing up bit and was keeping it from her, and manage to give them to her in such position than I have when that worst that way. That is the only thing that I would some times study on that and a way that she wouldn't know that self is predominating. There isn't a has ever been mentioned and I turn- I know I was moody at times around she had taken them and also that meaner, more bellish being in the ed it off and told her we shouldn't my wife, that is, worried. I centem- sho would probably go to sleap just world than I am when that is in powthink of such things, and we both plated the question of whether I prior to the time they took effect, er. There are certain times and cirdismissed it that way and really put should tall her of it. Like I told and she decided one evening just be- comstances in which that will arise small portion was coming to me. And told her that if folks were hothering the first consideration I had given of ing me worse than most any other take a little medicine that she had one one who is antagonistic to me the matter and I couldn't help but one thing in connection with it all. and that medicine-You may know | under circumstances in which a perbeen the latter part of November, and make a few notes or something it a little because she knew I was and never did tell her about it and name. I remember now that it was age person would become embarrass-I began to study on another illegiti- when she left that there wasn't a lieve she knew there was possibly be serious so much if it were not for with a dark colored medicine and it worried over financial affairs. I be- get her forgiveness. That wouldn't Adlerika. It was in a large bottle ed or nervous or excited, the reverse something I was keeping from her, the fact that she was absolutely per- is taken for constipation. She decided at her funeral, with all the remorse and then as I said a minute ago, it feet in her devotion to me and con- she would take a dose of that and I for her death and loving her as I did. about what I was thinking about A real petting party that we were ever right along about that time, it must everything clae; that devotion to her anything for her and got the hot out on and she played her part beau- have been right at the latter part of was really the larger part of my re- water bottles for her when she was November, it was pretty cold, I had ligion. That is the one thing that faffering and I nursed her tenderly worried and worried over the propo- hurts more than anything else. I and always have in case of sickness, I noticed she said in her statement sition quite a lot and would wake up studied about what would be the po- and prepared medicine for her and I that I tried to pull her over into my at night and study over it and she sition of the children after our death got that medicine for her and it line lap a few times. On that first trip would never lay awake at night as I and what would become of them. We a little sort of a bitter taste which the was in my lap a number of times was with her. She would sleep sound- had each discussed what would or I understand these tablets have also, and she petted very freely but that ly and beautifully. I remember sey- could become of them and we had it and I dissolved the six or seven of is immaterial in connection with these oral times waking up and seeing her definitely in mind, although she had those tablets, probably six of those principal matters. She laughed a little usleep and knowing that she had not never mentioned it, we had it defi. tablets in water and nixed them with and said: "You didn't think I would hothered up to that time and that nitely in mind that they would be that, just poured them in that after really pet, I didn't think that when we she was happy and sleeping happily, taken care of by her father and preparing a dose of that medicine started out. She mentioned a num- and I remember thinking that it would mother or any one of two or threat and took it to her. She drank the ber of times of how affectionate she bo a beautiful thought if she could other relative of mine that we knew whole thing and went to sleep. In was. She has nothing to do and just sleep on and not wake up to the would be good to them. We know just a little while I laid down by the fairs better for him. I intended to knows nothing whatever of the inevitable fact that eventually under they would be in the best of care side of her with my arms around extension and renewal of the several later in August last year about a handle such affairs for any one on a lawful things that I am respon the conditions we were going to have with her father and mother and that her crying, and she didn't sleep then; netes-several small notes, two or month after I had been out and look- legitimate basis for that matter, but sible for. She just played her to sacrifice our home and everything, they would do by them everything it didn't have enough effect on her, three I believe, totaling \$2,000.00, ed over two or three different means I had also in mind in doing that the part as sweethcart and got so able to do, and it made her nervous and gave her a with interest accrued, and I run them of committing suicide one of which idea of locating likely pieces of prop. infaction out of it though she always for several nights, I decided thus would be able to make a real father head-ache. She wondered if there all into one note of \$2,000.00 against was to turn the car over in the lake erry which might be obtained by for showed me that she realized that she realize

take care of the children, but I fig- did everything in the worsa I could from happening which would blow up much prefer to go on shend of the everything, so the insurance would other. take care of a contingency of that kind, and I also about that same time ! those policies on the things I have other things and what would be an would weaken and almost give up the very carefully and tion of doing it.

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thing was that there wouldn't be as much money left for them in the war of insurance if my death was known to be suicide because some of them have been known to be not paid en tirely because the death was within and that is the one thing that has deterred mo several times from sulcide since this tragedy has happened because I have policies that would not be collected at all, not yet ald enough if I should commit suicide. The insurance policies would not be collected on death by suicide because it was not a year old. I also figured that there were several business matters that could not be fixed up just again determined to make a go of right without me. Well, I figured that this indebledaess to my sister could not be paid and discharged without the fact coming to light that obtained that money from her. Those matters could not be rounded out in my absence without that thing coming to light regardless of how much Of anything before that that could be taken-care of and she get her money no one ever knew that that had ever ever come to light. Then I began to ahead of me for a very brief time give me an apportunity to collect the money from her insurance, pay off wind up other business matters beconsidering that I figured out several this other girl, that I was keeping means of possibly providing for her death so that that could be worked cause her any suffering whatever. That was the one thing I couldn't death would be beautiful as a prefera stand. I didn't want it to happen while she was awake, but I couldn't devise | thing as that. I determined to go on continue to sleep. If she could have fairs in some way although I didn's to do, and with that in view she had solved to break off any relation with some-I don't know what you call it, this girl and did do that several these little tablets-morphine tablets | times and would resolve to tell Mrs. years where there was real suffering place where I could tell her and I in the family and a doctor had pre- just couldn't do it. I could much scribed them and they had not al! more easily contemplate taking her been taken. Maybe we would get three life then I could doing that because little box and the others would not ! I knew that she loved me enougheto ed worthwhile had depended on it right at that time, I couldn't havow broken under any conditions, I was

thought of her suffering in any way core a great deal for children and give feel washie wishle abe said, and she a great deal of proper training. They had a tingling feeling and I nursell are not like some grandparents who her through that It didn't have the are so old that they are not able to effect that I thought it would, and I are

ured the children should be protected to ease her and I would have called with insurance to some extent. We a doctor but I was afraid he would discussed that each of ne, that there be able to determine what the trouought to be enough protection on ble was and she would learn about each member of the family to take | that, and in addition to her suffercare of funeral exponees and possible ing from that that she would have hospital bills and such as that in the terrible realization to know that case of disaster. The importance of it had been undertaken and that she that was impressed particularly on might interpret it as a means of tryme because I know the very serious ing to get rid of her for some other dangerous condition in our finances purpose not knowing of my purpose because of this indebtedness that was because I never discussed with her due which would mean my ruin if it those things, while she and I had were to become known that it stood discussed about mutual suicide, I as it did, and I took out I believe it never hinted to her that I had ever was in January a two thousand dot- thought of any means of sending her There was a shutter to the partition lar policy on each of the little girls on shead, although she had expressed to provide such things so in case of and I had also several times the selfnext bed room, and you will notice an accident to keep this terrible thing ish idea among us that each would DEATH OR INFIDELITY I had the chloroform there and each of the children. Those were ac- that would ease her and I immediatequired some time in January or Feb- ly went and made some investigation ruary along-I have the dates of on some boxes containing poison and given you, and I don't recall right antidote for certain medicine and how now. There were periods of despon- to treat for that and I noticed chlorodency along in there during which I form would ease her. I nursed her

thing. Two or three times during through that. Nothing ever burt me that time I went out again to figure up to that time as bad as that to on means of suicide. It wasn't be know that I had caused her suffering cause I didn't have the nerve to do then. She slept pretty well on that, it; I never did weaken on the ques- night and pretty well on up to ten; o'clock the next morning, although it wasn't a sound perfect sleep, it was Whenever I would go to study | sort of a nervous worry, and I slept means of committing suicide myself practically none. I was very much the nearer I would get to it the hurt to cause her any illness at all. more I was inclined to do it, but the The next day she got over it entirely. and was feeling all right by the next afternoon. That was one Saturday. ered an accident or whether it would | night, and then Sunday afternoon . took her out in the cor and we drove around quite a bit and I determined thing that worried me was that I then to abondon the idea again and make a go of things. I don't remember the exact date of that. I never investigated fully but I thought of other medicino or poisons that might be used but I couldn't think of any but what might cause her some pain or suffering and I couldn't entertain the ides of doing that at all and I just wouldn't think of such a thing. and along about that time I had-Well, and prior to that too, I had handled divorce cases for several different clients and one in particular whose name I could call but since this statement may become public, or some of it, I will not mention it. The man had developed a relation with another woman, lost his affection for his wife who had been absolutely faithful to him and divorced her and married the other woman, leaving his wife with a little child to support We passed their house and on the way to town several times, it was a very ordinary looking home. It is in less than two hundred feet of where this blast took place, and she and I saw that little place several times and knowing the full circumstances of their domestic affairs, and she mentioned and so did I, we mentioned that we would far rather die by any means in the world that such things as that to happen-to happen to us or some one to come between us in any way, and she even said that she would rather die by slow degrees than have anything like that to take place, and I expressed the some idea. I thought it was a portentious that that should be mentioned by her and by me inasmuch as it was along at that time while fore I should go on with her, and I was still having a flirtation with from her all that time, and we mentioned other somewhat similar dopeatedly expressed the idea that ence to her than to ever learn such & gone to sleep that is what I wanted know how to do it, although I re-I believe they are that had been ob- Payne about it and I did take her out will take place with me, for instance. when I went into the church house I knew that there were perhaps a thousand people who had considered that I had killed her and were looking at ma with batred in their hearts, and if there were a thousand looking at me with hatred in their hearts, the combined hatred of all couldn't approach the sternness and hellish disposition that arose in me to confront the matter; it my life and everything that I ever consider-

> as cold and deliberate as I could BOUGHT MORE INSURANCE I could have looked them in the face with all the sternness of any body because that other part, whatever it is, was predominating and i...

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all the remores back in me for her loss, all the worry, but it didn't come to the surface then and after I had been there a while the better element in my mind began to gain outer control of my person and probably I showed my attitude some at that time although I tried as much as I could to suppress any emotion. Going back to February, the next insurance that had announced for district judge. When I had annuanced for district judge, I had determined then to go ahend and make a go of affairs and do it in a legitimate way and figured that both as an official and in every oth- (into cash to take care of some er respect, and I tried to figure out those matters and dispose of that office after which time I felt and a few telephone bills and go on. It was suggested to me some friends that there were several things that I ought to become at filiated with that would help some in a political way, one of which was mentioned this Potter County Mutua Bonevolent Association, I thought might in some way, more for policy reasons than any other. She and joined that. I think that was along about February and just after that fellow Lanford was killed over there, I think that came up right about the same time, although the Lanford matter did not cause that to come up. Right at that time while I had in mind making a go of things again Mr. Lanford was accidentally killed while wrecking that Raptist church building and I was handling the essee if it couldn't be collected. not be collected. He left four little children. He had some other insurance but didn't have enough to provide for thuse children as he should have, and I mentioned to Monning that it was a pity that that policy was not in effect payable to them at fifty dollars a month and accidental death to be one hundred dollars a month, and I told him that every man who had children unless he had fully provided otherwise should have such policy as that payable to his children in order to take care of their education, Of course, Monning took advantage of that opportunity to try and in that way probably have an opportunity to discharge part of the obligation. I agreed to take a five thousand dollar policy with him and he mentioned about my wife and asked me what insurance I had on her, and I told him we had five thousand dollars insurance on her, and that she and I belonged to the Potter County Mutual Benevolent Association making a total of six thousand dollars. I didn't figure she needed any more insurance but I mentioned it to her when I went home that I the premiums and several things and ling out some way by which I coul her do It because I could pay the life, be engaged in something that premium by some means, and when was pleasant to her in its execution he started to make up the policy a and it would just happen like that day or two later, Monaing reported that it would be for the children' all right but there would have to be a guardian appointed for the children unless one of us was named beneficiary to receive the funds, the children being minors would not receive the funds in case of her deuth and of course I knew that too, and should have thought of it in the first place. You could very naturally see that was the thing to do. I was named beneficiary for the benefit of the children and their names were set out and in mine she was named beaeficiary in the benefit of the children and their names being set out. We took out those two policies and gave him a note for them which he still has unpaid. I don't remember way or other it would cause it to the side of that broom handle, and the exact amount, but two hundred went on then and I worked hard for sition but when I got to thinking thing stuck in there with a string

a perfectly legitimate basis. THINGS GROW WORSE gilimale means but I didn't put them might have avoided it in any way, into execution, but I became vory de and I just figured that there might the middle of March I believe it was i necessarily be some suffering for her and it looked like things were going and after looking over and studying to come to a disastrous head some on it quite a while I saw I couldn't | titude way or other on finances. I don't re- do that for her without there being a member now just what all the condi- | chance of probably considerable agans was were, I could by taking to her, and even if I should employ of the time probably state the par- that means for both of us that she some of the particular indebtedness, drowning. I don't know just all the then I had not definitely planned other in that room in that excite- be she wondered if the girl wasn't lion to me of more lasurance on the most grewsome maters. Under such cap with a fuse in it in the middle tivilar matters by checking back would necessarily suffer in

(Continued From Preceeding Page) that would make them so I was painteen, but I have an idea there is lieved that she would be some where permanontly, searching high and low siraid I would be unable to meet some period of consciousness in there in the car that afternoon, I had been for the stick and I don't know what after I had been sitting down in these payments to my sister and if front. I looked at her easket, thought that thing would come along I would pening and I couldn't get my mind of her and all the tenderness that he unable to continue I think I was unable to handle the office rent and at that time I thought I may have to abandon my practice or seek a less expensive office and providing less expense, over-head operation or sell our home, break loose from it some way or probably do both, than continue on. I was perfectly willing and considered several different times doing some other line of work. I would have been glad and tried find any kind of manual labor, I had was taken out was shortly after I done manual labor a large part of my life and I really enjoy it and I can de as much work as any man according to my size and ability, and really get satisfaction out of it, and I even made incuiries on the possibility of by hard work and her support and obtaining work or any kind in any her assurence of her cooperation, her particular line of business by which love for me and all that, that I could I might just entirely abandon it, se win that race and I could make good off the office furniture and get i how I could manage financial affairs overhead such as in the way of until that was over and I could get stenegrapher's salary and office rent a certainty of a salary that would those things. I investigated several enable me to take care of affairs and jobs pretending to the people who for a job for a client of mine, but was thinking of abandoning the proctice entirely and going into such things myself, but I didn't find anything. I couldn't hear of any thing hat would be profitable enough that would be able to make these payments of eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents a month to my sister and also meet the necessary living expenses at home and huld our place although there wasn't so very much to do on the place and take care of other things that had to be taken care of, so I would go back to consider other propositions, and couldn't find any way out of it. Besides this other thing was still Bearing on my mind and I was afraid she might learn at any time about my retate and he had a five thousand dol- lation with the girl which was not door. I had done that before I had lar insurance policy with the Ameri- | serious to some but it was serious can National Insurance Company pay- considering that I had rather see her able in monthly installments of fifty in her grave having died happy and dollars each to his children, and I not knowing of that than to see her was trying to make a collection of learn of that and endure the sufferit and called W. F. Monning since | ing that she would endure, and he was the agent for that company knew that it was an inevitable fact to see what the status of it was and that she would learn of that and suf-I fer the torture of having to give up affair or something of that kind, She learned that it had lapsed and could the home and our possessions, all di which would have been embarrassing, She would have been glad to umbler place under the hardest of circumstances but, of course, it would have hurt her, it would have hurt her pride because she was associated with lots of neighbors and friends out there whom she thought a great leal of and who thought so much of her and thought we were apparently prosperous and getting along in fine shape, and to have had to admit that some little place less expensive to to sell me such policy and told me work different to that showing that that the first year's premium didn't I had made a failure in my work, I matter at all with him, that he would | knew, although I didn't have so much 152 note for it and would prob- | dread of those things myself, I know abl Thave some business to be at it would hurt her, knew that she tended to if I would take out insur- | couldn't understand, and I knew she ance with him, or that he would car- | could stand it too but I knew it would as long as I wanted it, and he would of what I was doing in my practice Isilure financially. She didn't know and work on the proposition while though she would go ahead and endure them, that it would hurt her member three women got on the bus home, married life had just was happy and contented to the very utmost, and contemplating between those things and trying to figure out what could be done, how I might work it out, I couldn't see any alternativo except to resort back to the other means and our departure of herself and myself, and reflecting on that I still considered this queswas taking five thousand dollars and tion of disposition of this obligation after mother left because I wanted around the door and she decided to could be, and she asked me if she one else would know about it and could take one the same way. We straightening it out and various other were both at that time making them | indebtedness of like business affairs payable to the children. I didn't in some more satisfactory way and think it was necessary and discour- the necessity of letting her go on aged her a little at first, but she said abond of me, and I studied for sevshe would take in bourders and pay eral days on varius means of work she insisted that she could and with | do that and 'a way that it wouldn't the situation I thought we could car- hurt her, a way that she would be ry it out and I figured I would let happy up to the last second of her

> DROWNING OR GUN I couldn't figure cut a satisfactory means of doing it by any kind poison or gas or anything of that kind and I figured on the question cide. She and I drove out to Bishop's | a piece of broom handle about that angles. We walked around on the you exactly. It would not work exactknow of course what I was thinking could pull it a little and cause the about. I was trying to find if there trigger to work, so I had to get a was a place up there on which I little piece or strip of lathing about rell off into the water and drown make it work back while it was in-

and she would never know it.

when a person knows what is hageto a state to where I was willing for that to take place, so I abandoned that idea and studied on other means, and I thought of the use of the shot gun that I had obtained for myself and I thought I could fix it some way that it would be absolutely sure to get results the first time, and would be painless to her and although it would mangle her body to some extent that she would know nothing of that and not have any suffering. I studied for some time about how to work that and finally found that it could be placed under the machine in such a way that it would forly-five degrees and that, of course it would be loaded and the hammer set and means fixed of discharging it. She kept the sewing machine in the bod room closet where this acci- with me. dent took place and kent it in there a large part of the time. I found that that could be successfully fixed in such a way that it would point in the exact position that her thest would be probably where it would ever thought of this shot gun, and when I got to considering the question of the shot gun I couldn't experiment with that while she was at home and while the children were there but I found out and made note of the days on which she would go would always let me know Just where she was and always get, back by the time I would get home; I always knew just where she was and just when she would return. She would never be anywhere at any time with out making special provisions to le me know where she was and how could get in confmunication, even give me the telephone number at the place where she was going because she knew that it always worried me like everything to come home and for ner not to be there, and she didn't lenve regardless of what the obligation was elsewhere, she was there to

worked a little bit of inconvenience because I always let her have the ch at any time she wanted it. MADE EXPERIMENT She was going to one of these club out that it would work, and I remiddle of March. They were attendwas over in the Country Club someaddress-but I knew where mother! apartment out on Tenth Street. One back farther than she

me or not. I think probably, as to this they will recall because I set right across the sisle from them. I got off the bus and went to the of driving the car into some place house and there was nobody there and letting her drown. I had st- but me. I placed the gun in that noready figured on that for both of us sition under the machine and I will when I was cansidering that dual sui- show you just how it worked. I got lake west of town and I looked that | long and inserted it in the trigger over carefully from several different guard. If I had a gun I chould show bank on the north side and she didn't ly with the broom handle but you could park the car and let her sir in half an inch wide and about six or it and maybe when it started some eight inches long and nail it on to and forty doilurs I think it is, and we her, and it would be a painless propo- serted in that trigger guard. So that a while and I made a little practices about that I couldn't device any tied to it and then tied to the knob | hair but it didn't touch her, and it of things and tell Mrs. Payne at on getting in collections to pay up scheme of that kind that would work. of the door. Just as the door opened a few pressing matters and I over- I just figured that even drowning at a certain position it would trip there, just made a little fiesh wound relations with the girl but that It had came an embarrassing period and would be painful to her and she the trigger every time. I tried it and went through that door took conrago and went to work on would have consciousness even a again and found that it struck the ceiling, and I went into renewed. And I figured that if I told while and although the while that worked absolutely. I did not set it the room and I rushed back to the ber that she probably would forgive be less noticeable right at once and meens by which that could be done, the thought would go that day; I did not set it for some bed room and met mother in the din- me. On the Fifth of April. Illteen; I had never pursuoed those illegitle trough her mind and she would won- little time after that. I came home ing room and went on back there days later, I did let the Thompson mate plans, never pursued them with der if I was doing everything possi- one other time and fixed it up again towards the bed room and I saw that girl go. I told her to try and get any degree of development although ble to roscue her or possibly if I was to see if it was in the proper shape. son may come in and find the condi- another job, in fact, I told her a week I had studied them a lot. I had doing that at the last moment before I was very despendent during that tion of that thing and maybe learn prior to that that it was the last studied on some other possible ille- the car started as to whether I time. I was afraid every day that that that was set and I told son to week she could work, but as she did she would dind out about this girl call the doctor and I immediately not find another job I let her work? or that some of these financial at. while he was doing that-it didn't one weak longer. Mrs. Payne thought servient again along in March near be suffering and that there would fairs were going to break in tuch a take me but an instant-I snatched a great deal of her because she knew way that I would become so despond- the gun out from under the machine that she was a faithful stenographer ent that she could tell from my at- and got this stick out and united the slways on the job, and she never suseverything was up on being able to so I could just jerk it loose in an cious although she know that I was

in the office myself and I don't re- ever became of that stick. I don't cail whether I had the car in town | know whether some body clas got it with me or whether she came down out of the room or what happened and got me or whether I came home to it, but I carried the string in my on the bus, but after I get home the mocket two or three days before little boy was fixing his kite and made disposition of it, and I finally wanted me to help him with it. Ho disposed of the string down in town was trying to fix one, and he want- on 6th street right at the southeast ed to study about some other kites corner of that little building right and see how to fix one like them. south of the Fugus building, that one He wanted me to go with him to look on the corner where they had that at some others. And there was a talloring outfit on the alley on the neighbor-I don't know shout this north side of the street as you go neighbor-she lived over in San Ja- towards the courthouse. I threw that cinta some place and she wanted string down there. Of course, the oldest girl to come over and stay | could have disposed of it in any way with the children that night while but I throw It back in that alley. they went to the abow. That was a piece of a kind of heavy flah. bind and set at an angle of about something the little girl had been do- ing cord. I had been talking to Mr. ing for the neighbors occasionnily | Hunter who is a principal of the Buand mother went over to take her channa Street school and his brotherand Bobby Jean went over with her in-law, Mr. Jones, I believe is the just for the ride and Son was there preacher. I had been talking with

I think that was about the 20th of March. I am pretty sure it was the afternoon of the 20th of March. Mr. Waldon had called me from the San Jacinto school house that afternoon and wanted me to come ever and strike her heart as she opened the | judge some debates that night, and closet door. Of course, to you this while she was gone to take the little is a most horrible thought or any girl to this person's house, Bobbie other person in the world, but I was Jean was also gons with her, I toi desperate, you know, and it was son that if he would get me some cermuch kinder in my mind to devise thin pieces of stuff that I wanted I something like that for her departure | would fix his kits for him. I named than it would have been related to something or another that I thought her even my relation with that girl would take him away for several minmuch less to have her to be-to have utes and give me time to fix the gun our home, and move to some little things. I went into the house and place, and on top of that for her to placed the gun I had plrendy experilearn of the fact that I had obtained | mented with and had the string and this money from my sister and grob- | slick and everything ready so I could ably in connection with that and fix it in a very short while. I went fore we sturted to the hospital. some other matters I even have to in the house and fixed the gun in the turned and went back to the door stand trial for some disgraceful fel- closet under the prachine, attached with him and we both looked at the ony which would not only wreck her the string to it and tied it to the and sow the gun like he said he did happiness and our relation but de- door knob at the exact distance-I He was at the door you know before stroy the home relation and disgrace had the distance marked by a knot that when he first went in and I tole and things that come with it. I had on the string and all that, and had him to go back and call the doctor, just incidently observed her position the string already attached to the I didn't know what he saw the first stick which had been for some time, a week or mere, and I were not disturbed from that time that equipment, whatever it was I I was hurt beyond all expression, told him to get. It was all ready for fact that she was injured. It hurl operation and I went on then outside | me worse than it did her. to help hon fix the kite, at least preto be doing that, but I was In the afternoon to some little club hordly conscious of what was taking ont working on the kite mother and stayed there at the front door talked to us a little while and I remember of klasing her and petting her a little just before she went in the house. It seemed that she was awceter that afternoon and more at fectionate than I had ever seen her. SETS THE TRAP

She said she would go in and ge

rously, it was nearly films for us to

go over to the school house and I re-

member string her when the turned to go back in there! I thought she er in my life and I nimest weakencd. and I thought about going in there and moving the thing, then I reflected, on what would happen, on these other matters and I realized had already studied on other things that is, making a go without doing things of that kind and I realized had already studied on that and remembered that I had everything eliminated, that is, every legitimate means. I just couldn't see any way that I could make things go successfully. I stayed out there with son and pretended to work on his kite, She went on buck, and na I said befare, I knew just exactly where she would be standing and there wasn't any way to keep that gun from striking her farther to the left than about there and further to the right than ing a little bridge party-I think it | nbout here, and I saw that it was where-I don't remember the Indy's | as that, but it would be so instanthree women that were coming cut other means by which. I could do it on the bus were going to that same | and not pain her, and it would have thing. They were a little later. I had worked that time but when she went names. Those ladies lived in an apart- | was coming in the bed room door of the lady's husbands operates a further than she ever did before in tender and he wasn't as gentle: as as I went out and they were talking | there in a box, she kept shoes in, but | remarked on the effect that I was report-it didn't go very loud, not ing me right at the door. I saw that I told the Thompson girl I was gosho was not hart but that pieces of ing to make some changes in bustsplinter and wood was in her halt ness affairs and for her to look out and it had shot a whole through the for another job, I wanted to get ber so close that the wood fell in her tions with her and try to make a go

just caught marker's hand right some later date shout my former and get it out of me that string on the door which I had fixed pected that there was anything semake a go of it, and I was afraid instant, and slipped the string off of thrown in daily contact with her and the attek and put it in my pocket and knew I was very kind to very one to knew of, and about that time Rit- very inappropriate and about were riding side by side like that And the day that I did fix the gun- I disposed of that stick some way or that worked around me. I think maydifferent instances and all those sensation of a drawning person but before hand. I did not know just how ment and since that I have looked for somewhat interested in me. The rea- little boy. I thought it might be an awful thing as this, ear enrichty Brings that were carring to a point I have heard that it was more or less it was more

them there on the corner telling them about the accident and what a tragic thing it was and we didn't know how it happened and all and then I went on down the sidewalk there and disposed of the string just after I was talking to there. It had happened just a few days, a day or two before that. When I jerked the gun out of that place and got this string and stick to dispose of it, I dropped the Mrs. Payne about It. gun right over in the closet where CONTINUED FLARTATION it was supposed to have been. The little boy in his excitement didn't remember exactly what happened. He came to the door there with me bu I didn't know just what he saw and

ho camo back in a minuto after I hot got the gun down there and ofter as had tried to phone a ductor couldn't locate one, and after I ha already wotten a towel and wrapped mother's hand. Just an instant bo-NURSED WIFE. I was hoping that it would be an absolute painless proposition and the thought of her blood and injury of

my own point of view committed auields as I would then, just the wrong RE-EMPLOYED GIRL had done her, but I couldn't afford to do it the way things were. I could not have done it of course at that time. It would have been the most pleasurable thing to me of any. thing, but I could not entertain the thought of leaving her distressed and still not healed and all that, so I) could not do it then. I took her to the hospital and did everything me about it and I felt under obligation to holp her got a job because and undress and every thing and sho anything, and she asked me a quesholley to help pay the doctor bills would have had a good job if she have-of the detrinental effect on the of newspaper that was in the car some one to do the washing and work I wanted, and I understood her to positive as I could be would even-jor three days in the back end. I had around there that she could not do say that she would, but she didn't tunily enure to his detriment and his the caps in my packet. When I wot and it grieved her because I was have cants were walting, the place was much like I am as he is, he is very them up on a little nick over the tile

some one would be with their own, there. I told her I was going the next Thompson, one of the ladies, and the hand and started to throw those where he is cold-blooded. I observed over if the would go and she went and escential that when mother and other, I can't think of her name, but shoes in with her left hand. She had carefully what he was doing and how to Pampa with me, and, of course on I were gone and that in our absence they were on the bus that afternoon her every day shoes in the muchine he attended to the wounds and how out way over there I got to petting that it would become more likely and he dressed it and all and after he her sgain and we came back by more certain with him than if wa | about this social they were going to. I heard the report and some how or had dressed it only a few times there Groom, I believe the related that, were here to watch over him and pro- and she might have occasion to open I had learned how to do it. I phtain- That was near the first of May-No, luct him and I knew that I, after the back end and probably find it could be the minute I heard the re- ed the medicine and necessary band- that was about the middle of May, having-If I had stooped to the ex- there or some one else may disage and dressed it myself, because I right along there, and I saw that my tent that I would-even if I should cover it, so I took it loose from the complished the desired results. I could remove the ban-lages more affairs were growing worse than ever stay on with him, I wouldn't exert back part of the front scat-that. don't know how but I fell that way. gently than he could. She wanted me and having made that trip over there the influence over him that would card hourd covering that is on there, It just terrorized me the thought to because I could keep from hurt- and renewed that problem which I keep him from doing such things, but just pulled it loose up at the corner that she might be injured and maybe [ng her. I nursed her through that thought I had eliminated, added it I figured that the two girls were so and slipped the dynamite and the suffering and i was almost crazy with just as tenderly an anybody ever did back to the other and I had formerly perfect as two children could be and fuse down in behind that front seat anyone. And every time that I would subtracted it from it so I was so would make as near ideal women like so it would be right behind the drive look at that wound on her hand and desperate I hardly knew what to do. I mother as any two children I ever er, and that stayed in there probably, me for a few days after that re- think of her it happened and I just again, considered the question of knew, and I just entertained fore- two weeks white I was figuring on could not stand it. I just determined saleide. I went home and get my bodings of evil for the little boy in means of how I could set the thing just wild almost, and right after that then right away after that to over- shot gun and took it out that road case he was left and having considcome the proposition some way. That over by Bishop's Lake again and look cred these other matters as I had near as loud as I thought it would, was on the 20th of March. I went the little hoy with me and was figur- about Mrs. Payne and myself and It sounded like a chair had fallen and hack to the office just a day or two ing on-No, that Is not true. Strike considering that there were so many heard her scream, of course, and I later. I think maybe the next duy that, please, Thut was some time be- things worse than death especially rushed in and Bobbic Jean was al- after I got back to the office any fore that I took that trip, that wasn't if it is inflicted painlessly and withready in the front room coming meut- way in less than two days after that at this time that the little boy went out the agency of anticipating which thick part of the door and she was sway from there, break off my rela- I had better put it off a while parti- that he not yet having grown up and

and censed long ago and had never been

were at church two or three times, some insurance on him, He tried to and I just wonder as a matter of that is two or three times we went to sell me a ten thousand dollar endowchurch when the Thompson girl would ment policy and take a note for it the means that was devised. I just be sitting across the misio or some ! fater down the line, and I wouldn't place in sight of us and I noticed agree to take that but I told him that it was done. she looked at her very much. She the boy had so many accidents and noticed the Thompson girl quite a bit such close calls so often that I realand I am confident she did now know | ised that because of the fact that he of our relation. I am just as confi- was a boy that I ought to have more dont as I can be that the only ques- insurance on him because of the fact tion in her mind was if I had got in- that he were a boy and had had so forested in the Thompson girl to any many accidents and I took out that extent or wondering if she was inter- five thousand dollar policy on him ested in me. I just have absolute making it psyable to his mother figcontidence, in fact, that she did not uring at that time that I was going know, though her intuition as a wo- to commit suicide myself within man probably taught her that there short while. That was, I bolieve, very was something that was not maybe soon after the first of May that that just exactly just like it should be policy had been taken out. although she was not connecting it. The reason I made it payable to seriously, but on the fifth day of her was because I didn't want it to April, I think it was, the last day the be necessary for her to go through Thompson girl worked for me, she any additional steps to have the in- told him I wanted three sticks of went to work for Hickman Price and surance policy changed and such us dynamite, four caps and ten feet of I got the Bush girl to take her place, that at my death. After resting a fuse, He said "all right" and turned And continued my work there and while, I will start again, and I be- to the other one who was standing just determined to make a go of | Hove I had told you about the noiley right by me and told him to getthings some way, and I tried to study for the little boy with the American either told him to get the dynamite every scheme in the world, figuring National Life Insurance Company, or told him to get the fuse, ofther the Thompson girl was out of the way and some time before that I had part. One of them got part and the and that I had that proposition re- taken an additional five thousand other got the other part, but just moved and that It probably wouldn't dollars insurance policy on myself which I don't know. The one that got ever become known to her, that last with the Southwestern Life Insurance the caps I think he went out to the to Mrs. Payne, although I know a few Company but that was token to re- back, I think possibly they had a people had seen us together and pos- place a similar policy of the same magazine out to the back somewhere,

sibly some of them might have told company that I had before because I he went out and got them, and the It was apparent in a short while that there wasn't any way by which I could raise money enough to meet it would be to fust 14t It go and my obligations and keep things from coming to an open break where she insurance that was taken out, would learn all the facts and would know that I was not only a fallure in my business and practice, having fall- there somewhere I ontered into the ed to make a financial success, but most despendent period that I had haps didn't kill him but mangled him and this other question about money | that I could follow that I could put of my sister would come to light and over in time to save the situation serious coming of that, and a very rateing money, and all of which I had disgraceful situation arise, all of which when I would think of it. I be nut in execution in time to keep would just hecome wild and after that her wife from learning of these time or during that time along there things that I know she would tearn for a month or so, I would see the about and the one thing that con-Thompson girl a few times, that is, carned mo was to keep her from paper in which the man had got hort Bridges drug store where I ate some I figured the distress to her and my. that," and I said "That man getting times, she and the lady who works self, the grief that it would cause his body mangied that way and that for Dorenfield as his stenographer, her to Jearn of those things and to tractor or machine-" whatever it There wasn't any effort whatever to learn of my relation with this other was. That will help those boys to rehave a courtable affair or anything sirl oven though I could hold down call the lucident, and he locked he of that kind, we would just incident- those financial problems later would it a little and said "Yes." They didn't

lated to you, and as I said before, I to my mind of a thing that I had been long it would take him in proporting was inclined to take a little diversion | realizing for quite a long while, and and play with her a little once in a thin is the portion of the statement car parked right across the street while, got a little satisfaction in that, that I hate to give more than any but I wasn't doing it at that time. other portion because of the fact that faces east and right across the street she lost har job with Prico it will always be a memory to my and just a little ways north right after she had been working there boy and be a handleap to him, but about a month or more, she was down it is necessary in order to under- that. I took the explosives with me there cating lunch one day and told stand why. off over there, silhough I did help character and ideals and things that her all possible and did help her to are worthwhile in a boy that he be get that job with Blekman Price, rec- | omployed and learn how to do various ommended her very highly. I had a things and keep out of mischiel and convergation with him and his wife I have also realized that that cannot onch in which I employed everything he accomplished whore a hoy is in way or other so in case I should I knew to accure the position for her, town and mixing with children that most any one before When she was out of a job I tried don't do enything and play around in wouldn't any one find me with it, my best to locate one for her and search to entertain themselves so I opened the back and and I figdid get one or two I felt aure she whether legitimate or not, I may have ured it might not be hest just to could get, and did get one and she un exercerated files-I guess I do lay it down anywhere. I got a piece could have got the communication character of the child who is raised; and wrapped the dynamite and the that day, but I couldn't find her, I in town under such circumstances fuse in it and stuck it down at the just passed her on the street and told but I have been seing my boy acquir- alde of the goat, to the back of the her to come up to my office that af- | ing certain traits, developing certain | sent temporarily, where it would not tornnon, but I didn't tell her just what habits that I in my own mind was be observed. I left it there for two get there and hecause other appli- rule, and I knew that he being as home, I took those caps out and put ing to be out expense, she knowing, taken, so when she found out I had much like I am in many respects, in the garage up in the corner where the financial affairs and that fact something lined up she came around knowing my own disposition and the they wouldn't be noticed, where they, hurt her, because she was so nervous and apologized for not being there. effect on my and my worknesses and wouldn't be jarred because I under-The fact of the husiness is she come | the things that I saw, for I could | in and showed some disposition and just see it creeping on me where her nervousness and shock. It was wanted to be rather friendly with me. | would not even be able to maintain more than I could stand, but I had to I believe the thing she did, she came as well as ever maintain a respectful stand it. When I took her to Dr. up and put her arm around my neck sourse of conduct and I saw that-I and patted me on the back or some | thought I saw that he would grow know much about those things-but good I had been in trying to help mun that would probably bring a ment, I believe an up-stairs aport- and pushing the hed room door open he jerked the bandages off and it her out. Of course, I pelled her back family into the world and bring ment. One of them had an up-stairs and that caused mother to stand hurt's little. It was very tender and and she told me she was thinking grief and distress as I could alread; named her. Of course it would be something of going to Pampa and see age that I had done, Drug Store. And there is a Mrs. must have opened it with her right of course, I guess a follow gets to day and I would be glad to take her and I saw also that it was necessary

I figured quite a bit about the and I took the shot gun, but I got to! I think many paople do have an reflecting on the different questions which I do not maintain, figured that were involved and what would he also could be suddenly waited he the outcome and I decided maybe away without any pain or suffering cularly with the view of collecting become attached to any one, not yet about four or five hundred dollars in having a family and all that that collect within the next few days that also. The morn ? reflected on that would cause the figureial situation to be, and the more I considered the properly, also pay one of those delinquent pay- the more I was brought around to some way or other with a torch of ments on this indebtedness to my sle- | the plan that was put late execution. | some kind, little bucker in the back ler and put it oif then for a while, I studied out various possible means; end of the car and Atached to the and I again figured that the best of doing that, but none of them | omergency brake so that when you thing to do was to send her on first would effect the result completely released the emergency it would move and I straighten these matters up so and what I thought would be certain it and thew the fuse over the torch it wouldn't be so embarrassing on and painless as the one I devised. I and cause it to ignite. the children or on the family because | didn't know anything about ex- | was very hard to work out. I studied

curosity if each of you would guess wonder what your idea is, of how there, to have each of you express an opinion, (Whereupon each person In the room expressed an opinion of what the plan was devised). On the 18th day of May I drove to Borger and went to the Thompson Hardware store at Herger. There were two young fellows there at the counter about the same size; I don't know either of them and they together

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walted on me. I might be able to sec-

ognize them If I were to see them.

I told them, the one who asked mo

what I wanted when I walked in. I

other measured off the fuse. He had

and picked up a paper that was lying

In that paper was on account of a

man having been run over. I helleva

and mangled his body terribly, per-

WAS CAUTIOUS

strange coincidence at the time I was

rible thing, and when they had gut-

It to me and handed it to me, I said

It's and referred to that piece in the

and working out this thing. I had the

from the Thompson Mardware, It

My eyes happened to fall on that

awfully badly.

I would like to before we go fur-

had let the other one lapse and order to reinstate it it would cost a marked piace on the counter and more to have paid up the back polley while I was there getling that I tried and the interest secrued on it than to appear very unconcerned about it out a new polley. That was all the there and was reading in the paper.

MORE DESPONDENT From about the first of May, slong maybe a tractor got away with him ever undergone and I tried to figure would very likely be semething in any kind of illegitimate means of contemplated I saw they could not he down at the knowing about those things because the night before, lie says, "What's. be worse to her and myself also than keem to pay much attention to me, did not come flown on account of the death of either of un, and I be- dither of them. I noticed they didn't any interest in her. I just happened gan to try to study what kind of a seem to observe me, I was satisfied to see her there and I was not worry- way could be worked out and what that neither would ever be able to ng about her and not concurred about should be done about it, and what identify me as I noticed the fact that means I could employ bringing to an they didn't make thy notation of end to be sure that it would be ab- what they were selling me or having The things that were werrying me solutely paintees to her. At that same me algurup or enything of that kind. most were those others that I re- time there was a tenewed realization I didn't know ut that time how

around the corner at an angle ilko and went on over to the mr and put them in the seat by me and put I have always considered that it is Down here between Borrer and Panhandle where the read curves around a lake, I decided possibly I had bettor conceal that about the car some stand they are the dankerous porillon of anything of that kind Dynamite as I knew it as a youngater was more or loss harmless under

ordinary conditions. You can take a stick of it and throw it down ou some say if it is frozen and hard it might noesibly go off. You can take and put it in the fire and it will burn. A few days after that I drove out into the country and decided on using that while I was figuring out mean of how I would set this thing off. I thought probably she would be using the car as she commonly did off. I drove off south of town to that lake out there on a piece of land tight southwest of town that betongs to the man that used to be mayor, Lon D. Marrs. The read hero is from the southwest corner of the Country Club and goes on down and comes on down by the side of that inke. I believe they fenced it but you can drive out by that lake down there and there is a pisen where there is no one driving cars and I drove out there two or three times and looked fees that I was going to he able to might be the advirable thing to do the situation over with the idea of finding means of setting that where would take up some matters that the more advisable I thought it would be sure to go off and work

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I first thought it might be fixed of matters coming to light that could plosives like I said before I several other possible means of dacover up before I would leave if I was absolutely unfamiliar with those ing it and before I had decided exhad the where-with to do so, also things except to the extent as I told actly what meens I would compley to remove the possibility of her learning you in the first place and before I set it off and kide the three sticks thesa things that I didn't want her itell you may more, you may think it of dynamite together, just the three tenderry again mentioned the ques- such circumstances, but even in the and inserting a fuse in the middle, a

60 of No Further Service to Society," Payne Asks for Death

AND OTHER RELATIVES," HE DECLARES

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tightly so it could slip out, and not being able to work that well from the back, I loosened those little likely to come out and when you lean the car started or sometime doing any jarring or distarbing. TIMED BURNING OF FUSE

and that is the reason I got ten feet mite was in there, and the had already timed the burning of it | careful about her driving. to find how long it would take for a fuse to burn a certain distance and conditione-I would figure that would to be an eccident on my part. defeat the very purpose I had in

or, a little lamp or something of that !

it might explude any minute.

CAREFUL ABOUT OTHERS.

TESTS IMPROVISED LAMP goes with the car, a little can about I could tie the rubber to the fuse that hig, and tapers up and has a and fusten it so when I fastened it there at the time it happened and see her. I thought that she was the little spout to it, I took that and cut and it was culled loose the subber there would be no one tise injured most levely then than I had ever seen off that little spent to where it was jerked it over and it would enteh and and I havn't been able to figure out her in all her life, even more so than ! only about three quarters of an inch held it over the burner, but that did why it happened where it did unless when I klased for Just before ath

there, you see, from here down the ways stay in that same position. bigger it gets. That left it with a my knife and cut off from the pir-BETTER FOR MY CHILDREN | tare in my office a little piece of that long and unraveled the fittle wire with which I tied that wick into a round shape, and I got a quart of alcohol, I think it was from Hamil ton's tire shop, right there on Tenth-I am preity sure it was either Hamone and I tied a string around it (ifton's tire shop or some garage right along there. I inquired at two or three pinces for alcohol but they didn't have any at that time of the year, it had already gotten warm and screws that hold the back part of the | so they didn't have it. I got that in front seat that held the post, loosen- a quart jar and went out into the ed them and tilted the back of that country several different times an front sent forward. That enabled me tried putting alcohol into this lamp to get access to it which would place I had prepared, making an alcohol it close against the body or near the burner and tested it to find out how bodies of the occupants of the car, it would burn. It would make a very and between the springs of back seat | short hat blaze, and you could put and the covering, the back of the the wick up and make it a little bigupholstering inserted these three ger with a blaze sufficient, and with sticks dynamite with fuse attached that thing Highted with the alcohol leaving it about three feet long at it would last a half day, and I found that time. I tied them in there se- that by placing that thing in a corcurely and so that when in position, tain position that I could devise that they couldn't slip down or fall means to cause the fuse to be rullout of place so the cap would not be ed right over that flame at the time back against the seat it just pressed afterwards, that it would get the dethem against the spring not hard sired result. In igniting the fuse in enough-you could just lean clear the meantime I was very uneasy for back against it as hard as you wanted | fear of these matters may break any-

to and it would not do anything but | time, and that they might learn these push the springs backward without things, that to my mind would be more tragic to her then what happened, yet I wanted to be sure that I I let the fuso extend down through had this fixed well enough, and sure being lighted at that time until I got a hole that I made in that cardboard enough, to where it wouldn't couse covering and extended it down her any pain or any suffering. through there into the opening in the was also considering the advisibility back end of the car. There was of including the boy with her in that, about three feet of fuse at first, and and I considered also the question I had timed the burning of the fuse of her using the car while that dynawas to experiment with some of it. I children, but I cautioned her to be of that thing, just making a loop so PROTECTED GIRLS

I estimated how long a fuse it would | that cap was close to a spring where mits remained in that position with | danger in that respect. I also enuboard and part of the time when not telling her why because there were anyone was going to use the car in so many automobile secidents and which it might be discovered, I knowing also that she was a very would pull the whole thing back and | careful driver, I didn't feel there was leave it back there, and it remained any danger of that explosion taking I had these others that I had expert in that position until the time the place while she was out with the fracedy happened. I placed it in girls. I couldn't see a reason at all discharged. I drove all over the want to do so, didn't want to include neither be in the car. country around here with that dyna- one that I didn't think would be mile against my back. I had no as- benefitted by it. I did consider sevkill anyone without there was what idea that I would work any perfect it failed and she went on back home. I thought was a good reason for it, to crime at all. I had at no time worked I was wondering what had taken! Something eased me long before be to their benefit or to the benefit out anything of that kind and I didn't place. I went on back hoping that we got down to the office that mornof their happiness or something of care if it were seen afterwards just it wouldn't go off until she got the ing because I just knew that it that kind, and another thing I didn't so that I would have time to wind up little girl out. I tried to figure some wouldn't work for some reason, but want by all means, for a thing like some business matters and work out means of sending the little girl on that morning after I got to the office that to happen to me while I was out some plan or scheme for my own de- the bus, and just Mrs. Payne and my I knew it was going to work, and I with her, and Mrs. Payne under those struction so that it would be thought boy and I go alone. I was willing took the receiver off the telephone NEVER TOLD ANYONE

probably if they had noticed they been successful in looking out for thought three sticks of dynamite that tragedy and letting her go, and could have felt something in that these other things and then winding would be amply sufficient to destory I knew that it would be ended up cushion, they could tell there was a up myself with the tragedy of sui- us all three at the same time or any painlessly. All her life up to that little sort of bump in that cushion, cide which would look had, and with humber of people that might happen time she was happy and cheerful and dynamite being within two inches of that in view, that is the principal to be in there at the same time, but their back or something of that kind. thing I did have in view. Any fur- I didn't want to include the little girl As I said, I felt lots of times when I ther negotiations or association with but I couldn't devise any means of lack of confidence in my advice or was driving,-I intended to be care- this girl-and I continued to go with keeping her from going back with us ful but I think I got a little reckless ber and make love to her and tried so I told Mrs. Payne to stay in the let her come on and I held the retoward the last because I could feel to keep her in the proper attitude in | nifice a little while that I wented it against my back. I felt it against order that she would not when this to go down and see someone just for my back a number of times and it first step happened, Mrs. Payne's and a minute and I would be back to the never bothered me a least bit driving the little boy's destruction - she office for them, and I slipped out and that car with the auticipation that would not say anything until aft- went hurriedly out to where the car er I had gotten other affairs worked was and opened it up to extinguish out and my own destruction properly the lamp so that it would not happen . I didn't drive carefully when I did Isid and executed, and I never at any while the baby girl was with us. use it. I remember one or two times time hinted to her or any one else, When I opened it up I found that it when I drave more reckless than I never had any idea of doing so to any had burned these rubbers to where ever did when I was out alone. This one the things I had in my mind, but there was no liklihood in it getting man Thompson, Ernest Thompson's she was interested, very much inter- over the burner, so I got another pacle, who used to be the Thomp- ested in me although the little girl piece of picture frame wire and tied son Drug man down there and who is doesn't admit it. I don't blame her it around the fose and let it extend now with the wholesale people out for not doing so. She thinks maybe out a little way on each side and at as he is that his mind and his way on Third and Lincoln I believe it is, the might have caused this tragedy, the ond of that wire attached a rub went with me just a few days before but she is entirely mistaken on that; | ber and then attached it to something the explosion over to Hereford, and she should have her mind relieved on else further on so that there wasn't out west of Hereford, and looked at a that. She was given a good outline any robber clear up to the tube. piece of land, and I drove a little bit of what took place but she didn't fill fast a few times on that trip and I it in fully naturally and I don't blame was a little cautious and I slowed up her. She tried to make it appear that was unheated and the rubber would I might cause an explosion, maybe she was very reluctant. She was just so that it worked perfectly because that cap would be jarred or pushed rejuctant enough, a girl has to be, it did not affect the rubber at all. I with the string and I din't want to but she had reached the stage that pulled it over to the side and tied it thing of his affair and didn't know ily or children at all. She wouldn't tied it down to something on the whether he was prepared to go or have objected to me for a minute ground, and was the means by which

ARRANGES DYNAMITE ligured on fixing a wire with a hook I finally took the little oil can that in it so as to let the fuse come so

long. That left it with a hole in not work successfully, it did not al- it was the way she started up and Then there was one thing that oc- gine several times which caused it hole about as his around as my lit- cured to me, there was nothing to to go off quicker. the finger. I took a piece of towel back up the explosion, what I mean and rolled it in proper shape and the by that is dynamite, contrary to pop- and calculations of the other fuse

rounded so it would go in. I took mits up against an immovable wall and set it off, of course the force wire that you have the picture by, I force would go sway from the wall it had something to back it up. figured since there was nothing bethe awful thing of injuring some on and not instantaneously ending it all So the only prospective thing that thought of to work that was to place a sack of maize seed or something of that kind back behind to form a sort of a back up proposition to offset at least the weight of their bodies on placing the malze seed in there and leaving it in there. During that time I was trying to work out and get this

it to the right place. But I did not anticipate the results that would take recall that or not, but I told them place when that lamp was lighted. It this as I already knew what the sigcreated quite a little bit of heat in nificance of that string was, that if there and in order to find out just I had been examining it I would how that would work I used a piece have attached some significance to of fuse stuck into the cardboard back that but when I went out to the gathat the end that was ignited, and after I had been home some time I the end that was going to burn out saw that string still there on the I examined it two or three times as were both in the back end, also I pick. I removed it myself, put it in wanted to find out how much amoke take to burn a certain distance be- it might be touched off by friction, that would make working that way; threw it out in the back yard somefore it would explode and that dyna- and I saw that there was not any if it would make too much smoke and create & disturbance, and I tried a fuse sticking through that card- tioned her about driving carefully, it a time or two that way and it worked all right, butsprobably at the time I fixed it the first time to go off I might have had the subbers on the fuse closer to the burner that mented with, and the day before the tragedy I had prepared it and thought there at least a month before it was for including the girls and didn't I was sure that the girls would

WANTED TO SAVE GIRL

to sacrifice the opportunity of wind-

OUTLINES ROUTE There was wire up to the part that two or three times thinking possibly all the advances were on my part and serve to pull the thing back further injure that man. I didn't know any- the was not concerned about my fam. to a nall and extended that string and the fact that I didn't and I couldn't anything of that kind and I didn't because I had a wife and children it was loosened and moved It to fly want him to be burt. Of course, he living if we were just separated and back over the blaze. The backing into thing my unfaithfulness to her in didn't know he was next to it, and I obtained a divorce and go on. She the garage was not essential. That lotting her go without relating it all studied and studied just how I could was interested to where she had al- backing in the garage was like I told fix that thing to make it go off right. ready reached that stage and had so you in the first place—to make it I finally calculated that by the fuse indicated. It was hard to keep the easier for Mrs. Payne to drive out it and then the little boy's forgiveness coming through the back and that if girls out at the time i wanted the didn't need to be in there in that con- that he was not relieved once and for dition because the other end would all any suffering of what I believe do just as well but A figured it was is inevitably in store for him. I did kind, that would be burning for a That was one thing that kept de- equally advisable if it was backed in not request my wife to bring the boy number of hours and also devise ferring it I had to work it at a to be sure that she would drive all along with her that morning but I some scheme by which that fuse time so I would get everything placed right without anything unusual. I had found out he wanted to come and could be pulled right over the burner properly. I can say more about that had cut the fuse down to about two there were two reasons why he was at a given time it coud he set off a little later. As to how I lighted feet and two or three inches figur- coming; one was he wanted to get a possibly, and I was confident from the fuse, over the lump and how long ing that it would begin to burn im- hat and another was he wanted to my experience with dynamite, as well it would take it to born, I, of course, mediately after the car started and got some circulars for distribution, as I could remember as a youngster, extinguished the burner and used a in that time enable her to get down that is, some of Mr. Landie' campaign test although it would be absolutely little rubber. I do not have any little on Line Avenue and probably cross literature and he wanted to get some instantaneous and complete, there subber bands, but you know what I the railroad over there going down eards from Judge Landis to distriwould be no pain or suffering what- mean. The fuse hung down, like the Tenta Street turning south on Geor- bute. Judge Landis was zunning for ever. Otherwise, I wouldn't have lamp was right here the fuse was gia and down Tenth. I told her to go office and the little how wanted to employed that means, the only around here and came out back up that route so there would be no one put out some of Judge Landis' cards. means. I would consider with any here about that far and could be pull-elso there and I let the gasoline run After I prepared the ear that morning seriousness at all were means that ed in either direction and the fuse a little low in the car and I advised on starting to leave home I was there would be absolutely instintaneous could hang close to that hurner and her to go that way and come by a cughly convinced that the explosion garage on Tenth Street and get some | would take place. When I told her gasoline. I had already timed and cale goodbye I thoroughly realized that it

the little boy said she killed the en-

According to my measurements proper size and I rolled it together ular belief, and I think the same is they would have had plenty of time and made a wick that I could stick true of any other explusive, I do not to have gone down that for and at into that thing, and let it extend know of any, other, soes in all direct the time I left the house that morndown into the con, and I had to fast- tions principally, that is it goes some ing it was definitely understood, I on that little wick to get sume way in all directions, but probably in the thought, that the little girl was not course of least resistance, in other going to come since she had come the ping out, so that it would be kind of words if you place a piece of dyne- morning before and since mother had she was going to leave her there to could not move that and most of the fix dinner and that just happened without my putting in, I cut off a little plece of wire about in other words, it would rebound if leave any orders for her to be left there but I think I did ask to ascerthat Bobbie Jean wouldn't be. Then when I started out, she called me back and said Bobbie Jean wanted botter let her go with me because she might possibly go with them, so I took her on to the office with me the other side. That was the purpose of and before I left that morning the first thing after I got up there, before mother had come into the kitchen, I went out into the garage fuse exactly over the lamp and I used before I opened the door and lighttwo rubber bands; fastened on the ed the burner and tied the string fuse, pulling one this way and the so that it held the fuse to one side other that way and moved the lamp and tied the other end of it to a pick so that it was right near the fuse and that was laying on the floor, which then tied a string to the fuse and was the same way I had fixed it the pulled it over to a nail. I had a nail | morning before, and the pick being over here on the side and I hooked heavy enough so that when the car it over that with a slip knot, the started up the rubber would pull it string running down through a hole exactly over the burner and it eviin the bottom of the cur the other and | dently worked exactly at that time. of the string to be tied to something The detectives who were out immedion the ground under the car so the stely after the explosion to examine when the car started up it would pull the garage to see if anything could the string and untie this slip knot be found over-looked that pick with and let the fuse allp back to its place, | the string tied to it. It was right I did that and tried it several times | there, right on the floor of the gaand it always pulled and the fuse rage. I even made mention of it later came back all right. The lamp not of probably being of importance. PUTTING ON "FRONT"

I don't know whether any of you rage some time after the explosion where with some other similar stuff the little boy had played with and while I was at the office that morning of course, I was hardly conscious of what was happening, neither was I the morning before. I den't know how much of a front I put on in disguising my troubles but I was looking forward with some degree of pleasure and satisfaction in the idea that it would be instantaneous, painless and would preclude any oppor-I had to be very tactful about find- tunity of causing grief to her that surance, I thought possibly it might eral times the advisability of having ing their whereabouts and finding she was inevitably gold to learn right; he exploded anytime if I was a little her and the little hoy and myself all out what they were going to do, but soon with reference to our financial reckless about it. The fact of the three in there at the some time, but it was set and planned to have been affairs and my relation with this girl, business is, I kind of wished a few the same question gross there that I discharged the day before it did hap- and when I answered the telephone, times it would, and I did not care if had before that these other things pen and she and the little boy and someone called me-I heard the amit did, but I was careful about it would come out after our death and the baby girl came up to the office in bulance rearing and I knew what when there was anyone else in there that business matters could not be the car, I did not know the little they were roaring for, I knew or with me, I didn't want to be too handled, particularly the matter with girl was going to come; I thought thought I did, and the morning bereckless with the car; I didn't want reference to my sister's money so it was definitely arranged that she fore I just knew some way or other arrone else to get into it. The day that she wouldn't learn what I had was not going to come, but the hand that it would not work; I knew it be-I was out with the Thompson girl, done in that respect if I didn't stay of providence protected her and the fure, not just from not hearing the she was driving a little reckless, and here to fix that up, so I figured I fuse did not get over the burner. It ambulance but something within me I was careful, not that I had any af- would have to plan it for them and borned the rubber in two on one side cased me after a little while. I guess fertion for her and wanted to protect manage it in such way that it would and the other rubber pulled the fuse about the time she started or maybe her in that respect, I didn't want to not be detected. I didn't have any away from the burner. That first day some mental telepathy-I don't know.

TRIED TO CALL WIFE two different times to call her and ing up these other matters and was tell her not to come as I anticipated mind. There were several people I wanted it to appear an accident more or less unconcerned whether, I the result and she didn't, and I chose that rode with me in the car, and because I abhorred the idea if it had was in there at the time because I between stopping her and avoiding up to that time she had never for ceiver probably ten minutes before I put it back, If it hadn't been for the boy that was injured like he was and didn't go on also, I still consider right now that I would do the same thing again, It is miraculous that he was not

snuffed out instantaneously. I can see nothing in the world-I know how it was done and all that, it is terrible, but I believe that if he doesn't understand now that if he gets over it being as much like I am of thinking will be enough like mine that it would justify me. I was doing what I thought was the kindest deed for mother and for him to save him the agenies that I have gone through because I just feel that he was going to be enough like me that he was going to get in the same sort of circumstances if he lives to reach it, I couldn't say that my greatest grice right now is that he didn't go with change it if it were to do over sgain, didn't confide everything faithfully to to her and getting the forgiveness culated she would be along over was the last time that I would ever

nocent, devoted and faithful and had tered the reers.

didn't with or are dependent upon any such get matters worked out and provision

kind this at all that it might not be it. I heard her mother say that and may develop more of the characteris- to work out all such business mat- not want the truth to ever be known W. N. Thompson, W. R. McDowell, I asked about that so as to be sure tire of his mother and become :a tere within a month at least, but I went to work to try and divert sus. Chas. Debout, Henry Meyers, M. M. that more of the force would go back she was not in the car and to be sure noble and useful man. It is a mistake when I found that suspicion was so picion from me, but in my distress 1 Scott, M. Murton, C. O. Moore, and that I sent for the Thompson girl to strong toward me and that sentiment made a poor out in doing so. This Henry Cross, and is true and correnew any advances . towards her. In the community was so strong I is shown by the fact that I prepared rect. When she came into my office the did not think it to the best interests two letters, one to the sheriff and to go with me and I figured if she first time, several days after the of the children to leave them in the other to the chief of police of of August, A. D. 1930. figured on going to town at all I had tragedy, I told her the first thing Amerillo and in order to make the Amerillo, which I had been carrying

went in where the gun was or en that her and my relation were for proper provision for their removal I in my pocket for about a month and either of the times when I tried to ever at an end and I never touched knew it would take time to get the had just rewritten them the day beput her to sleep. I knew that she her or attempted to only that the home place disposed of and get them fore my errest and they were found had always been absolutely pure, in- shook hands with me when she in- located and started off in, perhaps, in my pocket at that time and were 3 . some distant state where I had hoped obtained by the officers, I do not see been everything that could ever be I did tell her however that my at to induce Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, their that I can be of any further benefit attributed to any woman, and I titude toward her had not changed grandparents, to come and keep house to myself: to any of my relatives, on thought of the little boy who was and would not, and that was true, and nake a home for the children. I to society. I therefore do not wish in then still in bed and I did not have except I did not want her to know also realize that if Son should live on any way to delay the trial of this the heart to go and lock at him, be- what I meant by the word attitude at it would be some time before his in- case and the execution of the penalty; cause I knew that so for he was per- that time. I did not mean that I loved juries could be overcome and if he of the law, and I am not saying this feetly innecent although I was cor- her, because I never had done so in was to live I wanted to see him en- because of my present despondency, vinced that he would later develop the true schee. It was my purpose to tirely recovered before my departure. but because I believe the best intold the other girl-told LaDell-that | into the same kind of man that I am, let her remain as friendly as possi- I also wanted to wait long enough so terests of society and my relatives

and I felt that it was best for society ble for a while so that she would not that the cause of my death would be can be most adequately served in and for those who are associated tell our relationship until I could conclusively presumed as accidental, that way." AVERTED SUSPICION. person that there be no more of that made for the children and my final | Because of these things and for the going fifty-five pages of this statekind. I hope that I may be mistaken departure. Immediately, after the farther reason that on account of ment, which has been made to Edw. tain for certain if she had so planned in him and that as he gots older he tragedy I thought I would be able the children and other relatives I did W. Thomerson, in the presence of

. I have read and corrected the force Witness my hand this the 8th day

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