

BRIDE, GROOM GAMBLE LIVES IN RUSSIAN GAME, HE LOSES

By GWYN THOMAS
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Dearborn, Mich., July 27.—"It was accidental—there is no other way of listing it," said Detective Inspector Howard Forman as he closed what he said was one of the strangest cases in his long service as a policeman. "He played a tough game—the toughest in the world—and lost."

He was speaking of Lieut. Floyd Gulledge, 25-year-old army air corps veteran, whose body was taken yesterday for burial to Harrisburg, Ill., his birthplace. Lieut. Gulledge was the loser of the game with the highest stakes in the world—Russian roulette. His partner in the deadly pastime was his pretty 18-year-old bride of six weeks who took her chance in the twirl of the revolver chamber and won while her husband gambled with his life in their hotel room and fell dead.

The game which has claimed at least four lives in U.S. in recent months is said to be 100 years old. It was brought to East from the battle fronts of the East. Inspector Forman said a single bullet is left in the chamber, which is spun. When it stops the player closes the cylinder puts the gun to his head and presses the trigger. He has five chances in six the barrel will stop opposite an empty chamber.

Dearborn police said they weren't too surprised it happened. They have heard they said that the game is increasing in popularity. Stories have reached them of the game being played in hotel rooms, usually, they said, after the bars closed and when young couples, exhilarated by liquor, are seeking added thrills. One of the recent deaths was also a veteran who teased the fates once too often in a Detroit hotel.

Friends of the Gulledges said they appeared to be a devoted couple. They were married after a meeting in a dude ranch in Chicago.

GIRLS TAUGHT WELL THEY MARRY EASILY

London, July 28.—(Reuters)—Britain's post-office, in seeking to train telephone operators, seem to have found the formula for the perfect wife. An official appealing for more operators ruefully commented that the girls marry easily "because we inculcate the need for courtesy, accuracy and efficiency."

roulette or Cossack poker as it is sometimes called being played while he served in the Pacific. It was after he read an article in a monthly magazine that he first suggested they play it, she declared.

"She told me he called it a test of courage," Inspector Forman said. "They had played it on a couple of other occasions."

"This was confirmed by Mrs. Lucy Vallentini, who lived in the lower duplex where the couple stayed for a short time and often visited. "I could hear them talking about it," she said. "I don't know what got into Floyd. He was a quiet fellow and I know wouldn't think of anything like that before he went overseas but when he came back he couldn't be still. His nerves were shot. He smoked one cigarette after another."

Gulledge's marriage six weeks ago was his second, Mrs. Vallentini said. He married a Dearborn girl before he went overseas but they were divorced shortly after he returned. "He seemed to be still very much in love with his first wife. He spoke of her often. I remember I heard him once tell Janie this, she reminded him of his first wife," she said.

William Bruster, assistant prosecutor, took a statement from Mrs. Gulledge. After tests were made by the Detroit police laboratory he announced that powder marks were found on the right thumb of Gulledge which cleared the young wife. "Any doubt the bullet was self-inflicted. It entered the right temple and came out the top of his head. No other bullets were found—an indication Inspector Forman said that he kept only one shell to play the game."

Yesterday the body was released and was shipped to Harrisburg, Mrs. Gulledge, the young veteran's mother, and step-father accompanied it. Interment will be made today.

Mother Collapses

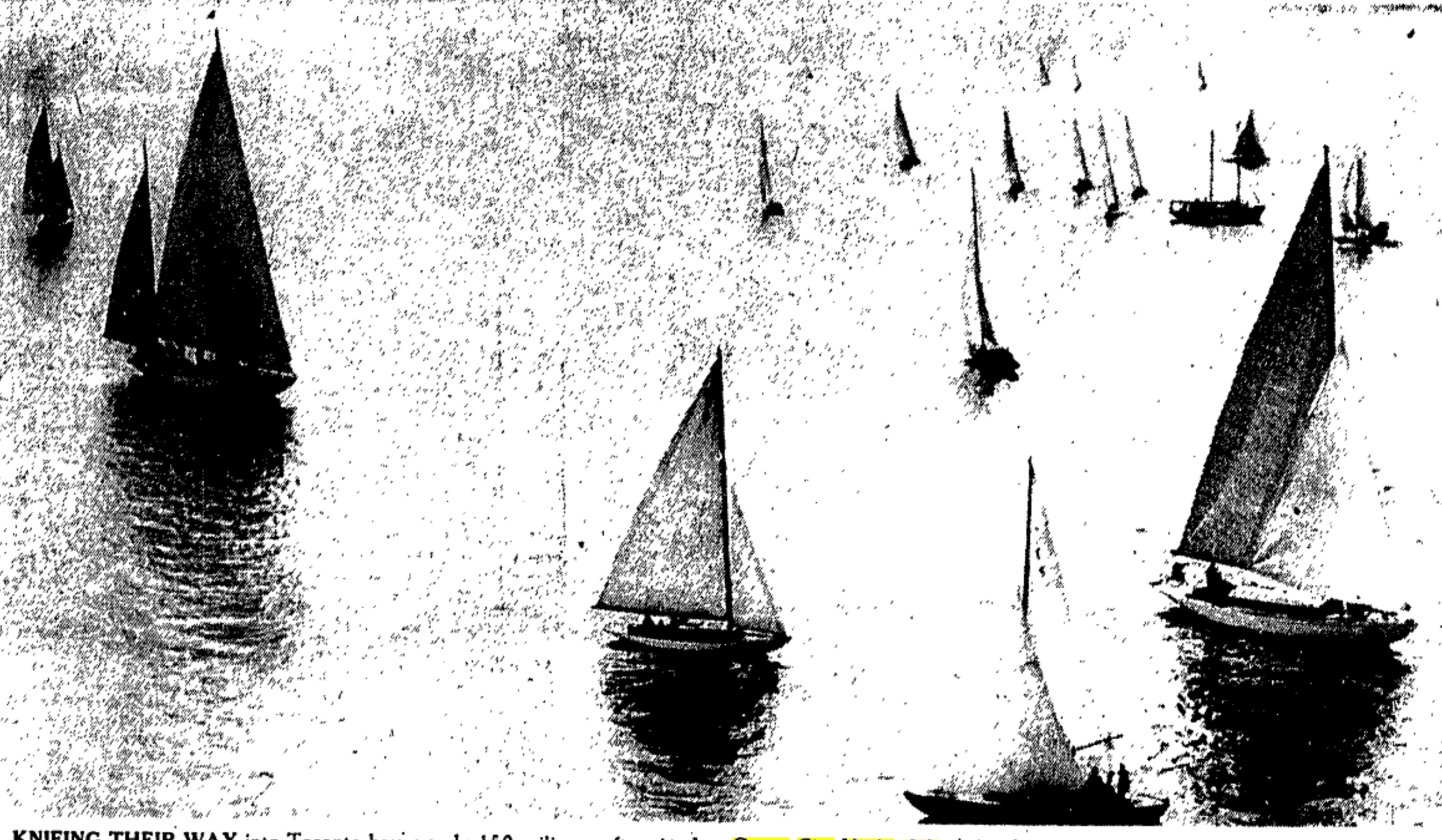
The young bride after being in a state of collapse for hours after seeing her husband killed in front of her eyes, had recovered, but his mother collapsed after visiting the funeral home.

Russian roulette was played by the U.S. marines in the East early in the century but in a different form. The man with the gun would shoot at the flicker of the cigarettes of his buddies as they sat in a circle in the pitch blackness. Russian soldiers were reported to have played it in their idle moments.

According to stories the game is supposed to have originated in Siberia where officers of the czar were exiled for misdemeanors. They had nothing to lose because as long as they lived in the barren wastes. It brought excitement to a humdrum life.

Another story is that the game was played to settle Russian love triangles. The lover and the husband would choose a gun, one of which was loaded and the other without shells.

SLEEK HULLS DOT COURSE FOR LAKE YACHT ANNUAL REGATTA



KNIFING THEIR WAY into Toronto bay, nearly 150 sailing craft arrived at Queen City Yacht club anchorages over the week-end for the annual regatta of the Lake Yacht Racing association. Some of the craft, which range all the way from saucer-sized skat prams to some of the biggest classes, are seen in this view of Lake Ontario off Centre Island today. Entrants from most of the Canadian and U.S. Great Lakes yacht clubs are competing

NIEMOLLER NOT 'NAZI VICTIM' GERMANS RULE

Frankfurt, July 28.—(Reuters)—Pastor Martin Niemoller, Germany's famous concentration camp clergyman, has been deprived of special ration benefits and refused classification as a "Nazi victim" by the German Society for Victims of the Nazi Regime.

Dr. Hans Mayer, president of the society, said Niemoller was deprived of his classification at a special meeting of the society in Frankfurt.

The reason was based primarily on a secret file from the office of Nazi philosopher Alfred Rosenberg, executed at Nuremberg, which it was alleged, revealed Niemoller in a pro-Nazi light.

The file, believed to have been released from the Nuremberg court archives, recorded a 1938 meeting in the Moabit district of Berlin at which Niemoller was alleged to have stated that his family was "anti-Semitic out of tradition."

Dr. Mayer alleged the pastor admitted at the meeting he had supported the Nazi party as early as 1924.

BASEMENT LEAKS DRIPS REAL MONEY

Rome, July 28.—(AP)—Dr. Gail Meadows has a leak in the basement of his summer home. It's dripping money. But Meadows, professor at Amherst college, Mass., now spending the summer at Piazza della Pigna, must turn the money over to the government.

Experts say the seepage into his cellar comes from the Fountain of Trevi, half a mile away. Tourists toss coins into it because legend says that is the way to insure one's return to Rome.

There's another catch, though. The fountain was built in the 17th century and the coins which drip into Dr. Meadows' basement date from the time of the Emperor Hadrian, centuries before that.

CHEAPER TO FEED CALVES FROM CANS

Mercedes, Tex.—Economics has hit the calves of the Lower Rio Grande valley. No longer does a calf get its milk the natural way. Valley calves now dine on milk from the can—while mamma's milk goes into bottles for humans.

"Canned milk is cheaper," dairyman Pete Melton explained. "The whole milk a calf uses in a day can be sold for 50 cents. It only costs 25 cents to feed him canned milk. "He's a victim of arithmetic."

Find No 'International Brigade' In Tour of Greek Fighting Front

By ROBERT C. MILLER

Ioannina, Greece, July 28.—(BUP)—The "international brigade" which repeatedly was reported engaged in the fighting in northwest Greece, appeared today to be a mythical product of Balkan propaganda which the Greeks drummed up so vigorously they began believing it themselves.

I have just returned from a truck mile and hiking trip into the mountainous Albanian-Greek frontier region, including an accidental venture into Albania. I found no trace of an international brigade, nor any soldier or civilian who had seen or heard factual reports of one.

Evidence was ample to support the Greek contention that the guerrillas were armed and supplied by Albanians and Yugoslavs, but I found none at all to back up the brigade reports.

Throughout the several days of hostilities in the Albanian border area centring around Konitsa beginning two weeks ago, Greek officials referred to participation by elements of an international brigade. The worst effect of the reports was upon the forward elements of the Greek troops. They fell back before what many believed to be a superior force of well-armed troops. Cooler heads grasped the situation, restored order and began the counter-attack.

The guerrillas were unable to penetrate Greece to any depth because all the infantrymen were carrying everything available with them.

500 ON SHIP HAVE 'BUBONIC PLAGUE' LONDON'S REPORT

London, July 28.—(INS)—The London Daily Telegraph reported today that more than 500 of the 4,500 Jewish immigrants being returned to France from Palestine aboard three British ships are sick and are believed to have bubonic plague.

A spokesman for the Marseilles port authority was quoted as the source of this information. He said the sick Jews would be taken to an isolation hospital in Marseilles.

24 WEEK-END FATALITIES 16 OF THEM IN ONTARIO

Nine persons drowned, six were killed in traffic accidents, two were burned to death, four died of other accidents, and one man was shot to death in eastern Canada over the last July week-end. A survey shows that of the 24 deaths, 16 were in Ontario and eight in Quebec.

Two men—Peter Kegels, 28, and Arthur Decaluwe, 25—drowned off Turkey Point in Lake Erie when a sudden squall caught dozens of fishing boats unaware. Their boat overturned and their two companions, Peter's brother, Andrew, and Clifford Hayward from Windsor, were rescued.

Albert Joseph Masicotte of Dearborn, Mich., also drowned in Lake Erie, off Cedar Beach. He was believed to have suffered a heart attack. Thomas Hodgkinson, 14, of London, Ont., drowned in Oxbow Creek at Komoka. William Ferris, 27, resident of Newtonbrook, near Toronto, drowned in the Muskoka river at Baysville, near Bracebridge. Eleanor Smith, 13, daughter of the late Russell Smith and Mrs. Annie Baumer of Humberstone, R.R. No. 2, and Marjorie Wilkie of Fort Erie, R.R. 1, were burned to death late Saturday in a fire which destroyed the Baumert home at Dain City, near Welland.

June Crookford, 17, was critically injured when her companion Marvin Jacklin, 26, driving an auto near Gravenhurst, lost control of the vehicle which skidded on the greasy pavement, crashed through a line of guard rails and hurled over a 20-foot embankment and plunged into a marsh. Jacklin suffered head injuries, facial cuts and possible internal injuries.

Ray Barton, 19, was drowned while swimming in the Trent river near Hawkeston Saturday night. James Warren Knox, 21, of Hull, Que., drowned in full view of hundreds of bathers on the Rideau river at Black Rapids, about 10 miles south of Ottawa. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers on leave from his station at Kingston.

Two Children Drown

Two children drowned in the Hull district of Quebec—Jean Claude Legault, 7, at Hull and Andre Lariviere, 4, just outside the city. Three-year-old Michelle Labelle drowned at St. Saviour, Que.

Two persons were killed when a car struck a C.P.R. train at Bolton some 20 miles from Toronto—Mrs. Ellen Marie Schuder, 67, and her son, Ronald, 34. Both are from Toronto. Robert S. Noll of Toronto,

CHIANG URGES RICH FAMILIES TO SEND SONS

Nanking, July 28.—(AP)—Condemning "big influential families" for not paying taxes in kind and "leaving the entire burden to fall to small peasants," Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek called yesterday on members of the Kuomintang to set an example in voluntarily sending able-bodied men in their families to join the Nationalist armies.

Chiang told the opening session of a four-day food conference in a 40-minute address that success of the campaign against the Communists hinged on whether the government could raise enough men for the army and enough food to feed them.

3 STATES BAR BIBLE IN SCHOOLS—GIDEON

In three states of the U.S. reading of the Bible in schools is prohibited by law, according to Fred R. Sacher, newly elected international vice-president of the Gideon association.

"The states of Washington, Louisiana and Wisconsin do not allow formal reading of the Bible in the schools," declared Mr. Sacher. "The Gideon association has not met with opposition in supplying Bibles in these three states to the pupils for their private use, but their laws forbid teachers using the Bible for organized prayer or discussion."

"On the other hand," said Mr. Sacher, "some states, such as New Jersey, order the reading of the Bible at the beginning of each school day. In those states that do prohibit the Bible, the Gideons are careful to obey the law."

Another Gideon executive, Charles P. Eisenmayer, declared that more than 76 per cent of the youth of the U.S. between 15 to 17 is without religious instruction. "We are using the schools where we can as a medium for providing that instruction," said Mr. Eisenmayer.

U.S. SENT 13,000,000 PACKAGES TO REICH

Berlin, July 28.—(AP)—In the last 13 months private citizens in the United States have sent to needy civilians in all occupation zones of Germany nearly 13,000,000 gift packages conservatively estimated to have contained more than 100,000,000 pounds of food, clothing and other items.

This relief effort does not include thousands of packages paid for in the U.S. and delivered out of warehouse stores here. It also is apart from imports of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of grain and other foodstuffs from the U.S. which now are borne by U.S. and British taxpayers as occupation costs.

EUROPE MAY BE WARNER

London, July 28.—(AP)—Europe's fuel situation may be "not quite so critical" next winter as last, but emergency imports of U.S. coal—if there are dollars to pay for them—probably will be needed until 1950, a European coal organization official said yesterday.

11 Killed When Shanghai Police Fight Over Missing Movie Ticket

Shanghai July 28.—(BUP)—A mob of 100 Shanghai policemen smashed up the Golden Castle movie theatre today, scene of a fight between civilian policemen and army-controlled gendarmes.

Nine policemen and two civilians were killed in the fight which broke out last night when three people tried to get into the theatre on two tickets.

Almost all of the police remained away from work today and 100 of them started marching toward gendarmes headquarters shortly after noon. Their officers, however, persuaded them to settle for a less dangerous attack on the theatre.

While a few police with drawn revolvers stood by to guard against interference, the mob tore up expensive projectors, films and seats. Mayor K. C. Woo tried to calm the police and telegraphed the ministry of national defence to control the gendarmes, which are equivalent to military police.

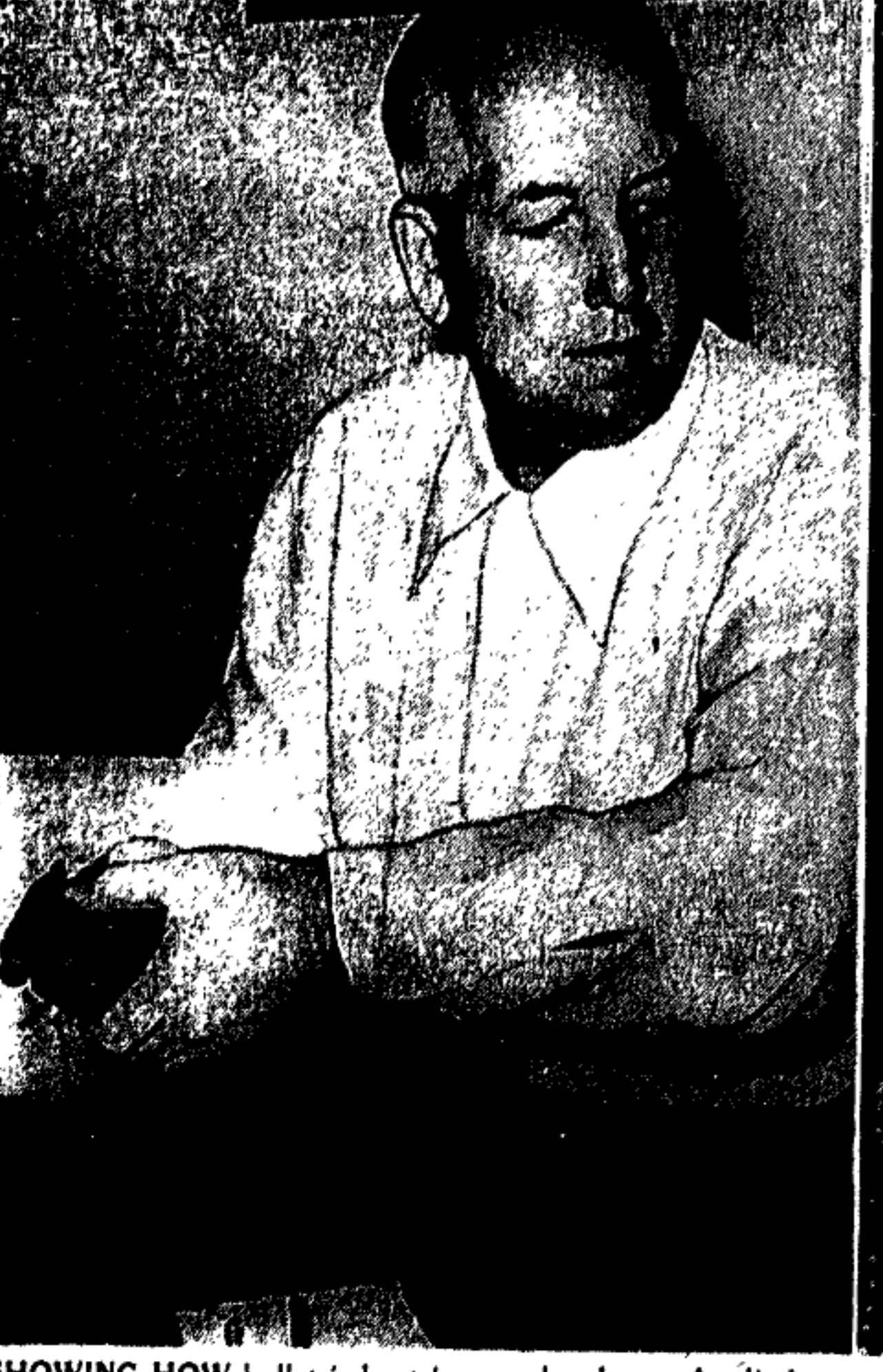
The civilian police and gendarmes long have feuded over control of Shanghai, which is under martial law. When a policeman tried to settle a dispute over theatre tickets last night, gendarmes reportedly beat up the policeman.

Police reinforcements soon arrived. Extra gendarmes also arrived. The Chinese gendarmes opened up with tommy-guns. A group of policemen tried to flee by jumping on a truck already filled with civilians. Bullets followed the police into the truck and two civilians died.

LOOT HOME, GET \$47

London, July 28.—(CP)—Thieves ransacked every room in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis, Orchard St., over the week-end and escaped with \$147 in cash and two cheques worth \$300.

WEIRD GAME OF CHANCE WITH WIFE, MAN LOSES—HIS LIFE



SHOWING HOW bullet is kept in one chamber and cylinder is spun. Det. Insp. H. Formen holds gun with which Floyd Gulledge shot himself. Game originated among Russian soldiers

WHEN SPINNING chamber stops, the player fires at his head in the deadly game of chance. Mrs. Gulledge, seen here, played it with her husband at Dearborn, Mich.



Locked in when alarm sounds

At Ottawa, where paper money is made, an order for currency is checked a great many times. If an error is found, every door in the building is automatically locked and an alarm sounds. Employees are held behind the steel grill work and electrically-locked doors until the error is rectified.

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