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DR. BRUMFIELD ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

CONDEMNED MURDERER CUTS THROAT IN EFFORT TO AVOID EXECUTION ON THE GALLOWS

May Recover From Wounds Although Doctors Hold Forth Little Hope For His Life If Expected Infection Develops—Sentence Will be Delayed.

BRUMFIELD BETTER

Dr. Wade, county health officer, made an examination of Dr. Brumfield late this afternoon. The prisoner's pulse is a little stronger, Dr. Wade states and he appears to be better and will survive unless infection develops.

A Controversy Has Developed This Afternoon Over the Instrument Used by Dr. Brumfield in His Attempt at Suicide.

Several of the officers are convinced that he used the removable bridge work from his mouth, but experts state that something else must have been used. Dr. Sether states that the wounds were too clean cut to have been inflicted with this piece of dental work.

ing. Brumfield was in bed face downward, clothed only in his pajamas. He was covered with blood, the bed clothing being saturated with the life fluid of the condemned murderer.

Upon examination, it was found that Brumfield was still alive although in a stupor from the great loss of blood. The bleeding had stopped, when the physicians arrived, but the dentist was apparently suffering greatly from the shock.

While the physicians were sewing up the wounds, the officers made a search of the cell, to find if possible, the implement with which the cuts were inflicted. Nothing was found, however, and the authorities were completely baffled.

In the meantime the physicians were working over the dentist in an effort to save his life. He was murmuring weakly and incoherently and was moving slightly.

"My tooth—it aches. It hurts me," the dentist murmured, as the doctors worked over him, then with a weak hand that fumbled slowly and almost helplessly, he reached into his mouth and removed the demountable bridge, which was installed several years ago to replace two teeth which were extracted.

The bridge has two gold teeth the bases of which are very sharp. Small clamps hold the bridge to the solid teeth adjoining and allow the bridge to be removed for cleaning.

The officers are confident that it was this piece of cleverly built bridge work which served the dentist in his efforts to take his own life. The wound along the right side of the neck, shows two cuts, one deep and the other superficial, evidently the marks made by the sharp bases as they were dragged forcibly over the flesh.

The physicians cleaned out the wounds thoroughly and took a number of stitches to close up the gaping cuts. It was not found necessary to administer an anesthetic as the man was in a stupor and apparently insensible to further pain.

It was feared at first that the shock and loss of blood would result in death within a few hours and after completing their treatments the physicians dragged the patient heavily to prevent him from moving about and causing further hemorrhages and then decided to return at about midnight.

At that hour, however, it was found that he had survived the first shock and was resting more easily. He was put under an opiate and Deputy Sheriff Kepper placed on guard, being given strict orders to allow no one in the jail until morning, complete quiet and rest being prescribed.

The cuts in themselves would possibly have resulted in death had they not been treated in time, the physician state. Although only minor arteries were severed a great quantity of blood was lost. Had Sheriff Starmer not discovered the suicide attempt when he did, it is probable that Brumfield in his later delirium would have torn the wounds open again, by tossing about in his bed and any further bleeding would

have doubtless caused his death.

Was Almost Successful. The bleeding had stopped when the physicians arrived last night and Brumfield was lying quiet and in a stupor. Within a short time, however, he went into delirium and in this condition began to move about in his bed. Had the wounds not been closed and dressed at that time, the additional bleeding would have doubtless made his attempted suicide successful.

The wound on the right side of the neck is about two inches in length and about a half inch in depth. It is paralleled by a light surface cut which barely scratches the skin. The cut on the left side is about three inches long and a little deeper than the other and is the most dangerous of the two.

The sharp jagged edge of the implement used was not deep enough to reach through to the Carotid artery which it is quite evident the dentist was trying to reach. The thick, tough walls of this blood vessel were exposed and scratched, but apparently the instrument was not sharp enough or long enough to cut through as would have been the case had a knife or razor blade been used, the officers say.

The cut grazed, but did not reach the deep structures of the neck, and consequently, although there was a great loss of blood, the cuts in themselves will not necessarily prove fatal.

Danger From Infection. There is, however, a great danger from infection. Confinement in the county jail is not conducive to health, while the mental strain and excitement under which the dentist has been laboring has without doubt affected his blood condition and lessened his resistance and vitality.

The use of the demountable bridge would without doubt carry into the wound a quantity of infectious material which is very apt to result in immediate and severe infection. Because of the location of the wounds, and the proximity to the large blood carrying vessels, treatment of infection will be made very difficult while the carrying of poisonous matter into the blood cannot be prevented. The doctors hold forth practically no hope if any serious infection arises and in the same breath they state that there is little possibility of the wounds healing without infection.

Weaker Today. Today Dr. Brumfield appeared considerably weaker, while his delirium has increased. Last night, while his wounds were dressed and today, he keeps telling those around him that he has been shot.

Says He Was Shot. "I was standing in front of the post office, and I saw a flash of light and heard a report," he keeps saying. "It was my football chum who shot me. I saw him do it."

Calls For Brothers. He keeps speaking of his brothers, who cancelled their trip home, upon learning of his attempted suicide last night. His brothers in his mind are always with him and he keeps calling the deputy sheriff by the name of one of his brothers.

The physicians are keeping him constantly under an opiate to prevent him from doing any further injury to himself and a guard is also being kept over him at all times. Arrangements were made this morning to move him to an upstairs cell where he will have better air, but a guard will be kept with him at all hours of day or night. In the event of his condition becoming worse, it is possible that he will be removed to Mercy Hospital.

Caused Excitement. Great excitement prevailed throughout the city last night when the news of the attempted suicide became known. The officers had been expecting some such attempt and had endeavored to remove everything from his reach which he might use to take his life.

The cell was carefully searched upon three separate occasions following the jury's verdict and everything removed which might have been used by the dentist to take his life. Thoughts of his taking the bridge from his mouth, however, and using that device occurred to the officers who were taking all other precautions. As the news of the suicide attempt spread about the city streets a large crowd rushed to the jail and gathered excitedly outside the structure. The physicians gave strict orders that no one be admitted and consequently no one was allowed to enter the jail. Several persons seeing the crowd outside the jail started the rumor that a mob had been organized to lynch the condemned murderer and this, of course, only added to the excitement and to the crowd.

Mrs. Brumfield Not Told. Brumfield's brothers who attended the trial had expected to leave the city yesterday afternoon. They went over in the morning to bid the

Two-Gun Hopkins Resigns Office

Deputy Sheriff Frank Hopkins today tendered his resignation to Sheriff Starmer and will return to private life at once. His resignation takes immediate effect. Mr. Hopkins asking to be relieved from his duties at once. Personal business which has been neglected during the past few weeks has necessitated his retirement from active service with the sheriff's forces.

IRISH CONFERENCE DUE FOR BLOW-UP

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Oct. 21.—Negotiations between the British officials and Irish leaders today barely escaped being broken off. The Irish delegates are still apprehensive that the session scheduled for next Monday may be the last.

condemned man goodbye but later changed their minds and determined to take a night train. Before they left, however, the news of the suicide attempt was conveyed to them and they remained for a short time, where they remained for a short time. Mrs. Brumfield was not informed of the affair until this morning, when the news was carried to her by a friend.

Boasted of Ability. That Brumfield practically boasted of his ability to commit suicide even with the jail thoroughly cleaned, was stated by Sheriff Starmer. When the officers were busily engaged in removing bottles, glasses and all other glass and metal articles from the cell in an effort to remove from the prisoner everything which they thought he might use, Brumfield watched them apparently amused.

"You don't need to work so hard at that, Sam," the prisoner said, "I am not going to kill myself with any of those things."

"Well, we'll take them out of here anyway," said Starmer.

"You can do that if you want to," Brumfield replied, "but when I get ready to kill myself I'll be able to do it."

Will Delay Sentence. The condition of the convicted murderer will delay the passing of sentence until he is able to be present in the court room. The date for passing sentence has been fixed for nine o'clock, Saturday morning but there is little chance that the date announced will be followed as it will be necessary for Brumfield to be present when sentence is passed upon him and his condition will probably not permit this for several days.

Probably Used Sharp Blade. Drs. Sether and Wade made an examination of the wounds on Brumfield's neck at 11:30 o'clock this morning. The prisoner was conscious at that time and was able to talk to the doctors who were dressing the wounds. He complained of the cut on the left side paling him. This cut, which is the most severe of any, is about two inches deep and 3/4 inches in length. It is not a jagged cut but has the appearance of being slashed with some sharp blade.

Dr. Sether states that the man probably did not use the bridge-work to inflict the wound. "The cut would have been a jagged one," the doctor said this morning. "It would have been impossible for him to have cut so deeply with the little piece of bridge-work. In my opinion a safety razor blade was used. The wound has that appearance. We thought at first that the bridge-work might have been used because he took it from his mouth and handed it to the sheriff when first discovered but after examining the cuts I am almost positive that a safety razor blade was used or something equally as sharp. The reason for him handing the loose bridge-work to the sheriff cannot be explained unless it had become loosened in his mouth and was bothering him."

"He is holding his own this morning. An infection is the big danger now and such an infection may develop within three days time."

Has High Temperature. Brumfield was running a high temperature this morning and his pulse was very rapid.

He was taken to an upstairs room this morning and "Chief" Balliet, another prisoner, was appointed as nurse. The doctors are taking every precaution to keep the wounds clean and avoid any infection.

NEGRO WOMAN IS BRANDED WITH 'K'

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Oct. 21.—The police are investigating the report made by Phil Reynolds, a negro porter at the Union station, who said he returned home last night finding his wife beaten over the head and branded with the letter "K" on her left cheek. On the bed of the chamber was a note signed "K. K. K.", warning the couple to leave the neighborhood. She said the assailants were two white men, one a thick heavy set man and the other a youth. Over \$28 were reported stolen from the house.

Judge Bingham Addresses Students

Judge G. G. Bingham, of Marion county, spoke to the high school assembly at 11:30 o'clock this morning on the subject of "Americanism."

Judge Bingham's address was inspiring and he urged a high standard of citizenship as the best possible protection against sedition and unloyalty. The factors who have been silently at work since the end of the world war in an attempt to undermine the government were revealed. He stated that as early as 1798 the government found it necessary to take precautions against such unloyalty and laws were passed at that time in an effort to rid the nation of the radical element.

He said the alien who entered this country without funds and later is the possessor of a fortune under the protection of the American flag is oftentimes the one who preaches sedition. He urged the students that whenever they could see unloyalty cropping up to do their best to put it down. The United States, he said, is seeking to defeat unloyalty by peaceful measures—such as education and declared that the school teachers can do a great deal in educating young citizens along lines of Americanism.

SHIPMENT OF UMOGUA VALLEY APPLES WANTED

W. R. Scott, of the Puyallup and Sumner Fruit Growers Canning company, and H. A. Brownell, general manager of the Albany branch, arrived in Roseburg today for the purpose of arranging for the purchase of at least ten carloads of Umpqua valley apples. Mr. Scott was well pleased with the Umpqua valley crop and is very desirous of buying a large quantity of apples for canning purposes. He is working through Frank J. Norton of the local canning company, and hopes to secure an immediate shipment. The outlook for the canneries of the state is very good, Mr. Scott states, and the market is rapidly improving.

IT'S LONG TIME IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—It's long time in Portland's Chinatown. Smoldering fires of revenge are burning beneath the serene exterior of the dingy houses on Second and Fourth streets, furtive-eyed Chinamen have their own thoughts and conceal them well. But the echo of the last slasher crack of the highlander's gun can still be heard, and Celestials know that it will re-echo many times before the blood debt of three Hop Sing's shot down by Sney Sing gunmen can be wiped out.

Wong Gee, aged Celestial, was the last victim. Five bullets snuffed his feeble life from his body and added another innocent name to the long list of "casualties." A life is a life, in "tinland." Members of each long wonder who will be next. But they say—nothing.

GOVERNMENT PLAYS TRUMP AND DEMANDS CONFERENCE ON STRIKE SITUATION WED.

Railroad Labor Board Calls Meeting of Executives and Union Heads Which May Result in Cancellation of Strike Called For October 30—Cabinet Meets.

SUMMARY OF STRIKE SITUATION.

Task of saving America from a great railroad strike which is scheduled to start at 6 o'clock on the morning of October 30. All efforts at mediation have failed, so the president must take the next step. President Harding and his cabinet are meeting today to determine what action the government shall take. Railroad brotherhood chiefs are gathering in Cleveland and perfecting strike plans. The railroad labor board members are still in Chicago, although they are doubtful regarding the next move. Hoover is mobilizing trucks and food supplies. Railroads are advertising for men to take the places of the strikers. The railroad labor board with the promise of full government backing, has issued a call for a meeting of railroad executives and union heads at Chicago, October 26.

Government Plays Trump.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The United States railroad labor board, backed by all the authority the government can place at its disposal, today called the railroad executives of the country and the chiefs of the five big unions to appear here next Wednesday, October 26, and solemnly warned the unions not to strike unless the board has heard the grievances and has rendered its decision. The board announces that it has assumed this authority in the dispute on "the statutory grounds that the strike is likely to substantially interrupt commerce." The board's action practically means that there will be no strike on October 30, unless the unions openly defy the government, for it is hardly probable that a decision will be rendered by the board before that date.

Unions to Obey Order.

(By United Press.) CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.—The Big Four brotherhood leaders here said today that they will obey the order to be present before the railroad labor board on Wednesday. Cabinet Meets. WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—President Harding and his cabinet met today to decide the action the government will take in the railroad strike situation. It is announced that Hoover is mobilizing trucks and food supplies and is ready to prevent a tie-up of necessary commodities. Board Looks to Harding. (By United Press.) CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The Railroad Labor board, looked to President Harding today for further action in the nationwide railroad strike. The board failed in effect mediation when the union heads "stood pat" on the board's suggestion that they rescind the strike order on condition that the rail executives immediately cut the freight rates and postpone the ten per cent wage cut.

Next Step From White House.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—The labor chiefs are pushing plans for the nationwide railroad strike, called for October 30 and railroad officials are making a double time to prepare to combat the strike. The conference yesterday failed because the

labor leaders were unable to postpone the strike pending rate reductions proposed by the labor board. The next government step must come from the white house. Situation Unchanged. (By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.—Upon the return from Chicago of the "Big Five" Brotherhood executive, who conferred without result with the railroad labor board yesterday, W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen's organization announced that the strike situation is absolutely unchanged.

Is Far From Hopeless. WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Government officials expressed the opinion that the strike situation is far from hopeless. Packers Stocking Meat. CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Packers began stocking meat at strategic points in anticipation of a railroad strike. Other Unions Vote Strike. CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.—Two more unions, the maintenance of way laborers numbering four hundred thousand, and stationary engineers and others, numbering forty thousand, have voted to strike, thus swelling the total of the laborers to walk out on October 30.

Butchers' Strike Looms. (By United Press.) CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—A strike in another industry loomed today as union heads announced that thirty-five thousand members of the butchers' and meat cutters' organization had authorized a strike. The details are now being arranged. Only three thousand voted against the strike. May Call National Guard. SEATTLE, Oct. 21.—Adjutant-General Thompson admitted today that he was making preparations to mobilize the entire national guard in case a nation-wide strike is called. "We have plans ready and can mobilize at a moment's notice," Thompson said. No orders have yet been received from Washington, but Thompson is ready for eventualities.

Banquet Given Rev. Warrington

The boy scouts last night gave a farewell banquet in honor of Rev. E. W. Warrington, who leaves the first of the month for Corvallis. The Presbyterian Church was beautifully decorated in Halloween motif, the decorations being designed and placed up the boys. The scouts also demonstrated their ability by cooking the food served at the banquet and by waiting tables. Short talks were made by Assistant Scoutmaster Maurice Hilton, Wallace Perry, Alton Woodruff, Albert Mitchell, Rev. C. H. Hilton, F. H. Churchill and Dr. Dillard, Scoutmaster R. L. P. Lindot, presented Rev. Warrington with a beautiful study lamp, a gift from the scouts.

GREAT BRITAIN AND U. S. STAND TOGETHER.

(By United Press.) MANILA, Oct. 21.—Should the war on the Pacific follow any possible failure of the disarmament conference, the United States and Great Britain would act as one nation. Lord Northcliffe declared here today. He urged the Philippines to remain under the American flag "for their own good."

CARGO OF WHISKY.

(By United Press.) NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—After a pitched battle, revenue officers seized a quarter of a million dollars worth of drugs and whisky as the liner Creole docked today.

Frank Hopkins left this afternoon for his home in Canyonville.

Loren Britt, who has been visiting in San Francisco for the past ten days, returned here this afternoon.