

GEIGER RUN BY KILLING BROKER

South Carolinian Shoots Wall-Street Man and Commits Suicide.

HAD LOST ALL IN STOCK

Charles A. Geiger, Once Physician to Kings, Uses Revolver on J. H. Oliphant, Who Refuses Him Further Loans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—James H. Oliphant, senior member of the stock exchange firm of James H. Oliphant & Co., died at 2:20 this (Saturday) morning from a bullet wound inflicted at his office Friday afternoon by Charles A. Geiger, a customer from Beaufort, S. C., who, after firing upon Oliphant, killed himself.

The men were sequestered in Oliphant's private office at the time and all that is known of the incidents immediately preceding the shooting was learned from the lips of the dying broker. Oliphant said that his refusal to extend further credit to Geiger caused the tragedy. There is no reason to believe, however, that Geiger had become mentally irresponsible. A notebook found upon his person contained a computation by which the writer apparently had figured that he would be worth \$2,000,000 by January 1, 1908. He actually possessed, so far as his personal effects showed, less than \$11,000.

Loan Refused, Life Taken.

Geiger owed the Oliphants \$5000 and had been asked for a settlement. He called at their office and after explaining that he could not meet his obligation, asked that the firm advance him sufficient to carry 500 shares of a certain stock, until a rise in the price should yield him a profit. His proposition was refused and the shooting followed.

The offices of James H. Oliphant & Co. are at 20 Broad street, in the center of the financial district, and the shooting caused a sensation in the street and temporarily interrupted the business of the curb traders, the scene of whose activities is overlooked from the big office building.

Millions in His Mind.

Searching through Geiger's effects tonight, the coroner found in a dress suit case the entire correspondence between Geiger and the firm since he began trading with it. There were sheets of paper filled with figures, which appeared to be incoherent until it was found that the man had calculated the interest on nearly every dividend-paying stock at the present market prices. There was also Geiger's bank book, telling eloquently of the dwindling account to the last check. He had had \$38,000 in the Fifth Avenue Bank, of which all but \$2.50 had been checked out.

The letter from Mr. Oliphant that made Geiger realize that disaster was near followed. "We have carried your account from 18 to 21 months at 6 per cent and in these critical times we are no longer able to carry it at the reduced rate. The balance is forthcoming we will be forced to close your account."

Wiped Out by Stock Slump.

Geiger was able to stem the tide for a little by the sale of some Japanese bonds. Geiger opened an account with the Oliphants on September 22, 1906, and operated in small quantities until September 17, 1907, when he left for Beaufort, S. C. At the time his account was secured, but the recent depreciation in the price of securities resulted in a debit balance against him of \$9000. This he was repeatedly asked to make good. On November 20, while stopping at the Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., he wrote the Oliphants, asking them to send a check to the Fifth Avenue Bank here for \$2500 to be credited to his account. The Oliphants replied that the request could not be granted, as he owed them money.

Climax of the Tragedy.

Late yesterday Geiger reached New York and registered at the Holland House. This morning he called on Mr. Oliphant and, though evidently disappointed at not receiving further credit, left, it was said, without any unpleasantness. This afternoon he returned, renewed his proposition and, once again being refused, suddenly drew a revolver and commenced firing. Oliphant, while supported in the arms of his son, was able to say: "He shot me. I guess the poor fellow's mind was deranged."

GEIGER TRAVELED PHYSICIAN

Had Served King Menelik and Sultan of Morocco.

BEAUFORT, S. C., Dec. 20.—Charles A. Geiger, who killed J. H. Oliphant in New York today, lived here for two years. Each day he received telegrams from his broker, James Oliphant, except during the telegraphic strike, when he went to New York, returning as soon as it was over. On Tuesday last he left here saying he was going to Atlanta. He was uncommunicative, never drank, and he seemed to live an abstemious, simple and regular life.

He was born in Roswell, Ga., in 1822. His father was an attorney and a physician at Baltimore. His mother was Miss Helen H. Barnwell, of Beaufort, S. C. He spent many years abroad, and on coming back to Beaufort, in January, 1848, he told friends here that he was at one time court physician to King Menelik, of Abyssinia, and to a friend of Count Sacerheny, the fiancee of Miss Vanderbilt. In his room he had many photographs of himself and the Count taken together in Abyssinia, as well as many curios collected in Africa. He said that he served also as physician at the court of the Sultan of Morocco.

Fire in Oklahoma University.

NORMAN, Okla., Dec. 20.—This afternoon painters at work on the dome of the main building of Oklahoma University accidentally set fire to the structure. Vigorous work on the part of the students

REPORT NOT DENIED

AHEARN NOT RECOGNIZED Mayor McClellan Will Not Hear Deposited Borough President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—At the meeting of the board of estimates today Mayor McClellan refused officially to recognize John F. Ahearn, recently removed from the presidency of the Borough of Manhattan by Governor Hughes. The Mayor said the election of yesterday was contrary to law, and that the office of borough president was still legally vacant.

WILL NOT DISCUSS RIVALS

But Bryan Still Insists on Government Guarantee of Deposits.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.—William J. Bryan, in this city today, when questioned as to Democratic Presidential possibilities, particularly as to the probable candidacy of Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, said, in the course of an interview: "I know Governor Johnson personally but you must pardon me for not going into personalities. I could not discuss him or anyone else as a Presidential possibility, and be quoted without being misunderstood."

"I do not volunteer as a Democratic Presidential candidate, but if I am drafted I will not desert."

Mr. Bryan thinks the recent financial disturbance was due to the lack of confidence. "For that reason," Mr. Bryan said, "I should be glad to see some step taken to secure deposits so they would not fear to put their money in banks. The Government guarantee plan, which I have heretofore proposed, is feasible, I think. If not I think that out of the discussion which will result some plan will be eventually evolved. Oklahoma already is a pioneer, the Legislature has already acted upon such a proposition."

BRYAN'S DAUGHTER DELEGATE

Movement to Elect Her to Convention by Colorado Democrats.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20.—If a movement started by women voters of Colorado succeeds, two women will be included in the Colorado delegation to the next Democratic convention and one will be Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, eldest daughter of William J. Bryan. Some advocate Mrs. Leavitt's election as a delegate. Mrs. Leavitt has been a resident of Denver five years and is president of the Jane Jefferson Club, of this city. She is now abroad with her mother, but it is said will return in the Spring.

BRYAN DODGES PROHIBITION

Says He is Not Discussing That Question—Critiques Roosevelt.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 20.—William J. Bryan spoke here tonight, devoting the greater part of his speech to criticism of President Roosevelt's policies. He was accorded a non-political reception in the auditorium where he spoke was crowded to overflowing. He evaded placing himself on record as to National prohibition, saying: "I am not discussing this issue."

Ohio Busts Plumbers' Trust.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 20.—In the Circuit Court at Dayton today, Attorney General Ellis took judgment of ouster against the 20 Ohio companies and firms dealing in plumbers' supplies who were found to be in the National conspiracy of such dealers. They are ordered out of the combine.

Negroes Boom Foraker.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 20.—In calling a meeting for January 21 local negroes are covering the city with placards calling for efforts for Foraker for President. The cards carry his picture with the choice for president under it. The cards are signed by the most prominent negroes of the South.

Wood and Nushagak Rivers Closed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—After the Cabinet meeting today, Secretary Straus announced that he had issued orders to close the Wood and Nushagak Rivers in Alaska to salmon fishing. This action is taken that the waters of these rivers may be used in propagating salmon.

Princesses of the Isles Arrives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Princesses Terri Pomarae of the royal family of Tahiti, daughter of Queen Marau and niece of Prince Aril P. A. Salmon, arrived in this city this morning from a stop at the Oceanic liner Mariposa for a short stay here.

FACTORY FORCED TO CLOSE

Action Follows Failure of National Bank at Attleboro.

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 20.—Following the announcement of the insolvency of the Jewelers National Bank and the appointment of a receiver, the Mass. Box Company, of North Attleboro, closed its factory today for an indefinite period. The factory employs about 200 hands.

One loss to the bank by the operations of Cashier Frederick E. Sargent, who was found dead last Tuesday, according to a prominent banking man, will be surprisingly large. According to this authority the shortage will not fall far short of \$50,000. The bank is capitalized at only \$100,000.

CUT IN RAILROAD FORCE

Harriman Lines in California Announce a Retrenchment.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 20.—Orders from the general Southern Pacific offices in San Francisco were posted today in the local railroad shops to the effect that the shops will close, with the exception of enough men to handle roundhouse work, next Tuesday and remain closed until January 1. It is stated unofficially that after the first of the year the force in each of the shops will be reduced or the shops will be given three to four days a week. It is also said that a similar reduction will be made all over the Harriman system. About two thousand men in this city will be affected.

INDICTED MAN IS KILLED

Killed at Railway Depot While Enjoying Liberty on Bail.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 20.—O. J. Watkins, general manager of the California Fruitgrowers' Association, who was recently released from custody in Los Angeles, under \$10,000 bonds to answer to a Federal grand jury indictment composed of men for fraudulent purposes, died this evening at the County Hospital of injuries received two hours before when he was run over at the Santa Fe freight station here by a wagon loaded with his household effects which he was shipping to Los Angeles.

REPORT NOT DENIED

Evans Puts Suez Canal Return Up to White House.

TWO SHIPS LEAVE FLEET Connecticut and Illinois Land Men Who Are Ill—Good Weather Continues With Light Winds—Arrive Safely at Trinidad.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 20.—The De Forrest wireless station was in communication with Admiral Evans' fleet, now en route to the Pacific. In reference to the report which was termed "wardroom gossip" by Washington, to the effect that the commander of the fleet had indicated a return via the Suez Canal, this message was caught: "Evans has made no statement for publication. Must inquire at White House for confirmation or denial."

A still later message told of trade winds and told of the arrival at Trinidad late Monday. "On Board, the Connecticut, by Wireless to New York, Dec. 20.—At noon the battleship fleet was 250 miles north, northwest of the Island of St. Thomas. Fine weather continues, with light winds. The Missouri left the fleet this afternoon to land Fireman Northway, who is ill with peritonitis. The Illinois left the fleet this evening in order to land C. H. Montgomery, a coalpasser, at Culebra. She will rejoin the fleet tomorrow. Montgomery is suffering from pleural pneumonia."

Culebra is a small island 20 miles east of Porto Rico.

PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS

Captain Greene Selected to Pilot the Big Fleet Safely Through.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—The man who is to pilot the United States battleship fleet through the Straits of Magellan is in Los Angeles on his way to Washington, from whence he will proceed to Rio de Janeiro, there to join the fleet on January 1. The man selected by the Navy Department for this important service is Captain E. F. Greene, of the United States Army Transport Service. He is 56 years of age and has made in all 17 trips through the Straits. He has been a sailor since he was 14 years of age, when he joined the Confederate Navy. His first trip was made in 1869 and the last a year ago, when he brought the lightship tender Junita to the Pacific Coast. Captain Greene will assume charge as pilot of the fleet at Punta Arenas about February 1, according to schedule. There will be assigned to him by Admiral Evans one of the best of the torpedo craft with which he will lead the way through the Straits. The actual passage will require about 48 hours. Captain Greene anticipates no danger in taking the squadron safely through.

"There is no danger in passing through the Straits if you know the channel," said he. "It is to all intents an inland sea. The water is deep and there are no reefs or shoals. The course, essential that the pilot know every foot of the channel. Passing through the straits cuts off the most dangerous part of the trip between the Eastern and Western Coasts, namely, the rounding of Cape Horn. The tides from the East and West meet at the Horn and in consequence it is frequently almost impossible to get around. At all times it is decidedly dangerous."

"Not only is the danger avoided in passing through the Straits, but many hours in time is affected as well. The journey is shortened somewhat and it is possible to drive the boats along at a greater speed."

WIRELESS BRINGS REPORT

Fleet Now 500 Miles Off St. Thomas With Weather Fine.

ON BOARD FLAGSHIP CONNECTICUT (Thursday), Dec. 20.—The fleet at this hour is 500 miles northwest of the Island of St. Thomas. The weather is fine.

Evans May Rescue Castaways.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Rear-Admiral Evans' fleet may be asked to look for a party of shipwrecked sailors when it passes through the Straits of Magellan. The steamer Raphael, now at Monte Video, says that while passing through the straits a big bonfire was seen on Straglers Island. The vessel's machinery was disabled and the captain reports that he was unable to investigate the fire, but believes it to have been a signal of shipwrecked sailors. The island is not inhabited. Several sailing ships which were to make the passage through the straits are overdue, including the American bark Alpha Oriole, Prussia and Arthur Sewell and the British bark Silverhorn. It is thought that one of the vessels may have been wrecked in the straits and that the crew may have taken refuge on the island. The Navy Department may be asked to direct Admiral Evans to make an investigation of the island when the fleet passes through the straits.

The David Currie Sinks.

WESTBROOK, Conn., Dec. 20.—While beating up the Sound in a heavy sea today the two-masted schooner David Currie, of Hartford, sprang a leak off Duck Island and went down. The master and his crew of three left the craft before it sank.

DEMAND SHAH BE DEPOSED

Two Persian Provinces Revolt and Germany May Mediate.

TEHRAN, Dec. 20.—Feeling is running high against the Shah. Two of the provinces, Tabriz and Reht, have declared in favor of his being deposed. Rumors are afloat to the effect that the German minister to Persia will mediate in the situation.

Frank Motter in East.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Frank Motter, of Portland, called at the Eastern office of The Oregonian today. Mr. Motter will leave New York for Baltimore tomorrow to spend the holidays. He will leave there for Washington in time for the after-holiday opening of Congress, returning to Portland about January 15. Mr. Motter is an enthusiastic Oregonian and never loses an opportunity to boost the resources and advantages of his city and state.



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FLYNN FINISHES SQUIRES

COLORADO FIREMAN KNOCKS OUT AUSTRALIAN.

Man From Antipodes Loses Chance to Win by Slowness—Six Rounds Tells the Story.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 20.—William Squires, of Australia, was knocked out by James R. Flynn, of Colorado, tonight in the sixth round by a right upper-cut to the jaw. In the fourth round Squires landed a hard right to the ex-fireman's jaw and had the Australian possessed the speed to follow up the advantage the battle might have ended there. Squires' unprotected jaw, however, was Flynn's mark, and he landed there repeatedly, having the visitor groggy in three of the six rounds. The end came after Squires had been forced across the ring. He was coming out of a clinch when Flynn caught him with his right.

WILL HAVE INTERNAL FIGHT

Association Not United About Invasion of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Before the American Baseball Association officially decides upon placing a team in Chicago it must settle what promises to be a sharp controversy within its own membership. The contest will come up December 28, in this city at the annual meeting. The vote will have to be unanimous. A member of the American Association said that every clubowner in that league was in favor of coming into Chicago, but that two or three would hold back for "some reason or other." The conditions mean permission from the National and American Leagues. The other members are in favor of coming in and then asking "what are you going to do about it."

ROME POSTPONES ACTION

Riordan is Confident Appointment Will Go to Dr. Hanna.

ROME, Dec. 20.—It is expected that the decision regarding the appointment of a coadjutor to the Archbishop of San Francisco will be given at a meeting of the congregation of the propaganda January 13, or January 20. The congregation of the propaganda has not been sitting since December 9 because of the recent controversy and the approach of the Christmas holidays. Archbishop Riordan is confident that Rev. Edward J. Hanna, of Rochester, will be chosen for the post.

RUNS AWAY AFTER LOSING

Light Note Breaks Leg at New Orleans Races and Is Shot.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Light Note, after finishing third in the third race today, ran away four miles. He ran into the fence, breaking a leg and slightly injuring Mountain, who had the mount. Light Note was shot. Results: Five furlongs—Lute Foster won, Ed Kane second, time 1:14 3/4. Six furlongs—Aleneone won, No Trumper second, time 1:22 1/4. Mile and 70 yards—Deana won, Jack Dolan second, time 1:58 1/4. Five furlongs—Keater won, Sally Preston second, time 1:21 1/4. Seven furlongs—Fride of Goodstock won, Aceo second, time 1:34 3/4. Mile and a sixteenth—Rio Grande won, Prussia and Arthur Sewell and the British bark Silverhorn. It is thought that one of the vessels may have been wrecked in the straits and that the crew may have taken refuge on the island. The Navy Department may be asked to direct Admiral Evans to make an investigation of the island when the fleet passes through the straits.

At Santa Anita.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Santa Anita Park race results: Six furlongs—La Londe won, Tea Cress second, time 1:13 1/4. Seven furlongs—Nihilok won, Progress second, time 1:22 3/4. Mile and 70 yards—Deana won, Stanley Fay second, time 1:58 1/4. Seven furlongs—Grombolio won, Nadu second, time 1:26 3/4.

At Oakland.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 20.—Results of races: Mile—Macbeth won, Lampadrome second, time 1:47 1/4. Five and one-half furlongs—Belle Kinsey won, Tawawetha second, time 1:35 1/4. Mile and one-eighth—King of Mist won, Silver Wedding third, time 1:44 3/4. Seven and one-half furlongs—Stavon won, Marian Chase second, time 1:58 1/4. Mile—Chok Hendrick won, Rotru second, Silver Wedding third, time 1:44 3/4. Seven and one-half furlongs—Masa won, Judge Nelson second, time 1:56 1/4.

ONE OTHER MAN IS TO TRY

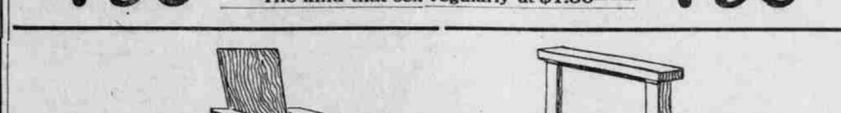
Burns Must Again Defend His Title as Champion of World.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—February 1 has been fixed as the date for the fight between Tommy Burns, the champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, and Jack Palmer, of Newcastle. The battle will be fought at Wenderland, Whitechapel, and besides Burns' title it will be for a purse and a side bet of \$250.



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despite the fact that he has been accused of being a "modernist." ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Rome to a New York paper announced the appointment of Dr. Edward J. Hanna, professor of dogmatic theology in St. Bernard's Seminary, to be coadjutor Archbishop of San Francisco in succession to the late Monsignor Montgomery, was shown to Dr. Hanna. He said he had not received notification of his appointment and doubted the authenticity of the dispatch. The six great ports of India which received merchandise and distributed it for consumption and re-export in 1906 were: Calcutta, \$141,470,130; Bombay, \$128,048,655; Karachi, \$31,440,687; Rangoon, \$31,100,295; Madras, \$25,890,590, and Ceylon.

OFFERS JEWELS TOO CHEAP

Boy of 17 Caught With \$32,000 Worth of Gems.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—W. F. White, a 17-year-old boy, is the confessed thief, according to the police, of the \$32,000 package of jewelry stolen from the United States Express Company. He was arrested in Jersey City today after trying to dispose of the entire collection for \$3. The sale of a \$200 necklace for 25 cents led to his capture. He is run by three Scotch women, who make a yearly profit of \$15,000, although their annual rental is \$5000.

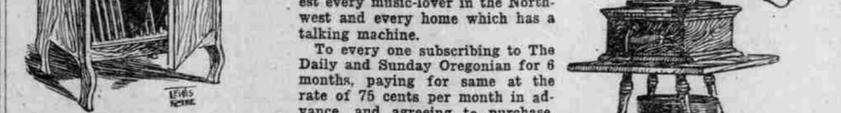
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