

CHARGE OFFICE TAKES OWN LIFE

Leaving Shortage in Funds and Charge of Blackmail, Allan Depue Dies.

LETTER HINTS AT MYSTERY

Falling to Make Good Shortage, He Breathes Gas—Blackmailed Since Boyhood, He Implies Charge Against His Own Sisters.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—A gas-filled room in the rear of the church, of which he had been financial secretary, a letter of farewell written on the back of a map of the Holy Land, which hung on the wall—this was the scene of the life of Allan Depue, who, despite the spelling of his name, said he was a distant relative of Senator Chauncey M. Depue. The facts came out at the inquest today.

Blackmailed From Boyhood.

Depue had been financial secretary of the Roseland Central Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Depue, the widow, testified that her husband had told her he had been systematically blackmailed since his boyhood, but he never told her the details.

Recently the trustees of the church accused him of a shortage of several hundred dollars. After insisting on his innocence, Depue promised to return the money last Monday. In the afternoon, he and his body was found by the pastor of the church just before the evening prayer-meeting.

In his letter Depue wrote:

Leaves Enigmatic Letter.

"I am going through an ordeal today that none of you know, and I hope you never will. For the benefit of others, I am sacrificing a life today that has been spent for others, but I have never faltered in well-doing. I have failed to present to you the whole truth, but I think the time will come when I will be vindicated. There are those who have the key to my life. If they care to present that, it will prove that I have done my duty to every person here."

HELPED DEPUE FOR YEARS

Reference to Blackmail Mystery to Depue's Relatives.

SALEM, Mass., Feb. 11.—Relatives here of Allan Depue say they cannot understand the reference to blackmail in his farewell letter. Mrs. John Sprague, daughter of Mrs. J. B. Lyman, said tonight that her mother and aunt, Mrs. Sprague, of Des Moines, Ia., had for years assisted Depue in his work.

Depue was twice married, his first matrimonial venture resulting in a divorce. His second marriage, however, is said to have been happy.

HONOR IS PAID LINCOLN

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In 1905 it was advertised that on August 25 the Lincoln farm was to be sold by the hours of 10 and 2 from the courthouse steps of public outcry and to the highest bidder. Robert J. Collier, of New York City, came by train and for the property and despatched Richard Lloyd Jones to Hodgenville with instructions to buy the place if possible.

The day set for the sale was Monday and as the law forbade Sunday railway operation in this neighborhood, Elizabethtown, 13 miles away, was as near as Mr. Jones could come by before Monday noon. At the little hotel in Elizabethtown Mr. Jones met two individuals who were on the same mission.

One represented a prominent Eastern merchant, the other a distiller, concern which recognized the commercial value of the pure water from the rock spring and the bottle label bearing the inscription "Lincoln Birthplace Whisky." Both had come with the instructions to "bid it in," but before Sunday evening their patriotic enthusiasm had been stimulated to a high degree and by midnight both were peacefully abed.

Early Bidder Gets It.

Mr. Jones came here by buggy early the next morning, sought out the Commissioner who was to conduct the sale, and tried to persuade him to start the sale promptly at 10 o'clock. That official was for having it in the afternoon, but finally 12:30 o'clock was agreed upon as a compromise. A horse auction the same day excited more interest in the village and but a small crowd gathered about the Courthouse for the sale of the Rock Spring Farm. The bidding started at \$100 and was gradually worked up to \$200, at which time it was sold to Mr. Collier's representative.

"After the papers had been properly drawn and recorded Mr. Jones started to drive back to Elizabethtown and encountered one of the best friends who was mercilessly hurrying his horses to reach the auction in time to bid. An indignant salutation greeted Mr. Jones' announcement that the Lincoln farm was in his pocket.

"What am I to say when I get back?" the man shouted in dismay. "I'll give you \$10,000 for it right now."

Made National Memorial.

But Mr. Collier had a better use for the place and it was not handed over. Instead he interested a group of representative American citizens in forming the Lincoln Farm Association for the preservation of this ground and transferred the title to this association and the program for enlarging the membership of the society was at once begun. In order to make the memorial to Lincoln represent the tributes of all the people, no contribution of more than \$25 has been accepted, and any one contributing over 25 cents is entitled to membership. About 20,000 subscriptions have been received, averaging a little less than \$15 each. With these funds the trustees bought the cabin in which Lincoln was born and set it up on its original site; they have commenced the memorial building, which is to cover the cabin, and they have made plans for developing the farm into a beautiful park.

LINCOLN DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Roosevelt Signs Proclamation When Congress Passes Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—By joint resolution late today Congress made provision as far as possible for the

observance of February 12, 1909, the centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, as a special holiday and authorized the President to issue a proclamation making it effective in the District of Columbia and the territories of Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico and Hawaii.

In anticipation of the passage of such a resolution after he had departed for Lincoln's birthday in Kentucky, the President had prepared and signed a proclamation, which was issued as soon as the joint resolution had been signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

While this proclamation applies only to the District of Columbia and the territories, the states of Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wyoming have by legislation made Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday.

LINCOLN AS CONGRESSMAN

Boutell Delivers Eulogy on Great President in House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Toward the close of the session of the House today, Boutell, Ill., delivered an eulogy on Abraham Lincoln. His speech was the entry into the body as a member on December 6, 1847. Here in this House, he said, attending to its routine duties and responding to numerous rollcalls, Lincoln passed his 69th birthday.

Boutell said it was altogether fitting that there should be put on the records

NAVY CAPTAIN WHO IS IN DISGRACE

Captain Quail, of the Georgia, New York, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The fleet which left Newport News under Admiral Evans for the Pacific Coast is now returning across the Atlantic under Admiral Sperry, and is expected at Newport News, February 20, 21 or 22. It will be welcomed by President Roosevelt as formally as it was welcomed on its way. The one unpleasant incident of the cruise has been the death of Captain Quail, of the Georgia, at Gibraltar, of being under the influence of liquor while on duty.

ILLINOIS HONORS LINCOLN

Legislators Pay Tribute to Great President as Bands Play.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 11.—Senators and Representatives joined today in a Lincoln memorial meeting in the Hall of Representatives in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. The enthusiasm of the assemblage was aroused by the strains of National Anthem, both "Yankee Doodle" and "Dixie" were greeted with applause.

The Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and members of the Supreme Court were seated on the platform.

NEW YORK OPENS CENTENNIAL

Three Lincoln Meetings Held in Big Eastern City.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Tonight saw the beginning of the greatest memorial celebration planned for a great nation. Lincoln meetings were held at the Broadway tabernacle, in Trinity school, and at the Jewish theological seminary. Senator W. E. Borah and Congressman J. V. O'Leary were among the speakers.

Lancashire Honors Lincoln.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Lincoln celebration in England began at Rochdale, Lancashire tonight. A big meeting was held in the town hall, at which John L. Giffiths, American consul at Liverpool, delivered a centenary address. A resolution was adopted by acclamation recording Great Britain's reverence for his noble character.

HAINS' LAWYER ARRESTED

Accused of Complicity in Plot to Release Prisoner.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Investigation of the alleged plot to release Hemington Mercer from the Tombs Prison, which was arrested last night at Joseph A. Hains, formerly of counsel for Thornton J. Hains in the Annis murder trial, was begun today by the city authorities. Disparagingly, Hains, who caused Mr. Hains' arrest, said that no suspicion of any kind was attached to John M. McIntyre, who was senior counsel in the Hains case and whose name had been mentioned by Mercer in a statement made last night.

COSTLY KANSAS CITY FIRE

Over \$200,000 Damage Done and Many Lives Endangered.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 11.—Fire which originated at an early hour today in the four-story Hewson building at 1029 Walnut street, damaged that building to the extent of \$75,000 and completely wiped out the glass and crockery stores of T. M. James & Son. Twenty-five occupants of the building, including the Kansas City Mallet Company, suffered severe losses. The loss to T. M. James & Son is estimated at \$100,000. A number of persons occupying rooms on the top floor were asleep when the fire broke out, but escaped.

Old Point Already Crowded.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—In point of public interest the home-coming of the great battleship fleet promises to exceed the departure of the same vessels. Already Washington officials and others who intend to go to Old Point Comfort on Washington's birthday to see the ships come in, are finding difficulty in securing accommodations.

IVES CAST FEBBY HIS YOUNG WIFE

Return to Gay Bachelor Habits Followed by Desertion Year Ago.

EXISTENCE IS IGNORED

Mother-in-Law Attributes Enlistment to Poverty and Says It Ends All Relations—No Divorce Is Sought as Yet.

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After his speech to a gathering of thousands before the City Hall, Mr. Taft reviewed the parade from the same place. He was announced when Mr. Taft landed this afternoon that he would go to Washington from Cincinnati Tuesday to confer with the President about the report of the canal engineers to be ready at that time. He will return to Cincinnati Wednesday.

Unwanted Honors Shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft broke through many old traditions associated with the masked balls of the carnival season tonight when they were the guests of the Merry Monarchs of the Elites of the Crescent.

French Opera-house. Reverence for the kings of these balls has been brought about by the concealment of their identity even since the days of the French Revolution, and an entirely new and very much unlooked-for precedent was established by the honor paid Mr. and Mrs. Taft.

No sooner had the rule of the king and queen been established than they made their way, surrounded by courtiers, to the box of honor and escorted the distinguished visitors to the stage, where they were asked to share the throne. Later Mr. Taft danced with the queen and Mrs. Taft was the partner of the king in the same waltz.

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