

MYSTERY SHROUDS SCULPTOR'S DEATH

Noted American Artist Dies at
Seattle Under Care of
Chinese Doctor.

INVESTIGATION IS BEGUN

Louis Potter Registers Under As-
sumed Name and Undergoes
Treatment for Minor Dis-
ease of Skin.

SEATTLE, Aug. 29.—Louis Potter, 39 years old, of New York, a noted American sculptor, died in great agony in an obscure hotel on Sixth avenue here today, after undergoing ten days' treatment at the hands of a Chinese physician for a skin disease with which he had been afflicted almost since birth. The exact cause of Potter's death has not been determined, although Coroner J. C. Snyder is convinced that it was not blood poisoning as was at first supposed. An autopsy was held tonight, but nothing was found to indicate the nature of the final ailment. A chemical analysis of the stomach will be made tomorrow, which Dr. Snyder hopes will throw some light on the subject.

Potter, who came to Seattle 10 days ago with a woman companion and registered at the hotel as "Dr. Percy and wife," told a few friends that he was seeking relief from the dermal malady, which American and European physicians had told him was not serious, but was incurable. Potter had met a woman tourist who had been treated for a similar ailment by a Chinese physician in California with satisfactory results and advised Mr. Potter to consult a Chinese doctor when he came to Seattle.

With this end in view, Potter registered under the assumed name. The Chinese physician performed an operation similar to vaccination on Potter's abdomen last Friday, inserting the skin and applying a strong Oriental plaster. Potter complained that the treatment was severe, but was hopeful that it would be successful.

Dr. Snyder said he would examine the Chinese doctor tomorrow after the chemical analysis of the contents of the stomach had been made. He would then be able to clear up the mystery surrounding the sculptor's death.

The woman who was known at the hotel as Potter's wife was taken to another hotel and placed under the care of a physician, who said she was suffering from nervous prostration. All efforts to communicate with her were futile and the attending physician declined to discuss her case or give out any information concerning her, finally refusing to answer the door of the telephone.

At the hotel on Sixth avenue where Potter died it was said that the woman claimed to have worked formerly on New York newspapers. At no time did she enter into details of her identity.

B. F. WHITAKER BURIED

Paralysis Takes Man Who Came to
Oregon in 1848.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Benjamin Franklin Whitaker, who died of paralysis August 24, aged 74, was buried Tuesday, Rev. D. V. Poling conducting the services.

Mr. Whitaker was born May 25, 1828, in Hinds, in 1848 he came to Oregon with his parents, who crossed the plains by ox-team. The family took up a homestead near Cochrane, and from that time till the land had never passed out of the family. When a young man Mr. Whitaker moved to Washington and entered the cattle business. On the death of his parents he returned to Polk County and took charge of the home place.

In 1863 Mr. Whitaker married Narcissa Hammer, to whom five children were born. W. H. Whitaker, of Portland; A. J. Whitaker, of Raymond, Wash.; Mrs. Lillian Cook, of Eugene; Mrs. Etta Roe and Mrs. M. E. Roe, of Enterprise. Mrs. Whitaker died in 1889 and Mr. Whitaker then married Adelaide Peters, who survives him. Of the union of the following children were born, all of whom are living: Mrs. Nellie Kantner, of Seattle; Benjamin F. Whitaker, Jr., of Cochrane, and Glendon Whitaker, of Cochrane.

BORAH EVADES TAFT PLAN

Idaho Senator Reluctates, However,
He Is Not Bull Moose.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Senator Borah, of Idaho, in Spokane today on his return from Washington, D. C., entered an emphatic denial to the report that he had gone to the Taft forces. Asked if the statement given out by Republican leaders in Chicago and New York that he was going to campaign for Taft, was correct, Borah said:

"Any such statement was unauthorized. I doubt if the speaker of which I propose to make would be acceptable to the National committee. I stated before the bolt in Chicago and after the bolt in New York that I am not going with the third party movement. But I state with equal positiveness that I am going to advocate Progressive policies. I have been advocating them for years, just the same. I shall not permit myself to feel any restraint in continuing the fight for these things because I am not leaving the party. There is no reason why I should feel restrained."

SEATTLE WIRELESS POINT

Chief Engineer of Marconi System
on Worldwide Business Tour.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Seattle is soon to be included in a great chain of high-power wireless stations completely encircling the earth. Frederick Minton Sammis, of New York, chief engineer of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company in America, who is in the city on a world-wide tour in the interest of his company, expects to close a deal tomorrow for a site for a powerful wireless station near Puget Sound.

This station will be in direct connection with Honolulu, from which point messages will be relayed to Shanghai, Manila, Singapore, Bangkok, Aden, a powerful station in Egypt, then to London, New York and Panama, and from Panama to Honolulu, Seattle and San Francisco.

Dreadnought Formally Accepted.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29.—The new dreadnought Arkansas was formally turned over to the Navy Department here today. Officers assigned to the new vessel are R. C. Smith, captain; Frederick Minton Sammis, executive officer; Arthur M. Keating, lieutenant-commander, and J. H. Ingram, lieutenant.

EX-GOVERNOR OF IDAHO, WHO WILL BE NEXT PRESIDENT OF TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS.



JAMES H. BRADY.

IDAHO MAN SLATED

Ex-Governor Brady to Head
Trans-Mississippi Congress.

WICHITA GETS MEETING

Losing Fight Made for Indorsement
of Exclusion of Railways From
Coastwise Traffic—Coast Ex-
positions in Favor.

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ley of the Interior Department in refusing to locate waterpower and irrigation waters and other public utility projects, rights of way across the public domain.

"Under the laws the states have the right to dispose of their waters," said the speaker, "but the departments seek to do by indirect means what they cannot do directly and by refusing rights of way prevent the development of public utilities which the states may sanction."

He urged the congress to fight vigorously a pending bill which would specifically invest the Secretary of the Interior with power to deny rights of way.

"I believe in the conservation of opportunity, the prevention of waste," said Calbreath, "but the meaning that has been given to the word by the fanatics, who know nothing of Western conditions, has made it almost hateful to us."

Australian Tourists Invited.
A promise of co-operation in the "See America First" movement and a bid for American settlers for Australia was made by Quinn. He called attention to the fact that San Francisco is the nearest English-speaking neighbor to Australia and exactly half way between London and therefore Australian tourists should be persuaded to make their trips to England by way of America.

An attempt looking to the exclusion of American railroad companies from the coastwise shipping traffic was defeated by a close vote. There was a sharp debate on the resolution presented by Judge Helm, of Kansas. The argument in opposition which carried most weight was that the enactment of such a law would give the Canadian railways which own shipping lines an unfair advantage over American railroads. M. C. Richards, of Washington, was the chief speaker against the resolution. Two other resolutions by Judge Helm were adopted.

In his opinion the speaker of the Southwest were required to pay too much—that they were being robbed of the natural advantages that should go to them by reason of their proximity to the deep water ports of the Gulf of Mexico and were deprived of the use of the Galveston gateway.

High Rates Maintained.
He quoted the rates from Galveston to Oklahoma and those from Kansas, The former rate was prohibitive of competition with the latter.

"This," he said, "is because the railroad companies own the steamship lines engaged in coastwise traffic between New York and Galveston, and it is to their interest to maintain as high a level of rates as possible."

To remedy the condition, Judge Helm offered a resolution recommending an amendment to the interstate commerce law which would make it unlawful for any railroad company to own, operate, lease, control or have any interest in any water carrier engaged in coastwise traffic.

STAGE ROUGHNESS IS REAL

Audience Laughs While Husband
Gave Her Beatings, Says Actress.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—The roughness that is sometimes seen on the stage with smiles, both on the part of the audience and

the performers, is far from being funny to some of those on the stage, according to the story of Actress Annie M. Kelly, who was granted a divorce today from James F. Kelly. When last seen on the Orpheum stage in this city before the present visit, the young woman was in a sketch offered by herself and husband, and the two were known as Kelly and O'Brien. During their act the husband threw the young woman about, apparently not hurting her and with only the idea of fun.

Today she told the court that audiences were treated to the abuse of a husband toward a wife which blackened her eyes, bruised her body and was accompanied by low curses and abuse, while the audience believed it a screamingly funny make-believe.

"He choked me, threw me into the wings, cursed me and almost broke my bones during our act," she said, "but the audience didn't realize that it was not play. At last I had to quit the act, and then after a while he signed a contract not to hurt me during the act or after, and I tried it again. But he broke it the very first night and I had to leave him."

KNOX REFUSES TO TALK

SECRETARY WILL NOT ADD TO
ROOSEVELT CONTROVERSY.

No Statement Made and None Even
Authorized Concerning Colonel's
Letters to Cortelyou.

HONOLULU, Aug. 29.—Secretary Knox refused, on his arrival here today, to make any comment on Theodore Roosevelt's denial that he had ever said in the presence of Knox that letters to George B. Cortelyou were written to "make good the record." The letters in question were instructions that any contributions made by the Standard Oil Company to the Republican campaign fund of 1904 must be returned.

"As I have made no statement concerning the correspondence between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Cortelyou on any subject," said Knox today, "and as I have never authorized anyone to make any statement for me, you must excuse me from discussing the subject now."

Knox is voyaging by the cruiser Maryland to the funeral of the late Emperor of Japan, which he will attend as representative of the United States.

THIEF RETURNS WITH LOOT

This Time by Front Door and Stolen
Money Is Refunded.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Climbing into the house of J. W. Hancock, nineteenth avenue, Spokane, two lawless men last night at midnight by way of an open window, a masked and armed robber rifled pockets and pocketbooks of \$23.81. Ringing the bell of the front door of the residence a few nights ago, a neatly-clad man with a straightforward look in his eyes, asked the Hancock family if they remembered him.

"I came in by the back window the last time I was here," he said, "took your money and talked to you for half an hour on Socialism and morality and the chance a poor man had to make an honest living. You told me I had no business being a thief when I held such views of life and asked me why I couldn't be square. It was about the first encouragement I had had. I told you then I was going to bring the money back some day. I don't know if you believed me, but here it is. I have quit the old game for good. I've earned this money honestly."

He handed over an envelope containing two \$10 bills and silver and a copper and also handed Mr. Hancock a small penknife as a present, refused an invitation to sit down, and disappeared.

ARTISTS DO NOT COMPETE

Commercial Phase of Rostrom Medal
Arouses Resentment.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—President Taft, it developed today, has stirred up dissension in art circles by inviting competition for the honor of designing the medal authorized by Congress to be presented to Captain Arthur H. Rostrom, of the liner Carpathia, who rescued more than 700 survivors of the Titanic. No responses have been received, and it is said artists resent the competition feature, on the ground that it tends to commercialize art. The commission is not considered highly alluring, as the cost of the medal is not to exceed \$1000.

Attend Rosenthal's great shoe sale.

WEALTH IS SMALL

General Booth Leaves Only
\$2440 in Private Property.

ARMY MADE BENEFICIARY

Money Settled on Commander for
Subsistence Is Divided Among
Six Children, but Ballington
Is Not Mentioned.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—(Special.)—As was expected the will of the late General William Booth reveals the fact that he disregarded world's goods. The main document deals only with properties which he held as general of the Salvation Army or in behalf of similar public trusts. These are all vested in his successor in trust. Three codicils to the will deal with his private property, the net value of which is \$2440. This is bequeathed to the Army, excepting certain private papers and memoranda, which are bequeathed to his son, General Bramwell Booth, and a few things allotted to his children and his children-in-law as mementos.

The codicils also dispose of property estimated to be worth \$26,475, representing money settled on the general by Henry Reed many years ago for his private use. It was on the income of this money that the late general subsisted, and it enabled him throughout his life to do without drawing from the Army any stipend or other remuneration.

This property is divided among his children, Bramwell, Catherine, Marian, Herbert, Eva and Lucy. His other son, Ballington, is not mentioned.

JOHN WANAMAKER IS ILL

FRIENDS DENY GRAVE OPERA-
TION IS NECESSARY.

Merchant and ex-Cabinet Member
Suffers as Result of Trip to
Political Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29.—John Wanamaker, merchant and former Postmaster-General, is reported seriously ill at his son's home in Atlantic City. At Wanamaker's store it was said he had been ill with a cold for two weeks and confined to his room, but was better. Positive denial was made of a story that he had undergone an operation for bladder trouble. From another source it was learned that Mr. Wanamaker is suffering from a nervous breakdown and two weeks ago was seriously ill. Since then his condition has improved and he was said to be "doing nicely" today.

Sensational stories regarding the illness of Mr. Wanamaker were denied later today by a member of his family. It was admitted that following his return home from the Republican National convention at Chicago, where he served as a delegate, Mr. Wanamaker became ill as a result of the excitement and exhaustion of his trip. Today it was said he is much improved.

Mr. Wanamaker was not operated upon, as has been reported, his relatives said.

Mr. Wanamaker's age is regarded as against him in his present illness. He was 74 years old last July.

JETTY WORK IS RESUMED

Funds for Grays Harbor Improve-
ments Again Available.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Work will be resumed on the Grays Harbor north jetty next Monday after two weeks. The work ceased when the appropriation for the work had been exhausted and the sundry civil bill carrying about \$600,000 for the local project was delayed in passage by Congress.

A crew of carpenters was taken down to the jetty yesterday by E. L. Carpenter, the United States engineer in charge of the work, and a new pile driver. The old one was recovered, but the driver machinery was lost. It is expected the new driver will be ready for use the first of the week and immediately will begin driving the piling at the outer end of the rock work.

Delivery of rock to the jetty for the remainder of the season will be from 130 to 150 tons a day.

The effects of the jetty construction is already apparent, it being stated by seafaring men that the depth of water on the bar now is several feet greater than a year ago.

PORTLAND SALEM DAY SET

Dallas Will Entertain Especially for
Cities at Polk County Fair.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Friday, October 4, is to be set aside by the committee in charge of the Polk County Harvest Festival and School Children's Fair as Portland Salem day. Upon that day special trains will be run from Portland and from Salem. Special features will be added for the entertainment of the visitors. During the morning a motor automobile parade will be held. Automobiles from all over the valley will be in line. The fair management is particularly anxious to make this the big day, and to that end no efforts will be spared to make the visit of the outsiders most enjoyable.

Portland people, as a rule, are not familiar with this section of the state, and in many cases do not know where Dallas is located. The citizens of Dallas want to overcome this ignorance and to that end know that to the south of them Portland people have nearly as large and just as important a city. Elaborate plans are being made for this affair, and it is certain that the exhibits will be some of the best ever witnessed in this state.

WEISER IS TO HAVE FAIR

Sentiment Unanimous for Exhibit of
Agricultural Products.

WEISER, Idaho, Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Representative citizens, at a mass meeting held by the Weiser Commercial Club, went on record emphatically in favor of an agricultural fair for this valley, and, as a result, it is believed that a strong organization will be perfected, funds subscribed and a site obtained at an early date.

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ment were made at the meeting by A. A. Record, Harry W. Wolff, L. I. Purcell, J. W. Galloway, A. H. Kew, Alva Stewart and other business men, and at the conclusion of the meeting President Nathan Sommer, of the Commercial Club, was instructed to appoint a committee of 15, whose duty it was to include representatives from each of the leading sections of the valley, to formulate definite plans of organization and submit them at an adjourned meeting of the same body Tuesday.

The first skyscraper was planned (but not built) by a Parisian architect in the year 1801. It was to be over 300 feet high and provide roof for 500 persons.

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