

DEAD MAN'S BOOKS SHOW DISCREPANCY

Body of R. D. Allen, Clerk of Marion County, Found in Salem Swimming Tank.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS TOLD

Failure of Recent Efforts to Borrow \$3000 Are Said to Have Caused Agitation Sufficient to Attract Notice.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special)—Probability of at least a \$2000 shortage on the account of County Clerk R. D. Allen, with a possibility of more, has aroused suspicion as to the cause of that official's death.

There seems no doubt now that there is a shortage in the accounts. Expert Accountant D. G. Drager, who has been going over the books, has practically admitted as much, but said he would issue no definite statement until a final reckoning had been made.

"It certainly bears all the appearance of a shortage of considerable extent now," said Mr. Drager. "Apparently it will be in the neighborhood of \$2000, perhaps heavier. There is but the one remote possibility of our finding that Mr. Allen has paid out a large sum of money without noting the fact on his books. In that event a balance may be reached. Otherwise the books are wrong. I will make no formal or definite statement until I have given the particular fund in question a thorough reckoning. But it seems certain that there is a shortage which is unaccountable at the present time."

Suspicious Facts Cited. Mr. Allen was found dead in the bottom of the Y. M. C. A. swimming tank at 8 o'clock this morning. All of his sons were in the city from various points, and arrangements had been made to go to Silverton today. Mr. Allen had a private key to the building. It had been his habit to take morning shower baths, but he had been warned by his physician against taking a plunge in the pool, as his heart action had been irregular and denoted an unhealthy condition.

Apparently, however, he took no shower bath this morning. He removed his clothes in one of the shower baths and without turning on the water descended to the pool, where he was discovered. Theories have been advanced that he was either drowned or died of shock due to sudden contact with the cold water.

Circumstances surrounding his death are most mysterious in their nature. Naturally of a nervous temperament, for many weeks Mr. Allen had displayed an extremely agitated condition, so much so that the fact was commented upon by his friends. Recently he made attempts to obtain a loan of \$3000 from a local banker and also from a close friend. Incumbrances upon his property near St. Paul, it is understood, caused hesitation upon the part of those solicited for the loan, and he was unable to get the accommodation.

Examination Shows Discrepancy. "When I heard that Mr. Allen was drowned I started a check on certain funds in the office," said Expert Drager tonight. "We had gone over his books the other day, and found various funds except the 'trust' fund and shortages in the aggregate of perhaps \$75, maybe less, had been discovered. It was found that the balance shown, he made it good to balance the books. These shortages were all plainly clerical errors. Going over the trust fund, I found a shortage of \$5000. Mr. Allen's figures, which he gave me on his check, showed a difference of about \$188 from my figures. He said he would go over these figures again. I suggested that we do it together. He declared this would be unnecessary and said that, last night, he would go over the fund again and give me the figures this morning, and then if the balance failed to show he would go over it with me. This morning, when I heard that he was drowned, I went over the books, and found he had done nothing with the reckoning further than to make a few figures on the books. Apparently, he had given the matter but little attention. I went over the figures carefully. I am satisfied that the books on that fund show a shortage of about \$2000. But I wish to make the check before making a definite statement."

Actions Cause Comment. Some of Mr. Allen's actions the past two days have also caused comment since news of his death became known. He has been in the habit of eating at a local restaurant during his wife's absence at his St. Paul ranch. Last night he paid his bill there with the remark: "Well, I will never eat here again."

He called up one of the employees at the office and told him that he had a few trinkets he wished to distribute to members of the office force and asked the employee to make the distribution for him. It is conceded that whatever shortage may appear in Mr. Allen's books arose from no dishonest motives on his part. Of a nervous tension, the affairs of the office, particularly during his last term, have not been managed any too carefully, and as a result papers and accounts have been misplaced, and it is probable numerous mistakes have been made. A careful probe will be made into the financial affairs of the office during the next few days which will result in a definite statement being made.

Mr. Allen was 58 years old and was born near Silverton, his father being an Oregon pioneer. He passed his early life on a farm and for several years taught school in different parts of Marion County. He was also book-keeper at the State Asylum for the insane for a number of years and six years ago became County Clerk.

Large Family Survives. He is survived by a widow and the following children: Virgil and Victor, who reside on the ranch at St. Paul; Mrs. John Miller, Hubbard; Mrs. T. A. Norwood, Brooks; Mrs. Clifford Benson, Gardiner; Dana H. Allen, who has been attending school at Berkeley, but is home for the holidays. The funeral will be held at Silverton Sunday, further arrangements not having been completed.

Mr. Allen was a man of great popularity in Marion County, being elected to office for three consecutive terms by heavy majorities. As a citizen he always took part in the larger activities of the county as well as the community in which he resided. He was closely identified with the business and public interests both at Silverton and Salem. Stanley Z. Culver, deputy in the office, has been appointed County Clerk to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Allen.

The appointment was made by Governor West.

FRANCIS IRWIN IS SUICIDE

Young Teacher, Well Known in Portland, Shoots Self.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special)—Walking into the baseball park on the heights this afternoon, Francis Irwin, a young rancher of the Oak Grove district, committed suicide, shooting himself in the head with a .22 caliber revolver.

Young Irwin, who was well known and well liked in Hood River County, passed the Winters usually in Portland, where he has been teaching. For the past two Winters he has been conducting a night school at the Y. M. C. A. Formerly he taught in one of the high schools. Young Irwin has been dependent for

GENERAL MAUS' AIDE WILL JOIN FIRST INFANTRY AT HONOLULU.



Lieutenant Francis L. Whitley, VAN COUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special)—After having been stationed at this post since May, 1909, having served the longest consecutive time here among all officers of the post, or department headquarters, Lieutenant Francis L. Whitley, aide-de-camp to General Maus, left here today for San Francisco, from where he is to take passage January 6 for Honolulu, to rejoin the First Infantry. When Lieutenant Whitley was graduated from West Point he was sent to this post to wait for the arrival of the First Infantry. Until then he was assigned to the Fourth Field Artillery. He was attached to Company G, First Infantry, June 29, 1908. For the last year and four months Lieutenant Whitley has been aide-de-camp to General Maus. He is well known in Portland.

some months because of ill health. He attempted to take his own life last Saturday night, having swallowed large doses of laudanum and strychnine.

HUNTINGTON DEPOT OPENS

Citizens "Swear Off" Using Impolite Language in New Station.

HUNTINGTON, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special)—Huntington yesterday "swore off" on using profane language in the depot and travelers going through must also be polite. The reason is the appearance of daintily attired waitresses who made their appearance at the lunch counter in the new \$10,000 depot which opened this morning. The depot is serving its first day of the year without formal opening. The building, which is one of the most beautiful along the O-W, R. & N. Company's line is of cement and stone. A large crew of men were set to work this morning moving the old depot which has been bought by a resident of this place and will be turned into a hotel.

Coroner's Jury Settles Case.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special)—The remaining dynamite purchased by George Gowan has been found in a shed near the Big Basin Lumber Company's mill in West Klamath Falls. Seven sticks of powder were lacking from the box when it was found by the policemen who had been searching for it since the Beck home was wrecked. The caps and fuse were also found and it was discovered that 12 inches of the fuse had been cut off. The coroner's jury found that Gowan came to his death from an explosion of powder by his own hands, and that no other person was guilty of a crime thereby.

FORMER PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA WHO ABANDONS EFFORT TO ENTER UNITED STATES.



GENERAL CIPRIANO CASTRO.

If Quality and Low Price Appeal to You

Then this great sale will be a magnet that will draw you here again and again to share in its benefits—to reap its harvest of bargains. Come while assortments are greatest and prices lowest

Every Reduction Is Genuine and Every Article Is Reduced

Ladies' English Raincoats and Fancy Man-Tailored Suits Half Price

Table listing prices for raincoats and suits, including Regular and Half-Price columns.

Regular \$20.00 Suits Half-Price \$10.00
Regular \$25.00 Suits Half-Price \$12.50
Regular \$30.00 Suits Half-Price \$15.00
Regular \$35.00 Suits Half-Price \$17.50
Regular \$40.00 Suits Half-Price \$20.00

Misses' Plain Man-Tailored Coats Greatly Reduced

Table listing prices for misses' coats, including Regular and Half-Price columns.

All our fine Blues and Blacks are liberally reduced

CASTRO PREPARES TO LEAVE AMERICA

Ex-President of Venezuela Engages Passage for Self and Valet to Hamburg.

NO FORMAL CHARGE MADE

South American Goes On His Own Volition and Says He Has No Idea of Stirring Up Revolt in Southern Republic.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Cipriano Castro, ex-President of Venezuela, engaged passage this afternoon on the steamship America, of the Hamburg-American line, sailing for Hamburg Saturday at 8 A. M. Castro will have a room and bath in cabin 152. His valet will accompany him. The officers of the Hamburg-American line said that as far as they knew the Venezuelan would board the steamer at the pier like any other passenger. No formal charge to warrant his detention has been made against Castro beyond the report of the surgeon on the liner La Touraine, on which Castro arrived, that his physical condition made it advisable to keep him at Ellis Island pending further medical examination. Before

the decision of the immigration authorities was announced, Castro declared he was willing to go back to Europe of his own accord.

Idea of Revolt Denied. General Castro today denied that he was seeking to stir up another revolution in Venezuela.

"It is impossible for me," he said, "to regain my lost fortunes. There is no reason to think that I want to stir up trouble and no proof. This last word I give to the American people: While I return I pray for the prosperity of the grand people of the United States."

Late in the afternoon General Castro received the newspaper men. He said that he did not know whether he would return to Paris. "I have no interests in Germany," he said, "and there is no truth in the statement that I am going back to Venezuela to stir up a revolution backed by German interests."

"I don't think the Germans back their money so easily as to give it for such a purpose."

Castro Is Gaily Glad. The Venezuelan wore a skull cap of black velvet trimmed with gold and gold-embossed cloth slippers.

Asked about the money and lands he had lost in Venezuela, he replied: "All of my money was taken by President Gomez. I am ruined. He robbed me of \$5,000,000 francs. It was my all. He even took my horse and mule and my house furnishings. This was done after my departure from Venezuela. I left on November 24, 1904, to go to Europe for an operation."

Here General Castro, with the assistance of his valet, removed part of his clothing and exhibited a long scar. "I have no money interests in Venezuela now," continued the ex-President. "Everything is lost, even my honor."

SUICIDE SHOCKS PARENT

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Men's and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats Reduced

Table listing prices for men's suits and overcoats, including Regular and Half-Price columns.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats Reduced

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- All Sweaters Reduced
All Gloves Reduced
All Neckwear Reduced
All Suspenders Reduced
All Umbrellas Reduced
All Fancy Vests Reduced
All Cluett Shirts Reduced
All Underwear Reduced
All Union Suits Reduced
All Men's Hosiery Reduced
All Night Robes Reduced
All Pajamas Reduced
All Men's Trousers Reduced

BEN SELLING Morrison at Fourth

MEXICAN BRINGS PLEDGE TO TAFT

Madero's Envoy Gives Assurance That Interests Are Being Protected.

NO ULTIMATUM IS ISSUED

President Impressed by Story of Improved Conditions South of Border and Army's Efforts in Northern States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Senator Pedro Lascurain, Mexican Minister for Foreign Affairs and personal representative of President Madero, came to Washington today to tell again to President Taft and Secretary Knox the story of his government's struggle with rebellions, to reassure them of its ability to protect American lives and property everywhere in that republic—and, incidentally, it was whispered tonight, to find if there were any truth in recent reports that intervention by the United States was not merely a threat but an alarming possibility.

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REPORTER STOPS SUICIDE

Man After Two Attempts That Fall Is Persuaded to Desist.

DENVER, Jan. 2.—A letter received today by the city editor of a Denver paper said that the writer, Dr. George W. Cates, would be dead by his own hand before the missile reached its destination. A reporter was sent to the address given in the note and found Cates fumbling with an automatic pistol, the mechanism of which he did not understand. The reporter persuaded him to give up the pistol and abandon his attempt at suicide.

Cates said he had tried twice to kill himself, but failed because the weapon would not explode. He was on the point of making a third attempt when the reporter entered his apartments. He would give no explanation.

SHIP'S PLATES FOUND CRACKED.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special)—Captain Veysiey, Lloyd's surveyor, has completed the preliminary survey of the British bark Crown of India that was in collision with the bark Inverclyde in the lower harbor a few days ago. He found that several of the Crown of India's plates were cracked, her fore and main rigging damaged and the vessel had sustained other minor injuries. He has not yet decided whether it will be necessary for the bark to go on the drydock, but the repairs will be quite extensive.

ECZEMA CURED IN 10 TO 30 DAYS.

The Paris Medicine Co., 225 Pine street, St. Louis, Mo., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine, have a new and wonderful discovery, GROVE'S SA-NARE CUTIS, which they guarantee to cure any case of ECZEMA, no matter of how long standing, in 10 to 30 days, and will refund money if it fails. GROVE'S SA-NARE CUTIS is perfectly clean and does not stain. If your druggist hasn't it, send us 50c, in postage stamps, and it will be sent by mail.

CONTESTS ARE PLANNED

CHILDREN ENCOURAGED TO EXHIBIT AT FAIRS.

Settings of Valuable Duck Eggs Offered to Little Folks Desirous of Raising Poultry.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special)—Further plans are under way for the promotion of the children's industrial contests next year. N. C. Maris, of Portland, made the following announcement in this connection while here: George T. Graves, of Black Rock, falls in line with the idea of encouraging the children get started in the poultry contest at the State Fair this year, by offering two free settings of eggs of White Indian Runner ducks. He offers these on the same terms as Mr. Kaplinger and Mr. McCauler, which was announced recently. He also gives one pair of White Indian Runner ducks to the children exhibiting the best pair of ducks at the fair next fall.

All children applying to Mr. Graves for eggs for poultry will have their names deposited at the office of State Superintendent Alderman and will be in on the drawing on that day and the first two lucky ones will each receive a free setting of eggs from Mr. Graves' prize-winning White Indian Runner ducks. This makes nine settings of eggs that have been donated to the children who enter the contest at the State Fair the coming year, and it is held that is much appreciated by those in charge of the children's industrial contest work. When the breeders furnish eggs from first-class stock the child getting them has a better chance to win and gets more encouragement and profit from the contest and is more likely to go on and develop into a successful breeder. If other poultry breeders who will gladly take similar donations they will be appreciated by the children, as well as by Mr. Alderman and his assistants, who will gladly take care of the details of the work if sent in soon.

The natives of Hawaii are large consumers of albatross eggs, which are secured principally from the Islands of Laysan, in the Pacific, not far away from the Hawaiian group. These eggs are so plentiful on this island that they are gathered in wheelbarrows and carried to the shore in boxes and loaded on a small industrial railroad.

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