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MORGAN ASSAILANT IS SUICIDE IN JAIL

Holt Is Found With His Skull Fractured.

CONFUSION FOLLOWS AGT

Stories of Jail Officials Differ as to Details.

LONG FALL IS REPORTED

Keeper Declares Prisoner Was Unusually Cheerful Early in Evening; Letter Left Bidding Good-Bye to His Family.

MINEOLA, N. Y., July 6.—Frank Holt, the Cornell University professor who shot J. P. Morgan in his home near Glen Cove, last Saturday, committed suicide in the jail here tonight.

While several of the jail authorities declared that Holt killed himself by climbing through the opening at the top of his cell door and then plunging to the narrow court below, Holt's keeper said he was positive that the prisoner was killed in his own cell, where he said he found the body.

Prisoner's Skull Fractured.

There were many conflicting reports as to the manner in which Holt met his death, but it was definitely established through Dr. Cleghorn, the jail physician, that Holt died of a fractured skull.

Several of those about the jail said they heard an explosion, the report coming from Holt's cell. This noise, it was believed, was due through the falling of boards from the top of the cell. Jeremiah O'Bryan, the keeper who was detailed to watch Holt, said he was 15 feet away from the cell when he heard a loud report. He looked in the direction of the cell, but it was dark. Entering, he found Holt's body in a pool of blood in the corner.

Excitement Follows News.

The excitement that followed the news brought Warden Hulst and other jail authorities to the scene. District Attorney Smith and Dr. Cleghorn, together with several constables, were summoned and immediately began an investigation.

Dr. Cleghorn denied a report that Holt had killed himself by chewing a percussion cap. He repeated that death was caused by a fracture at the top of the skull. An explosion, which would have blown his head off, would have followed an attempt by Holt to chew a percussion cap, the physician said.

A thorough examination of Holt's cell disclosed that although the jail authorities, any weapon or implements of any kind which Holt could have used to kill himself.

Suicide Evident, Says Coroner.

Coroner Jones, after viewing the body, said:

"Undoubtedly a suicide, and undoubtedly the man jumped."

The body of the prisoner was taken to the morgue in Hempstead, where Dr. Cleghorn was prepared immediately to perform an autopsy.

The autopsy is expected to disprove a report current here immediately after the finding of Holt's body that he had been killed from the outside. This was only one of a number of reports reaching the authorities.

Keeper O'Bryan declared that Holt appeared unusually cheerful early in the evening. He couldn't understand why Holt should write a letter, which was found after his death, in which Holt addressed presumably his wife and children as follows:

"My Dear—I must write to you once more. The more I think about it, the more I see the utter uselessness of living under these circumstances. Bring up the dear babies in fear of God and man. Good-bye, my sweet. Affectionately, FRANK."

Cell Keeper Is Uncertain.

An evidence of the great confusion which followed the report and the finding of Holt's body was a second statement by Keeper O'Bryan to the effect that he was not sure whether Holt's body was found in his cell or in the corridor.

This tended to strengthen the theory of District Attorney Smith and Warden Hulst that Holt killed himself by jumping from the top of his cell into the court below and that while doing so he had dislodged a couple of boards, which fell to the floor with a loud report.

Holt earlier in the day had admitted to detectives that he had not told the truth when he said he made the Capitol bomb out of sulphuric acid and match heads, and said also that he did not tell the truth about his movements in Washington and New York.

Deer to Pack up Shipping

He made these admissions when confronted by evidence tending to show that he made the Capitol bomb in a bungalow which he rented here about ten days ago. The admissions followed the positive identification by Lewis Ott of Holt as the man who had rented the bungalow. Ott said he found numerous bottles with corks punctured in the center, small vials and pictures of a dozen public buildings throughout the country, three of which were marked.

Frank McKahill, a local constable, who accompanied the detectives in the search of the bungalow, said that the marked buildings were the New York Public Library and the Capitol building at Albany, N. Y. and Harrisburg, Pa.

WEATHERMAN BOWS TO RAINBOW LORE

COLORS BRIGHTEN 'NIGHT' SKY; FORECAST IS AFFECTED.

Official Prognosticator Takes Chance Old Rhyme Holds True and Leaves Fair Forecast Accordingly.

Rainbow at night, sailors' delight; But were the old rhyme's warning.

This bit of old rhyme was upheld yesterday by Edward A. Beals, weather forecaster for this district, when after a generous downpour of rain shortly after 5 o'clock, Mr. Beals made observations, ran his fingers through his hair, and proceeded to write into the weather forecast for today:

"Wednesday—showers followed by fair weather."

Whether Mr. Beals put his faith in the old maritime tradition about rainbows or whether he made the forecast on strictly scientific data it doesn't matter, but the significant fact remains that Portland was visited by two beautiful rainbows yesterday afternoon and fair weather is predicted for today.

There were two generous showers yesterday. The first fell at 4:10 to 4:26 P. M. and for the benefit of statistical fans, it was heaviest between 4:19 and 4:22. During these three minutes .89 inch was measured at the weather office.

The second shower began at 5:16 o'clock and ended at 5:52, for a total of .24 of an inch. The showers didn't break any previous record, but each was a lively downpour of rain.

The rainbows which followed were beautiful and distinct and stretched practically entirely across the sky. They were the objects of much comment and sky-gazing while they lasted.

ROUMANIA WATCHES RUSSIA

German Editor Says Government Desires "Opportune" Alliance.

BERLIN, via London, July 6.—Rudolf Rothel, editor of the Vossische Zeitung, who is touring the Russian telegraphs from Bucharest, Roumania, that although the Roumanian war party admits that its calculations regarding the defeat of the central powers by the entente allies have been inaccurate, the Roumanians are not yet convinced that the Russian bolt is shot, and still expect Russia's reserve men finally to turn the scale.

Herr Rothel says that the Roumanian government is endeavoring to avoid committing itself on either side and to keep the doors open for a later arrangement with the most opportune side.

He adds that it is highly improbable that the Roumanian general staff in the meantime will permit the army to march against Transylvania.

FRENCH GOLD FLOWS IN

Great Numbers Exchange Private Hoards to Aid Government.

PARIS, July 6.—The Bank of France has been compelled to designate six receiving tellers to take the gold offered in exchange for notes in consequence of the invitation to the public to turn in its private hoards of gold so as to strengthen the national reserve.

Long lines of persons waited in front of the institution all day yesterday and were there again today. The largest sum exchanged was \$65,000 francs, the smallest ten francs.

The usual amounts were 1000 or 2000 francs. The certificates given for the gold bore an inscription saying that the exchange was made for "national defense."

RUSSIA SEEKING SHRAPNEL

Puget Sound Iron and Steel Men Expect \$1,250,000 Order Soon.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 6.—Agents of the British government who have been examining the iron and steel manufacturing plants of Tacoma, Seattle and Everett are expected to award contracts this week for the manufacture of shrapnel for the Russian army, to be shipped to Vladivostok.

Turning lathes already in the mills can be used. Special machinery is not obtainable in the East, because all such machinery is employed night and day there. The prospective contracts will call for expenditure of \$1,250,000.

MONTENEGRIN TRAIN DUE

Special Carrying 150 on Way Home to Fight to Pass Through City.

A special trainload of 150 natives of Montenegro, on the way from Globe, Ariz., to Vancouver, B. C., will pass through Portland this morning.

The men, presumably, are on their way to Montenegro to fight against the Austrians and Germans. The railroads have instructions to handle the train with all possible dispatch.

Montenegrins in various parts of the country are preparing to move homeward, but no general exodus has been planned by those residing in and around Portland.

DEER TWINS BORN AT ZOO

Awkward Youngsters at Washington Park Are in Fine Condition.

Washington Park Zoo is celebrating the arrival of twins. They came yesterday—a pair of awkward-looking deer of the native type.

GERMAN PROPOSAL IS NOT APPROVED

Outline Sent by Ambassador Gerard.

TENTATIVE OPINION ASKED

Washington Views Assent as Sacrifice of Rights.

CABINET IS CONSULTED

Important Changes in Berlin Reply Regarded as Necessary Before Critical Aspect of Negotiations Is Removed.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Germany has submitted informally to the United States through Ambassador Gerard in Berlin, a tentative draft of its reply to the note of June 3, which asked for assurances that American rights on the high seas would not be violated further by German submarine commanders.

After careful examination of the contents of the proposed note as outlined by Ambassador Gerard, which coincides with Berlin press dispatches of the last few days, high officials practically agreed that the United States cannot, without sacrificing important neutral rights, express its approval of the German proposals in their present form.

Opinion Not to Be Expressed.

The draft was shown to Ambassador Gerard with the idea of eliciting from him an expression of opinion, and he promptly asked for instructions from Washington as to whether the United States could make concessions. President Wilson has been advised of the situation in several long messages sent to his summer residence at Cornish, N. H., and the impression obtained tonight from reliable quarters was that the American Government probably would instruct its ambassador within a day or two to decline to express any view until after the formal reply is delivered to him.

Just what Germany proposed has not been officially divulged. Secretary Lansing today took the position that it would not be proper for him to disclose Germany's position as informally reported by Mr. Gerard without authorization from the Berlin government.

Conditional Assurances Proposed.

From Berlin dispatches and authoritative sources here, it is learned, however, that the note as drafted by the German foreign office, with Emperor William's subsequent approval, would give assurances that Americans might travel with safety on the high seas on certain conditions imposed by Germany, such as the marking of belligerent vessels carrying Americans, notification by the United States of departure and of date of departure and

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BELL GREETED IN RAIN

Double Line of Children Waits Patiently in Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 6.—A great wave of patriotism that withstood even a pouring rain storm greeted the Liberty Bell here tonight. Scheduled to arrive at 5:30 o'clock, it did not reach the downtown railroad station, where it was on exhibition, until nearly 7, and a double line of white-clad school children stretched many blocks from the station and patiently waited in the rain.

Even after several thousand children had viewed the historic bell, there was no apparent diminution in the length of the line.

LASSEN HAS NEW BIG RENT

Main Crater Closed, but Smoke Issues From Seven Points.

REDDING, Cal., July 6.—Alexander Thatcher, of Heddington, returned today from Lassen Peak and reported a split in the northern rim of the crater three-eighths of a mile in extent. From seven points in the fissure smoke and steam escaped, but the main crater was closed.

All of the eruptions of the last two weeks have been from this new split, according to Thatcher.

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CLOTH HALL TURRETS STAND AS CHARMED

All Else Near Historic Landmark Razed.

YPRES IS AS DEAD AS POMPEII

German Shells Continue, Merely Stirring Up Dust.

ONLY MAD CATS ARE LEFT

In Determination to Keep British From Entering Ruined City, Bombardment Is Kept Up With Famed 17-Inch Howitzers.

BY FREDERICK PALMER.
Associated Press Correspondent with the British Army in Europe.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, June 21.

"How are the turrets? Still holding out?" they ask up and down the line of any one who has come from Ypres. Everybody has a tender personal interest in the turrets of the old Cloth Hall which depends with each day that they survive in defiance of the German gunners above the wreckage wrought by German shells.

People are still living in Rheims and Louvain, but Ypres is absolutely a dead city; dead as Pompeii; dead as a deserted mining camp in Alaska. No face appears in any door or window that can still be called a door or window; no figures are seen moving through the shell holes in walls that are still standing.

Soldiers and Cats Only Left.

Before the war Ypres had some 11,000 inhabitants. Now it has not a single one. No one is making any effort to make any ruin habitable. The only signs of life except occasional soldiers coming and going to the lines, are cats grown wild which become streaks of fur disappearing among the ruins of their former homes.

The cathedral which stands back of the Cloth Hall was a noble edifice, no doubt, but there are a great many cathedrals in Europe. The Cloth Hall is unique; the best of its kind. Anyone who ever saw it always remembers it. Different conquerors of Ypres put their women and children to the sword but no one had ever harmed the old Cloth Hall beyond taking away a few statues.

Cathedral Is Target.

Last February perhaps 4000 or 5000 people remained in Ypres. They were going and coming about the streets as usual, keeping their shops open and doing what business they could at the old stand. A visitor could get a meal in a restaurant or have his shoes cobbed. Only one house in the big square had been hit. Its roof dropped over the edges of a corner section which had been torn out of the main floor.

The Germans threw in occasional shells.

KAISER IS DESTINED TO LOSE—DR. HILLIS

NEW YORK PULPIT ORATOR SAYS AMERICA BLUNDERED.

European War Started by Germany to Obtain Iron Resources of Belgium, Says Minister.

SALER, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—Declaring that the European war was started by Germany to obtain the iron resources of Belgium and France and protect herself, Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of New York, speaking at the Chautauqua here today, said the conflict could be aptly called "the iron war."

He said that Germany realized her iron resources in Alsace and Lorraine would be exhausted in 25 years, and she believed it necessary to obtain iron lands elsewhere. He declared that Germany really did not care for Paris, and that she had won her first victory when she captured the iron mines of Belgium and France.

"But Germany is destined to lose," continued Dr. Hillis. "When I think of the devastation she has wrought in Belgium I tremble for Germany. She realized that her rolling mills would be idle in 25 years and she sought the iron of Belgium and France."

"I think the United States made an everlasting blunder when she did not, with other civilized nations, protest against Germany's violation of Belgium."

Dr. Hillis said that the population of America soon would be increased from 100,000,000 to 130,000,000. He thought this country eventually would own Mexico and South America, because United States citizens are being reared largely in both countries. Eventually, he thought, the Willamette Valley would have a population of 10,000,000.

APOLOGY MADE SWEDEN

Russia Says Fog Caused Violation of Neutrality in Baltic.

LONDON, July 6.—The Russian government has apologized to Sweden for the violation of the latter nation's neutrality, due to the fact that a stray shell "accidentally" fell within Sweden's waters, owing to a fog during the pursuit of German vessels, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

The German minelayer Albatross was badly punished by Russian warships in the naval battle in the Baltic sea, on July 3 and fled into Swedish territorial waters, where she was run around near Henviker. Russian ships pursued her, it was reported, within the three-mile limit.

Cheering People Greet Cars.

Front lawns were lined with cheering people as the visiting cars, escorted by local automobiles loaded with members of the reception committee, drove slowly down Cascade avenue to the business section. It was truly a triumphant entry for S. Benson, whose name was on every lip and who was greeted with happy shouts.

Fired, duster, and smiling, the visitors answered the greeting cheers, waving pennants and tooting the horns of their cars. They had left Portland before 6 o'clock this morning. It was exactly 2:48 o'clock when the first machine stopped at the west boundary of the city.

After a short rest, the visitors were taken for a tour of the orchards of this valley, returning to attend banquets at 6:30 o'clock at the local hotels. As the banqueters left the dining-rooms a big bouquet of Hood River flowers was presented to each.

Tuesday's War Moves

WITH the exception of certain sectors between the Vistula and the Bug, the Austro-German rush in the eastern war zone seems to be losing momentum. The Russians have braced themselves and are holding at most points along their line, although the Austrians tell of continuous progress to the northeast of Krasnik and farther east to the River Viperz, in the neighborhood of Tarnograd.

This is a critical sector so far as a backward blow at Warsaw is concerned, but it is evident that the Russians are stiffening their resistance after their long retreat, and the British press to the north is alive in weeks, takes a more cheerful view of the eastern situation.

The last 24 hours have brought many renewed rumors that the Germans are planning to launch a new offensive in the west, their aim being to duplicate the tactics of the last year, and break through to Calais at all events. Reports to this effect came almost simultaneously from Zurich, Brussels, Paris and Amsterdam. London papers give them prominence, although how much is guesswork and how much is based on facts it is impossible to determine.

According to the Zurich report, ten German army corps, who have been recuperating from the rigors of the Gallian campaign, are now moving westward from the interior.

The latest advices from General Sir Ian Hamilton, commander at the Dardanelles, took the form of a long dispatch, but made no further forward, but made plain the gallantry of the British and French troops, who are fighting under almost insurmountable difficulties.

It is noteworthy that today's Berlin official communication speaks only of gain in the northern Poland front, leaving the southeastern field entirely to the Austrians, who in their official statement emphasize that an advance on the center between the Vistula and the Bug was made by "Austrians."

The quiet which had prevailed on the British front in Flanders so long has been broken by a British gain of German trenches to the north of Ypres. The advance was made after typical trench warfare tactics, backed by French artillery.

This part of the western front still holds its reputation as a gas area, Field Marshal French again recounting how the Germans have been bombarding Ypres with gas shells.

SAGE TICK BITE IS FATAL

Grant County Woman Afflicted With Spotted Fever After 3 Weeks.

BAKER, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—As the result of a sagetick bite, Mrs. Kasper Koehler, one of the best-known Grant County women, is dead at her home at Beech Creek, near Mount Vernon. While walking through the sagebrush near her home three weeks ago she was bitten, but little attention was paid to the bite until spotted fever set in and caused her death.

Mrs. Koehler was born in Germany 42 years ago, but has lived in the Beech Creek country many years. She is survived by her husband.

COLUMBIA HIGHWAY FORMALLY OPENED

Hood River Welcomes Dedication Party.

TRIUMPHANT ENTRY IS MADE

S. Benson Cheered by Crowds as Cars Reach City.

GREAT RECEPTION HELD

Prominent Portland Men Are Taken for Tour of Orchards and Are Guests at Banquet—Dream of City Is Realized.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—"The Columbia River Highway is open." Those were the first words of a message sent over the telephone wires this afternoon by W. L. Clark, chairman of the good roads committee of the local Commercial Club, to the expectant citizens of the city, awaiting in the business section of town to greet S. Benson, Governor Withycombe and the dedication party.

There was a cheer as the words of the message were repeated. Hood River's dream of years ago has been realized. The first automobile to travel up the banks of the Columbia from Portland was at the corporate limits of the city, awaiting the arrival of the cars that followed. Men, women and children had been waiting all afternoon for the arrival of the 25 machines of the dedication party, and the news that they had come was quickly sent over wire and by messenger from home to home.

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Open Air Reception Held.

The public reception for Mr. Benson and Governor Withycombe was held tonight at the opera house. The hour before the arrival of the honored guests, city and country people had begun pouring to the big auditorium, the seating capacity of which is 1200. Banqueters from remote districts were here to hail Mr. Benson as father of the Columbia Highway. When the cheers had subsided after the entry of the visitors to the stage, little Mary Haulinger, daughter of a local florist, ran to the stage and with a shy courtesy before each, presented big bouquets from her father's gardens to Mr. Benson and the Governor.

The meeting was presided over by Leslie Butler, a member of the advisory board of the State Highway Commission. County Judge Stanton delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the city and county of Hood River and of the local Commercial Club. Short addresses were made by the long task of the construction of the scenic boulevard and of the marvels of it after completion were made by Governor Withycombe, Rufus Holman, S. Benson, Frank Terrace, Judge Casey, Sam Hill, J. B. Yoon, H. L. Pitcock and John F. Carroll.

Vaudeville Show Given.

When the addresses were over dancing girls and broadswords appeared, and under the direction of Adrian Epping an amateur vaudeville show, an event of last week's annual Chautauqua, was presented for the entertainment of the dedication party.

Local motorists who journeyed down the Columbia with their machines to meet the visitors were: Walter Kimball, E. O. Blancher, H. H. Heilbroner, R. F. Marquis and Dr. F. C. Brosius.

"This is a red-letter day for the Hood River Valley," said Mr. Blancher as the Hood River people dispersed for their homes. "The Columbia Highway in reality has seemed like a myth to us. This forerunner of its realization has already created a new-born optimism and instilled into us a spirit for better roads in our own community with which to greet the visitors on their arrival over the great highway."

MOMENTOUS JOURNEY IS MADE

Party Carries Deliverance to Communities Beyond Cascades.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.
HOOD RIVER, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—"The Columbia Highway dedication party that left Portland this morning shortly before 6 o'clock consisted of the following persons: Governor Withycombe, State Treasurer Kay, Secretary of State Ottcott, first citizens Simon, Benson, County Commissioners Holbrook,

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