# SUICIDE ATTEMPT FURNISHES CLEW

## Symptoms of Woman Found to Resemble Those From Which Victims Died.

## MINERAL POISON FOUND

**Physician Now Believes Fatal Drug Was Administered to Bissonette While They Were Puzzling Over Mrs. Vermilya's Case.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—"Mrs. Louise Vermilya, who was arrested yesterday on charges of having murdered Policeman Bissonette by poisoning him, made a daring attempt today to commit suicide by taking a mineral poison.

"It is my belief that Bissonette was given arsenic day by day, even while I was treating him, and finally he was given enough to overcome all attempts by myself and consulting physicians to stimulate him and killed without our knowledge what the trouble was," was the statement issued tonight by Dr. F. A. Van Arsdale, the physician who attended Mrs. Vermilya during her recent illness and who prescribed for the policeman before he died. For the first time it furnished a direct connection between the widow and the last of the nine deaths that have occurred beneath her roof in the past 18 years.

**"Pepper Can" Holds Poison.**

Dr. Van Arsdale made the assertions after he had made preliminary examinations of the contents of a can supposed to contain pepper, and which was used to season some food ordered by the woman today, which brought on a sharp illness that at 5 P. M. threatened death and which left her in a grave condition for hours afterward.

"I treated Bissonette and the symptoms clearly were of gastro-enteritis, so far as reactions showed," said Dr. Van Arsdale. "No idea of arsenical poisoning, of course, occurred to me. I called in another physician and he concurred in the diagnosis.

"We found his food disagreing with him and started him on a diet of milk. This, we found, irritated his stomach in the same way, and we changed to malted milk, usually much more soothing, and even that gave the same results. Then he was taken to the hospital, where he died. I then thought it was acute gastritis.

"Mrs. Vermilya, whom I also attended, was given eggs and malted milk for luncheon today. She objected to the black pepper served with the eggs. She told the nurse there was some white pepper in a talcum box, which she had converted into a pepper-shaker, and the nurse gave it to Mrs. Vermilya, upon noting its customary pungent odor.

**Test Declared Conclusive.**

"Soon the patient became sick and I was sent for. I took the so-called pepper to a drugstore and made a solution test of it, and also of arsenical salts. Both reacted the same, and I hurried back and washed out her stomach. The contents of the stomach and of the 'pepper can' were sent to Dr. Webster, who aided Toxicologist Haines in the examination of Bissonette's viscera.

"I was sure it was mineral salt, but not entirely sure it was arsenic. Later Dr. Webster informed me that the tests were positive, showing abundant quantities of arsenic both in the contents of Mrs. Vermilya's stomach and in the 'pepper can.'

"This called to my mind the symptome of Bissonette and much that seemed peculiar to his case."

**Arsenic Mixed With Food.**

This indicated, said the physician, that arsenic was mixed with all the food given to Bissodette. He continued:

"Mrs. Vermilya nursed Bissonette and was his constant attendant. I will leave anyone to his own conclusions as to who administered the arsenic, and especially in view of the day's incidents."

The physician said that, while he had given the woman severe treatment to counteract the effect of the poison, there still was a possibility of death because of the absorption of poison before the treatment was applied, and because of her weakened condition, due to previous illness.

Mrs. Vermilya's attempt at suicide discloses the fact that only fate—and a distaste of eight persons for white pepper, prevented the possible addition of eight names to the long list of deaths that have taken place beneath the Vermilya roof under circumstances now held to be suspicious.

**Eight Narrowly Escape.**

Four policemen, two police matrons and two trained nurses who have composed the police guard over the suspected woman, with her permission, have prepared their food at the Vermilya home every day since they have been on guard. During all that time the deadly can of arsenic and pepper has stood prominently adjacent to the culinary equipment. None of the eight preferred the white pepper, however, and the black kind had been used exclusively.

A search will be made tomorrow for other possible conditions under which poison may be stored in the house. Mrs. Vermilya was watched closely tonight by physicians, who feared her death at any time.

Physicians who attended her declared she gave all indications of having taken poison, and the incident has led to a new possibility by which Mrs. Vermilya's roomers and relatives in past years met death.

Representatives of the coroner brought to Chicago tonight parts of the body of R. T. Smith, the conductor who died of stomach disorder not clearly defined, when a roomer at the Vermilya home. They will be examined for traces of poison.

J. T. Deets, brother-in-law of Smith, told the investigators that Mrs. Vermilya, after Smith's funeral, asked his relatives for $150 to defray embalming expenses and later asked permission to erect a monument over Smith's grave, both requests being refused.

## EVARTS IS TO FACE JURY

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check Evars was in consultation with A. J. Johnson, president of the Benton County National Bank of this city, negotiating a loan of $5000.

This money, testified Johnson, was only advanced after Evars has ascertained by telephoning his bookkeeper in the Philomath bank that Shriber had deposited the check on which Evars had been depending. In the same telephonic conversation Evars instructed the bookkeeper, Victor Arpke to enter Shriber's deposit to the credit of Shriber's account.

Dr. C. H. Newth, of Philomath, a stockholder in the suspended bank, testified that on the night before Shriber deposited his check, Evars, in the presence of President Williams and a man named Robinson, who said he expected to purchase the bank, told him, Newth, that it would be necessary for the stockholders immediately to pay into the bank $120 for each share of stock they held in order to provide for certain indebtedness against the bank, aggregating $17,000.

**Account Is Withdrawn.**

Witnesses further quoted Evars as saying that unless the stockholders promptly responded to the urgent demand of the bank for funds the sale of the institution would be defeated and it would go into the hands of the State Superintendent of Banks and result in the appointment of a receiver to administer its affairs. Newth told Evars he would take the matter under advisement, but early the following day he withdrew his account, aggregating about $300, from the bank.

Counsel for Evars made an effort to show that the check deposited by Shriber was left in the nature of a payment of overdrafts due the bank and not as a deposit in the general acceptance of the term. They brought out the fact that Shriber had an understanding with Evars by which he was permitted to overdraw his account to the amount of $5000.

Banker Johnson testified that Shriber's action in leaving at the bank the $7000 could only be regarded as a deposit, although the greater part of it might be required to meet an overdraft previously contracted by him with the bank and with its consent.

**Conspiracy Charge Renewed.**

Shriber finally declared that the aggregate of his overdrafts, added to uncashed checks he had issued, would still leave from the check deposited a balance of $913 in his favor.

Attorney Fowler, in asking the court to dismiss the charges, renewed allegation that Evars was the victim of a conspiracy of President Williams, and the officers of the bank, who after depleting the cash on hand by withdrawing their deposits, were endeavoring to fix on Evars the entire blame for the suspension of the institution.

He also argued that the charges alleged could not be based on the amendments of the state banking law, enacted at the 1911 session of the Legislature, but could only be brought under the provisions of the original banking act of 1907, under which the making of false reports by a bank official of the condition of the institution can only be prosecuted as a misdemeanor.

**Funds Squandered Is Charge.**

Justice Lane in holding the accused bank cashier to the grand jury, said sufficient evidence had been offered by the state to show that false reports had not only been published concerning the bank's condition, but that deposits had been accepted after it became insolvent and that Evars unquestionably was guilty of both charges.

"When I took charge of the bank at Philomath," said Bank Superintendent Wright, in an interview, "its insolvency was not less than $27,000. It will be impossible correctly and finally to ascertain the extent to which the funds of this institution have been juggled and squandered in absolutely worthless loans or unsecured notes. It can be learned only by a thorough examination of the books of the bank from the time it was organized by Evars and began business.

**Overdrafts Are Many.**

"The books show that when the bank closed its doors there was cash on hand to the amount of $12,000. The fact is only $173 in actual cash was found. Adding to that amount the sums due from banks, the grand total of these cash items did not exceed $2850, as against $12,000 represented on the books to be on hand.

"On the day the bank closed Evars had a credit of about $1500 on the books. He took up that day a personal note for $1000 by writing a check against his account. He then drew the balance of his account in cash. The bank books, as they were kept by Evars show that the Philomath creamery, a $10,000 corporation of which Evars was the principal stockholder, owed the bank only $8000. I have already found evidence showing that the creamery actually owes the bank $23,000, consisting principally of overdrafts and unsecured notes.

"We also have found among the bank's papers a forged note for $1300, but the liability of the man whose name was signed as principal is such that the bank probably will not lose anything on this forged asset."

# DECISION IS FORECAST

## UPHOLDING OF INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM EXPECTED.

**Senators Sutherland and Chamberlain, After Hearing Case in Court, Agree as to Outcome.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 4.—Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, and Senator Sutherland, of Utah, who followed the argument before the Supreme Court yesterday in the Oregon initiative and referendum cases, today unite in the opinion that the court will refuse to take jurisdiction of the cases on the ground that the question involved is political rather than judicial. Both believe that the court will refuse to hold the initiative and refendum unconstitutional. This same opinion is expressed today by the Washington Herald, which says:

"It seemed to be the opinion around the courtroom yesterday that the court will refuse to take jurisdiction of the case on the ground that the question raised is a political one, and not judicial, or if the court elects to adopt the line of reasoning of George Fred Williams, the court may dismiss the case on the ground that the parties who appear as plaintiffs in error have no standing in court, not being in a position to complain of violation of a Constitutional guarantee. Williams took the ground that the Federal guarantee of a republican form of government runs only to sovereign states and that no private person or corporation can be heard to complain in court of the denial of guarantee of a republican government."

Senator Sutherland said, after argument, that while he saw much to condemn in the initiative and referendum as a political theory and regarded it as utterly fallacious, he had never doubted that the courts would uphold it as a republican form of government.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The Edlefsen Fuel Company, mine agents for "Faultless," the genuine Wellington, propose to reduce prices on all coals to consumers by delivering in bulk, using barrels for unloading, as done in Seattle and Tacoma. **

It is suggested that the bustard, a kind of bird in China, be domesticated in America. It weighs from 14 to 18 pounds, and the flesh is well flavored.

# AVIATOR IS HALTED AT VERGE OF GOAL

## Further Flight Is Called Off at Banning, Cal., and Will Continue Today.

## FINISH EXPECTED TODAY

**Attainment Will Mean That 4212 Miles Will Have Been Flown in Approximately 80 Hours. Single Rudder Serves.**

BANNING, Cal., Nov. 4.—Aviator Calbraith Perry Rodgers' Coast-to-Coast flight was brought temporarily to a halt here today when a leaky radiator developed when he was flying high over the peaks of the San Bernardino Range and threatened to work serious injury to the engine of his aeroplane. Rodgers landed in a field at the edge of town at 12:59 o'clock, dropping in a beautiful spiral glide from an altitude of 1000 feet.

After landing, Rodgers denied that his gasoline tank had sprunk a leak and that its contents were nearly gone. Had he not alighted at Banning he might have met with a serious mishap through having to descend in the mountainous region to the westward.

**Attempt to Continue Fails.**

In an attempt to continue his flight to Pasadena, where he had been informed thousands had gathered to welcome him, Rodgers assumed charge of the work of repairing his craft. For more than two hours he toiled and at 4 o'clock announced that he was ready to go. But an attempt to rise failed because of a faulty carburetor and after several ineffectual attempts to remedy the fault had been made, further flight for the day was called off. Rodgers and his men continued to work until dark over the balky engine. At that time it was announced the machine was in good condition and that flight would be resumed early tomorrow.

When Rodgers arose at Imperial Junction this morning, he was confident that before night he would have brought his long journey to an end at Pasadena. He tried for an early start, but found the place where he had landed not suitable, owing to an adverse wind, and accordingly more than an hour was lost while members of the party scoured the surrounding plains in search of a more level place.

**Start Made at Salton Sea.**

This was finally found at the edge of Salton Sea, three miles away, and after the machine had been trundled there, he got away to a good start at 10 o'clock. He came down a few minutes later to correct a fault in his engine and at 10:45 was on his way again.

In the face of a strong head wind, good time was made until his stop at Banning. Banning is 81 miles from Pasadena.

Rodgers planned tonight to fly the rest of his journey by easy stages, reaching Pasadena some time in the afternoon. Should he carry out this schedule, he will have flown 4212 miles in approximately 80 hours. He weighed today and found that he had lost 20 pounds on his trip.

**Machine Rebuilt Seven Times.**

Unless further mishap should rob him of one or the other, Rodgers will complete his flight with the same vertical rudder and the same drip pan with which he started. All other parts of his machine have been remodeled or replaced. His biplane, a Wright baby racer, was rebuilt seven times on the journey.

PASADENA, Cal., Nov. 4.—Pasadena was truly disappointed by the failure of Aviator Rodgers to arrive here today. Every arrangement that a committee of 50 could devise to make him welcome had been prepared.

A bulletin service to keep the crowd informed of the aviator's whereabouts on the final stages of his flight was arranged. Part of this was to be supplied by the observatory on Mount Wilson, where a big telescope made it possible to see objects much smaller than an airship at a distance of more than 70 miles.

Rodgers' first act, it was planned, was to send a message to New York, his starting point, and for this purpose a portable telephone capable of reaching to any part of Tournament Park was installed. The other end of the line connected with a telegraph office, and Rodgers' message was to be directed by himself. This formality over, he was scheduled to make a short speech.

## FOWLER DELAYED BY RAIN

**East-Bound Aviator's Engine in Good Working Order.**

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 4.—Aviator Robert G. Fowler arrived here at 12:50 o'clock today, having made the flight from Bisbee to this city in 25 minutes. He reported that his machine was in good condition and entirely devoid of the engine trouble which had annoyed him at Bisbee. As it was raining hard here, Fowler decided to remain over night and start for El Paso at 8 o'clock in the morning.

Fowler's mother joined him here.

## SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE

**Maxwell, the Old-Established Merchant Tailor, Again Makes Astonishing Offer.**

Elsewhere in today's Oregonian, Maxwell, the old-established merchant tailor, makes the same astonishing announcement as he made a few weeks ago. The offer of the unrestricted choice of any $37.50 to $40 suit or overcoat in his entire stock is all the more remarkable when it is considered he carried the very highest grade imported woolens that ever crossed the Atlantic. On account of his tremendous stock and the backward season he finds it necessary to reduce the stock. His anticipation of selling 300 suits at the three-day sale was not realized, as he sold only 129 suits. He is therefore forced to continue the sale for six days more—all this week. This will likely serve his purpose. His offer is unprecedented in the merchant tailoring annals of Portland, and every man desirous of wearing high-grade made-to-order clothing should avail himself of this opportunity. His establishment is at 246 Washington street, opposite the Merchants National Bank. **


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# JUDGE NOT CHOSEN

## President Considers Score for Harlan's Place.

## THREE DISTRICTS FAVORED

**Lack of Representation on Bench Will Carry Weight—Mr. Taft Spends Day Resting, With One-Game of Golf.**

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Nov. 4.—For the first time in more than seven weeks, President Taft had a real taste of leisure today. He rested from breakfast time until dark, except for a golf game with Mrs. Taft as his "gallery." The President's game showed a bit of improvement.

Secretary Hilles did not bring data for the President's annual message to Hot Springs today, but is expected to arrive before tomorrow night, when Mr. Taft will leave for Cincinnati.

The President let it be known today that he had given little thought to a successor to Supreme Court Justice Harlan.

Reports that Mr. Taft had gone so far as to narrow the field of possible selections down to four men were denied to callers. The President named at least a score of men prominent in public life who would be considered when he returned to Washington. Among them are Solicitor-General Frederick Lehmann, United States Circuit Judge Hook, of Omaha, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Charles Nagel, Justices Swayzee and Gummere of the New Jersey State Supreme Court, Chief Justice Carter, of Illinois, and United States Circuit Judge Buffington, of Pittsburg, as well as several United States District Judges and a few well known lawyers.

The Third, Fourth and Seventh judicial districts now are not represented on the Supreme Court bench and Mr. Taft expects to bear this in mind when he selects a successor to the late Associate Justice Harlan.

**Man Pardoned, Not Paroled.**

SALEM, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Governor West today took exception to a statement this morning to the effect that William Gibson, who is bound over to the grand jury in Portland for stealing chickens from Rachael Lewis, is a paroled convict. In substantiation of his statement he produced a copy of a pardon issued for W. C. Gibson by Jay Bowerman, Acting-Governor, the pardon being signed November 14, 1910.

## VETERAN DIES, AGED 101

**Father Said to Have Lived to 105 and Served in Revolution.**

SAWTELLE, Cal., Nov. 4.—William Reid, whose age was given in the official records as 101, died at the National Soldiers' Home here today. Until a few days ago he had never been ill a day in his life.

Reid was a native of Mississippi and his father, according to his statements, lived to be 105 years old and served in the Revolution under Washington.

## WHERE TO DINE.

Special chicken dinner and many delicacies at the Peerless Cafeteria, 84 and 86 Fifth street. Open all day; music from 12 to 2 and 5 to 7 o'clock. **

**Crook Dairymen Organize.**

REDMOND, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—A dairymen's association was organized last night, composed of farmers and ranchers in the western part of Crook County. Professor Kent, of the Oregon Agricultural College, spoke on the advantages of going into the dairy industry, and told his hearers how to go about organizing, and said the quicker they did it the quicker they would have fat bank accounts. The following officers were elected: President, J. O. Hanson, Redmond; vice-president, Dan Cathlow, Cline Falls; secretary-treasurer, W. S. Rodman, Redmond; trustees, L. E. Smith, E. C. Park and E. M. Eby, Redmond.


## Years of Suffering

**Catarrh and Blood Disease—Doctors Failed to Cure.**

Miss Mabel F. Dawkins, 1214 Lafayette St., Fort Wayne, Ind., writes: "For three years I was troubled with catarrh and blood disease. I tried several doctors and a dozen different remedies, but none of them did me any good. A friend told me of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I took two bottles of this medicine and was as well and strong as ever. I feel like a different person and recommend Hood's to any one suffering from catarrh."

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Consumptive patients need no longer dread either the fate that formerly overtook all sufferers from lung trouble, or costly and often terribly inconvenient journeys far from home to other climates or to some expensive sanatorium. Hundreds are now staying quietly at home curing themselves at no expense beyond the cost of a few bottles of medicine. Here is one who speaks from experience:

"Gentlemen: For four years I was troubled with cough, which gradually became worse; I had night sweats and pains in my chest. I was losing my appetite and had become so thin and weak I could not attend to my household duties. A physician pronounced my case Consumption. Not being satisfied, I was examined by the physicians of the Polyclinic Hospital; they also pronounced the disease Consumption, which was proven later by an examination of sputum, as Tuberculosis Bacilli was found. I was ordered to a Consumptive Hospital. My nephew would not allow me to go until I had tried Eckman's Alterative. Before I had taken the medicine three weeks I had marked relief, night sweats ceased; pain in the breast relieved; cough became loose and easy, fever left me and I commenced getting well. My health became normal. I am in excellent health now and have been completely cured for ten years. I strongly recommend it."

(Signed) (MRS.) MARY WASSON.

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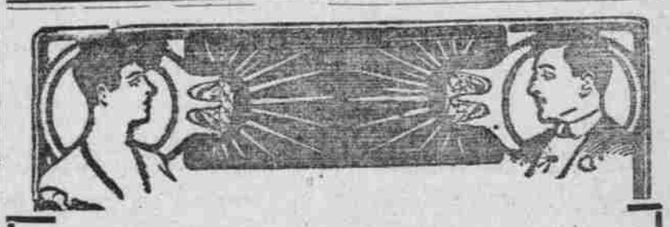

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