

SUICIDE REFUGE OF SLAYER OF 4

Army Captain Kills Himself at Camp Funston.

MURDER MYSTERY CLEARED

Letter Tells Intention to Find Reason for Taking Own Life.

SURVIVOR IDENTIFIES MAN

Guilty Man Ends All Follow- ing Issuance of Finger Print Order.

CAMP FUNSTON, Kan., Jan. 12.—With the finding late today of the body of Captain Lewis R. Whisler, of Salina, Kan., in his office at the National Army cantonment here, the mystery which had surrounded the looting last night of the Army bank and the subsequent murder of four men and serious wounding of a fifth is believed to have been cleared up. The murders were committed with a hand ax.

Captain Whisler killed himself, firing two shots from a regulation Army rifle into his head. The first bullet glanced downward through one cheek, but the other lodged in his brain.

Suicide Follows Clew.

The suicide followed a general order from headquarters instructing all Captains at the cantonment to report and have their finger prints taken.

The body of Captain Whisler was positively identified tonight as that of the man who killed four men and wounded a fifth in the Army bank within the cantonment last night, by Kearney Wornall, the only one of the men attacked who escaped with his life.

Body Taken to Hospital.

The condition of Wornall, who it was feared at first had been fatally injured, improved throughout today. His lucid intervals became longer and it was decided tonight to subject the injured man to the ordeal of attempting to identify the officer who shot himself. Whisler's body was wheeled into the hospital beside Wornall's bed and the figure unshrouded.

"That's the man," was the laconic statement of Wornall, as he sank back upon his bed with a groan.

Death Pretext Found.

A note was left by the Army officer, addressed to a woman whose name the authorities so far have declined to divulge. The note said:

"I have been thinking of committing suicide for a long time, but I never had a good reason. Yesterday I went out and made myself a reason."

The room in which Captain Whisler's body was found was smeared with blood spots. Two blood-soaked towels were found in the room and the table was spotted with gore.

Captain Whisler borrowed two hatch-

U. S. BUILDS HALF 1917 SHIP OUTPUT

TOTAL GROSS TONNAGE FOR YEAR PLACED AT 901,223.

Sinking by Submarines for Last 12 Months 5,000,000 Tons—More Lake Vessels to Be Used.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—America's merchant ship production in 1917 is put at 901,223 gross tons in reports made to the Shipping board. This was nearly double that of 1916 and almost half of the world's output of 1,899,840 tons that year.

Figures showing construction in other countries in 1917 have not been received in this country, but Shipping Board officials believe America led the world in tonnage output. England and Japan, they said, probably were the only countries that increased their production over that of 1916.

Sinkings by submarines in 1917 are generally reckoned at 5,000,000 tons, probably about twice as much tonnage as was built. England is now building ships at a fast rate and Japan also has vastly increased its construction, but just now Japanese operations are hampered by lack of steel. Other countries are building few ships.

The Shipping board today decided to remove from the Great Lakes an additional 20 ships for ocean service. The vessels will be cut in half this winter and will be removed through the Welland Canal and reassembled when navigation is resumed in the Spring. Already 42 ships have been brought out.

VIENNA CLAMORS FOR FOOD

Serious Rioting Reported at Capital on New Year's Day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Food rioting in Vienna on New Year's day is described in a dispatch received here today from Switzerland. When the authorities announced that 500 Reichman pigs would be put on sale at 75 cents a pound, more than 20,000 people assembled outside the market, most of them remaining throughout the New Year's eve in intense cold for the chance to buy.

In the morning the dispatch says, the crowd lost its patience, broke through the police lines and invaded the market. Then crowds are said to have marched through the streets denouncing the municipal authorities and the imperial government.

FIRST FILM SEEN AT 91

Gold Hill Woman Wants Actors to Talk Loud Enough to Be Heard.

GOLD HILL, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. George W. Sperry, aged 91 years, and a recluse, residing in Gold Hill the past quarter of a century, witnessed her first motion picture at the local playhouse this week.

While watching the films with amusement, she asked her companion, "Why don't those actors speak louder, so I can hear them?"

ROYALTY HONORS ROYALTY

Japanese Emperor and King of Eng- land Exchange Courtesies.

TOKIO, Thursday, Jan. 10.—Emperor Yoshihito has conferred the rank of Field Marshal upon King George of England. The King has conferred the same rank upon the Emperor.

The newspapers refer to this exchange of courtesies as a unique episode in Anglo-Japanese relations which should be marked with a white stone in the history of Japan.

STEAMER ON CUBAN SHORE

Vessel Grounded Near Havana; All Passengers Taken Off.

HAVANA, Jan. 12.—A passenger steamer, bound from Key West to Havana with 74 passengers, went aground at a point 15 miles from this city early today.

A Cuban tug took off all the passengers in safety and none was injured.

SECRETARY FROWNS ON MUNITIONS PLAN

Senators Told Present System Is Better.

INQUISITORS GRILL OFFICIAL

Sluggish Movements of War Department Criticized.

WITNESS MAKES DEFENSE

Mr. Baker Declares Nation May Feel Secure, but Senators Complain Secretary Pictures Con- ditions "Too Lovely."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Secretary Baker, in the course of another vigorous cross-examination before the Senate investigating committee today, voiced strong opposition to the creation of a department of munitions and was further criticized by Senators for broad, general statements regarding adequacy of Army equipment which, Senator Chamberlain said, would "fill the country into a seething of security."

Mr. Baker's opposition to a munitions department followed that expressed to the House leaders yesterday by President Wilson. It was based, the Secretary said, upon the fact that the recent reorganization of the War Department will meet all requirements and give better efficiency and that the position of minister of munitions would impose an "impossible task."

Inquiry Will Be Made.

While Senators strongly criticized the reorganization of the department as detailed by the Secretary, thus presupposing a possible conflict later at the Capitol over legislation which the committee has announced it will press, it was decided to investigate further the operation of the department under the reorganization plan before interrupting the inquiry to champion Senator Chamberlain's bill for a minister of munitions and other measures.

In opposing Senator Chamberlain's bill, Mr. Baker said he minister of munitions would be an "industrial dictator" and that "no human being could be found to decide all the questions the office would present."

Comparison Is Made.

The Secretary also pointed out that his judgment on military matters would be subservient to that of the munitions director, and insisted that the recent departmental reorganization is virtually similar to the Navy Department's system and also the British munitions directorship.

Chairman Chamberlain and Senators McKellar, Hitchcock, Wadsworth, Weeks and New were among those taking issue with the Secretary regarding the adequacy of the reorganization of the War Department, but they admitted it was an improvement over the old system.

Purchases to Be Separate.

The Secretary said the war industries board, by authority of "common consent," if not technical legal power, would become the supreme arbitrating authority in co-ordinating industrial needs of the war, and added that President Willard, of the board, and General Goethals, acting Quartermaster-General, approve the plan.

Questioned by Senators, Mr. Baker admitted that, under the new Army supply department, the ordnance, quartermasters, medical, aviation and engineer bureaus would be separate purchasing, but said it would be co-ordinated and directed. This feature was sharply criticized by committee members at

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TROTSKY, UNAFRAID, TO FACE TEUTONS

Peace Fight Will Go On at Brest-Litovsk.

SPEEDY AGREEMENT AIMED AT

Bolshevik Disavow Secret Diplomatic Methods.

FULL SINCERITY ASSERTED

Foreign Minister at Conference Makes Vigorous Statement of Pol- icy of Big Political Party That He Leads.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 12.—Leon

Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, at the conference at Brest-Litovsk yesterday said that in order not to leave any possibility in the fight for peace unutilized, the Russian delegation accepted the demand that the negotiations be continued at Brest-Litovsk.

Trotsky said he had noted the statement of the Central Powers that the basis of a general peace as formulated in their declaration of December 25 was null and void, and added:

"We adhere to the principles of democratic peace as proclaimed by us."

Consistent Policy Avowed.

Referring to the objection raised by the central powers that the transfer of the negotiations to Stockholm or some other neutral point, as requested by Russia, might enable the entente nations to interfere, M. Trotsky said the Bolshevik government had been consistent and independent in its peace policy and that there was no reason to assume entente diplomacy would be able to oppose the conclusion of peace more successfully on neutral soil than in Petrograd.

As for the fear of the central powers that the entente nations might endeavor, behind the scenes, to hinder the conclusion of peace, M. Trotsky declared the Bolshevik policy was conducted without the secret methods of the old diplomacy, which, like many other things, had been abolished by the Russians in their victorious revolution of October.

Russians See No Reason.

It was the opinion of the Russian delegates, he said, that neither political nor technical circumstances rendered it necessary to continue to hold the sessions at Brest-Litovsk.

Moreover, M. Trotsky continued, the Russian delegation could not pass over another point, which had been mentioned by the German Chancellor, Count von Hertling.

"I refer," he said, "to the portion of Count von Hertling's statement (before the Reichstag main committee), in which he referred, in addition to Germany's just intentions, to Germany's powerful position (Machtstellung)."

Nation's Weakness Admitted.

"The Russian delegation cannot deny and does not intend to deny that its country, owing to the policy of the classes until recently in power, has been weakened. But the world position of a country is not determined by its technical apparatus alone, but also by its inherent possibilities—as, indeed, Germany's economic strength should not be judged by her present condition and means of supply."

M. Trotsky considered that the greater forces of the Russian people had been awakened and developed by the revolution just as the reformation of the 16th century and the revolution of the 18th century had vitalized the

MOB IS HELD BACK BY U. S. DIPLOMAT

D. R. FRANCIS, WITH REVOLVER, HALTS RUSSIAN RIOTERS.

Threat to Kill First Man Entering American Embassy at Petro- grad Has Desired Effect.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 12.—Charles R. Crane, head of the American mission to Russia, in an address here today told how Ambassador Francis stood at the door of the American embassy in Petrograd, and, with a revolver in hand, held off a mob.

Mr. Crane said that a mob, believing that a man named Muni (in reality Mooney, the San Francisco dynamite suspect), was to be executed in this country, started for the American embassy.

The Petrograd authorities warned Ambassador Francis by telephone that the mob was approaching. Guests at the embassy begged the Ambassador to flee with them, but he refused, said Mr. Crane. Mr. Francis told the negro servant to get a revolver. With this weapon the Ambassador met the mob at the door.

"Your Government is going to hang our leader, Muni, and we are going to clean out the American embassy," said the leaders.

"No, you are not," replied Ambassador Francis. "This is American soil, and I will kill the first man who crosses the line."

Mr. Crane said the mob then dispersed. He said he heard the noise at the embassy and arrived there just as the crowd went away. From the negro servant Mr. Crane learned the details.

GIRL'S VICTIM NOT ROBBER

Slayer of Joker Collapses When Error Is Discovered.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 12.—Miss Mabel

Drumater, clerk in a fuel company office, who last night shot and killed E. F. Orr when he told her to throw up her hands, suffered a nervous collapse when she learned later that he was only joking and today her condition is serious. Orr, who was a railroad switchman with a wife and several children, entered the office to order some coal. As the girl raised her arms in compliance with his demand, one hand held a revolver and the first shot pierced Orr's brain.

First reports of the police were that a robber had been killed.

GIRL RAILROAD OPERATOR

Switchboard Deserted in Aberdeen for Post of Flagwoman.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The first Grays Harbor woman

to assume a job in the operating department of a railroad is an Aberdeen telephone operator, Miss Minnie Culey, who this week assumed the position of flagwoman at a crossing at the east entrance to the city.

The eight-hour day does not cover her work. She is employed by the Northern Pacific.

EX-CHIEF HEALEY IS FREE

Trial of Former Chicago Police Head Ends in Acquittal.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Charles C. Healey,

ex-Chief of Police of Chicago; Detective Stephen Barry and William Skidmore, a saloonkeeper, were found not guilty by a jury tonight of charges of conspiracy to protect illegal resorts. The jury was out five hours. The trial began October 15, 1917.

COAL MINERS IMPRISONED

Explosion in English Pit May Mean Loss of Many Lives.

HALMEREND, North Staffordshire,

England, Jan. 12.—An explosion occurred in a mine pit here today, and it is feared heavy loss of life resulted. Of 207 men in the mine at the time of the explosion, 106 have reached the surface.

RECORD STORM OF 50 YEARS STUNS EAST

Icy Bonds Fetter Cities of Many States.

FAMINE MENACES THOUSANDS

Transportation Stops; Food Supplies Dwindle.

ARCTIC COLD PREVAILS

Terrible Visitation of Winter Covers Vast Area From Rockies to Al- leganles and From Hud- son's Bay to Gulf.

EASTERN AND SOUTHERN BLIZZARD TIES UP UNITED STATES.

Washington—Secretary McAdoo informed that all railroad passenger service will have to be abandoned west of the Mississippi unless the blizzard abates.

Chicago—Schools and department stores close to conserve fuel and army of 60,000 pupils rushed to shoveling snow.

St. Louis—All blizzard low temperature records broken at 19 below.

Tornadoes followed by worst sleet and snow storm in history in Georgia and Alabama. Record death toll of nearly score and injury to 100 persons.

New York—Tropical rain falls, changing situation to one like Spring in few hours.

Omaha—Trains scheduled to leave here on transcontinental trips tomorrow morning, including Oregon-Washington Limited, will not move.

Minneapolis—Trains on all roads west stalled somewhere in drifts.

Philadelphia—Twentieth Century Limited and many other trains stalled somewhere. All freight traffic abandoned.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—From the Rocky Mountains to the Alleghenies and from the Gulf of Mexico to Hudson's Bay the most terrible storm in more than 50 years today paralyzed transportation and cut off entire cities and states from all communication with the outside world.

With temperatures far below zero prevailing over most of this section, relief work was made impossible by high winds and drifting snow, while untold thousands battled with the grim specter of famine with no relief in sight for days.

Railways early abandoned the battle with the storm and devoted their entire efforts to the relief of scores of passenger trains marooned in snowdrifts.

In most cases their efforts were rendered futile by a driving gale which sifted snow over the tracks as fast as it could be removed.

Business Stops in Chicago. In Chicago all business was practically suspended early in the day. The big department stores closed at 2 P. M. All schools were closed for a week and the 60,000 children urged to help clear the streets to avert the danger of conflagration and permit the delivery of fuel and food.

Nine deaths were reported as a result of the blizzard.

Arctic temperatures accompanied the storm, ranging from 37 below

CARTOONIST REYNOLDS COMMENTS PICTORIALLY ON SOME EVENTS IN THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS.

