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C. W. MILLER OF NORTH BEND DROWNS SUNDAY IN COOS RIVER

Workman at Lillian Mine Falls from the Steamer Alert Near Bay.

GATE GAVE WAY UNDER HIS WEIGHT.

Effort to Swim Ashore Thwarted by Cramps—Leaves Wife and Two Children.

C. W. Miller of North Bend, a miner at the Lillian mine, was drowned at the mouth of Coos River about 10 o'clock yesterday morning by falling from the second dock of the Steamer Alert. His body was recovered about four hours later after the river bed, where he had gone down, had been dragged for hours.

The accident resulted from the gate, against which Miller was leaning in order to get a better view of the river bank, giving away. He swam for about twenty or thirty feet but went down within six or eight feet of the bank, evidently being overcome by cramps.

A coroner's jury, empaneled by Judge C. L. Pennock, in the absence of Dr. E. Mingus, after investigating the case and hearing evidence returned a verdict of accidental drowning yesterday afternoon.

F. W. Stevens, one of the proprietors of a job printing office at Plat B was almost a victim of the same accident but saved himself by grasping one of the upright posts along the railing. Mr. Stevens was leaning partly against the gate and almost lost his balance when it gave way with Mr. Miller but reached out and caught the post in time to prevent the fall, his own efforts being supplemented by his brother, J. S. Stevens, catching hold of him.

Coming Home to Family
Mr. Miller was enroute home to spend Sunday with his wife and family at North Bend and also to recuperate from illness which had been troubling him for some time. He boarded the Alert but a few minutes prior to the accident, Capt. C. E. Edwards putting in for him near the Lillian mine dock. He had been in the cabin but spying Mr. Stevens, whom he knew, on the deck went up to talk with him. The conversation turned to a new dock which had recently been built above the mouth of Coos River. It was stated that it was for the Ward residence back in the hills. As they rounded the bend, Mr. Stevens saw the Ward home and called to Miller, who had sauntered back to the middle of the deck, to hurry over and see it. Miller hurried over to the rail and leaned overboard. As he did so, the gate gave way and he fell head foremost, clearing the guard rail about a foot. He fell into the water and was seen before Capt. Edwards could stop her in response to Mr. Stevens' cries of "Man Overboard!"

Meantime, Miller had attempted to catch hold of the gate to support him in swimming ashore. He was handicapped for swimming by a pair of heavy, high shoes. The gate was only a few feet from him but he could not reach it.

Rescue Efforts Futile.
A boat was lowered from the Alert as quickly as possible but before it got away, Miller went down. Capt. Holland, who was en route up the river in his gasoline launch also tried to reach the drowning man in time to save him but in vain.

Futile effort was made then to recover the body, no drag-hooks being on the boat. Capt. Edwards then decided to hurry to Marshfield, get the drag-hooks and return. This was done in about an hour's time. For over two hours, T. J. Lewis, Capt. Edwards and half a dozen others dragged the river bed near the spot where Miller was seen to go before the lifeless body was found. It was lying in about six feet of water and within ten feet of the bank.

Coroner's Inquest.
The body was brought to Marshfield and, in compliance with the wishes of the dead man's relatives, a coroner's inquest was held in the afternoon. Dr. E. Mingus being out of the city for the day, Judge Pennock was selected to preside. A jury consisting of Joseph Trewella, Jay Mahoney, Robert Herron, O. W. Briggs, R. C. Cordes and Capt. M. J. Pendergrass was impelled.

Capt. C. E. Edwards of the Alert was the first witness. He told the story of the accident substantially as outlined above. He said that he had always considered the gate safe, the notch fastenings having always held it without tying.

In order to determine whether the gate was safe, Judge Pennock instructed the jury to go to the Alert and personally inspect it. This was done.

T. J. Lewis testified as to the finding of the body. He said that he was certain that Miller had not sustained injury by the fall and that death was, in his opinion, due to drowning caused by cramps.

Chas Wade of Marshfield and W.

EVANS BETTER; FEAR RELAPSE

May Keep Rear Admiral Away from Ceremonies at San Diego when Fleet Comes.

(By Associated Press.)
PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, Cal., April 6.—Rear Admiral Evans spent a comfortable night. The physicians have made a thorough examination and declare that he has no organic trouble. He is taking the sulphur baths. He is suffering from intermittent attacks of inflammatory rheumatism which, together with the worry attending the command of the battleship fleet, caused the admiral to drop from 178 to 122 pounds. In few days, if the present rate of improvement is maintained, his crutches will be abandoned for a cane.

Although Mr. Evans' condition is gratifying, the question whether it will be wise to permit him within so short a time to return to the fleet at San Diego and participate in the festivities and various functions in his honor and perhaps thereby invite a relapse, has not been fully decided. Rear Admiral Evans insists that he be on the bridge of the Connecticut when the fleet is welcomed by Governor Gillette of California.

FORMER PRIEST NOW PRESBYTERIAN MEMBER.

Jeremiah Crowley was Married by Minister at North Yakima but Lives in Seattle.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, April 6.—"Father" Jeremiah J. Crowley whose relations with the Catholic church were ruptured by his criticism of the parochial school system, was married to Miss Blanche McLeod, March 9th. The ceremony was performed at North Yakima by the Rev. S. J. Kennedy of the First Presbyterian church of that city. Crowley has lived in Seattle about nine months and has, during that time, been in the real estate business. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church here.

Thresh and F. C. Jennings, both of North Bend, who were on the Alert coming down from Allegany when the accident occurred also testified to about the same facts as the others. In response to Judge Pennock's questioning, the three stated that they had inspected the fastenings of the gate after the accident and that they did not believe that the fastenings were safe.

F. W. Stevens and J. S. Stevens, two witnesses of the accident, testified to the facts as outlined in the first part of this story.

Miller in Poor Health.

J. A. McDonald, superintendent of the Lillian mine, testified that Miller had been working for him but had recently been in poor health, giving it as his opinion that he was suffering from consumption. Saturday night, Miller came to him and said he was going to North Bend for a few days rest. Miller had some money coming but said he didn't need it then and that he would get it when he returned with his family, it being his intention to move there. Mr. McDonald said that Miller had very good habits and was religious.

Here Two Years.

Cyril Ward Miller had resided on Coos Bay for about two years. For a time he was employed as a printer in the office of the North Bend Harbor and later worked in the Simpson sawmill, going to the Lillian mine about a month ago. He came to Coos Bay from Oakland, Ore. He had been employed at the Lucky Boy and other Blueriver mines for several years.

He was born Feb. 5, 1877 at Bridgeton, Mich. He married Mrs. Maud Livingston at Oakland, Ore., and is survived by her and two children, one of whom is a step-daughter of the deceased. He is also survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Miller, of North Bend. Mr. Miller Sr until recently conducted a jewelry store there. Also by a brother and sister, Frank and Vera, at North Bend, a sister in Prescott, Ariz., and a sister at Bridgeton, Mich., the latter two being married.

Mr. Miller was a Christian Scientist and it is expected that the funeral services will be conducted by them.

Fearing an Accident.
Today, friends of Miller at North Bend recalled that a few weeks ago when he gave up his position in the mill to go to work in the mine that he gave as the reason the danger of accident. He is said to have intimated that he had a premonition that he was going to be killed and that the whirl of the machinery bothered him.

LIQUOR MEN HIT BY BILL

Restrictions to be Placed by Congress on Interstate Shipments by Express.

NO MORE C. O. D. PACKAGES

Railroad and Express Agents Must not Act as Agents for Liquor Houses.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 6.—After extended hearings, the Senate Committee on Judiciary, today agreed upon a bill dealing with the shipment of liquors from one State or territory to another State or territory.

The measure provides that where packages of liquor shipped in interstate commerce where fictitious names are used and that the name of the consignor and consignee shall be stated plainly. The provision is designed to eliminate the practice of railroad and express agents acting as agents of liquor houses.

JUMPS WITH CLOTHES AFIRE

Julia Isola Killed and Score Injured in New York Tenement this Morning.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, April 6.—One woman, Julia Isola, 22 years, lost her life and nearly score of men and women were injured, and as many more rescued from a four-story building which was destroyed by fire early today.

Julia Isola jumped from the fourth story after her night clothes had taken fire. A moment afterwards, firemen succeeded in raising an extension ladder and the other members of the family were removed safely. Most of the injured were forced to jump from windows.

BRYAN AND TAFT BUSY

Presidential Candidates Visit Denver and Omaha to Speak Tonight.

(By Associated Press.)
OMAHA, April 6.—Secretary W. H. Taft arrived this morning and was received at the station by General Gardner, commanding the Department of the Missouri, and his entire staff in full dress uniforms and by a local reception committee. Victor Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee, was the host at a luncheon at the Omaha club. Secretary Taft will deliver a lengthy address tonight.

BRYAN IN DENVER.

Democratic Presidential Candidate will Speak There Tonight.
(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, April 6.—William J. Bryan arrived in Denver today. He was accompanied from Colorado Springs by the reception committee. He was driven to the Denver University, of which Governor Buchtel is chancellor, where he made a non-partisan address. Later he lunched with the directors of the Bryan club. Eight hundred and fifty tickets have been issued for tonight's banquet at the Shriner's temple.

ROSEBURG MAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LEAP YEAR

Wants a Wife and so Writes to Postmaster at Peoria, Ill., Inviting Scaled Bids.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 6.—Earl Smith of Roseburg, Ore., has written Postmaster Lynch of Peoria, Ill., that he wants a wife and as this is leap year that he is open to proposals. He states that he has a nice little property in the suburbs and will be glad to hear from "ladies, widows or old maids matrimonially inclined." The letter has been published in a Peoria paper, and it is believed will bring him numerous answers and perhaps the desired wife.

WORKMEN RIOT NEAR SPOKANE

Austrian and Italian Laborers Engage in Bloody Battle Sunday.

TWO BADLY WOUNDED.

Over Fifty Shots Fired Upon Unarmed Austrians who Leave Camp.

(By Associated Press.)
SPOKANE, Wash., April 6.—In a riot between the Italian and Austrian laborers in a railroad camp southwest of Sprague yesterday, the Italians fired fifty shots. The Austrians appeared unarmed.

Mike Tonish, foreman of the Austrians, was shot perhaps fatally, and Jos Jurje was shot through the arm.

Three Italians were taken to Ritzville for trial. The Austrians have quit the camp.

WISH TO END MINE STRIKE

Effort Being Made to Resume Operations of Coal Mines in the East.

(By Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, April 6.—The operators of the central competitive field, consisting of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, gathered here today for a conference with the representatives of the United Mine Workers of America to take initial steps to revive the interstate wage agreement by issuing a call for a joint convention to fix the wage scale for the four districts are to be based. A proposition to resume operations pending the settlement of the wage scale will be discussed. Over 250,000 men are out.

Meet in Kansas City.
(By Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, April 6.—The southwestern coal operators and miners representatives are in conference this afternoon to discuss a new wage scale affecting 25,000 men now out. Both sides are confident that an amicable settlement will be reached.

BLOOD MARKS LISBON ROAD

Troops Fire on Mob in Election Riots with Fearful Results—Details Kept Secret.

(By Associated Press.)
LISBON, Portugal, April 6.—There has been much rioting in Lisbon the past few days as a result of the election turmoil.

Last night, the troops fired on the mob and it is believed that many were killed and wounded. The officials refuse to give out any information.

One observer says that the streets were red with blood after the crowd had departed, carrying the victims with them.

RELATIVES VISIT AFTER 30 YEARS SEPARATION.

Peter Brockman of Big Creek Sees Sister After Long Interval of Time.

Peter Brockman, a rancher on Big Creek and formerly in charge of the light house at Cape Arago, has been enjoying a visit from a sister whom he had not seen for more than thirty years. The sister now holds an important position in the family of E. H. Harriman, the railroad king, and came West with them recently to San Francisco where they have been visiting. While the Harriman family was there, she took advantage of the opportunity of coming to see the brother from whom she had long been separated. It is needless to say that the reunion of the two was a most joyous one even though the visit had to be comparatively short.

SNAKES—We got 'em. Coos Bay Cash Store.

EVELYN NESBIT THAW BEGINS SUIT TO ANNUL MARRIAGE

FORM TRUCE IN CONGRESS

Democrats and Republicans Quit Rowing Long Enough to Pass One Bill.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 6.—A truce between the Democrats and Republicans for a time was declared today when, under a suspension of the rules, the house took up for consideration and passage the Sterling employers' liability bill. The Democrats broke out into loud applause when the reading of the measure was concluded. The Democrats applauded Representative Henry of Texas when he said that the bill was a meritorious one and constitutional and that not a Democratic vote would be recorded against it. The vote was 300; yeas, one; Littlefield of Maine casting the negative vote.

The president has sent the nomination of John S. Leech, Illinois, to be public printer to the senate.

SHOOTS GIRL; KILLS HIMSELF

Samuel L. Gardner of Pittsburg Suburb, Driven Insane by Loss of Job.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, April 6.—Samuel L. Gardner, a prominent resident on Church Avenue of McKees Rocks, 7 suburb, shot and killed Dorothy Bradley, sixteen years old, and fired a bullet into his own head with probably fatal effect. Gardner, aged fifty, lost his position last month and it is believed that brooding brought on insanity.

It developed late today that Gardner, who has a wife and several grown children, has been infatuated with the Badney girl for a long time. It is said that he was enraged last night when Miss Badney went to church with a young man. Gardner left home this morning, purchased a revolver and went directly to the kitchen of the Badney home where Dorothy and her mother were engaged in household duties. Walking straight to the young girl, he pressed revolver to her breast and fired one shot through her heart. The mother attempted to seize Gardner but he escaped her, ran to his own residence, next door, and shot himself.

CAUGHT UNDER FALLING WALL

Scores, Mostly German Waiters, Crushed by Collapse of London Buildings.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, April 6.—Two old tenement houses on Castle street collapsed early this morning. It is believed that forty people, mostly German waiters, were buried under the debris.

Up to noon, eight bodies and twenty injured persons were taken out and it is believed that a number more are still amidst the ruins.

The accident was due to weakened foundations caused by excavating for an adjoining building.

TEN PER CENT CUT IN WAGES IN EAST.

Over 125,000 Mill Hands near Boston will have Salaries Reduced Next Monday.

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, April 6.—On next Monday, 125,000 mill hands will be working under a wage reduction of ten per cent.

RACE RIOT IN ATLANTA.

Police Reserves Called Out to Stop Fracas in Georgia.
AUGUSTA, Ga., April 6.—The police reserves were called out here today to quell a riot among the negroes

Declares that Harry K. Thaw was Insane at Time of Solemnizing Nuptials.

FILES ACTION IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Papers in Proceedings Served on Defendant in Prison Several Weeks Ago.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, April 6.—Counsel for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw today filed in the Supreme Court a suit for the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw on the ground that Thaw was insane at the time of her marriage.

Papers in the proceedings were served on Thaw several weeks ago. There has been more or less gossip for sometime to the effect that Mrs. Thaw would sue for a divorce. In this connection, it was claimed that Thaw's family agreed to give her \$250,000 to leave him.

It will be remembered that Thaw is now at the New York asylum where he was confined after his acquittal on the charge of murdering Stanford White, the jury finding that Thaw was insane when the crime was committed. Thaw gave as his reason for murdering White that the latter had wronged Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

BOMBS THROWN IN NEW YORK

Effort Made to Destroy Pier and Equipment of Construction Company Futile.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, April 6.—An effort to destroy the pier and equipment of the McClintock-Marshall Construction Company, which is constructing a new pier for the White Star line at West Seventeenth street, was made last night. Two bombs were exploded but the damage was not great. No one was injured.

HOLD MEETING ON SATURDAY

C. M. Idleman Will Speak in Behalf of H. M. Calk in Marshfield this Week.

Dr. E. Mingus today received a message from W. M. Calk, who is managing the campaign of H. M. Calk for the republican leadership for United States senator from Oregon, stating that C. M. Idleman, former attorney general of Oregon will speak in Marshfield Saturday night. Also that Mr. Idleman would advocate Statement No. 1 and urge Mr. Calk's election.

It is presumed that H. M. Calk was unable to make his tour of southwestern Oregon on account of the death of his father, Dr. Calk, in Portland a few days ago.

Dr. Mingus arranged this afternoon for the Odd Fellows' hall for the meeting to be held in. A chairman has not been selected. Dr. Mingus is opposed to Statement No. 1 but the arrangements for the meeting fall to him on account of his position as states committee man.

George Brown of Roseburg, candidate for the republican nomination for district attorney in Coos Bay today in behalf of his candidacy. He has not arranged to make any speeches. He says that the situation looks good to him despite the claims of his opponent, W. W. Calk.

SIX TORPEDO BOATS REACH SUNDAY TODAY.

Vessels Beat Schedule Time One Day in Trip Up Pacific Coast.

(By Associated Press.)
MAGDALENA BAY, April 6.—Six torpedo boats arrived at Sunday, one day ahead of schedule. The Arethusa has not yet arrived.

at Twelfth and Charles streets, Mac Freyeres, a negro, was fatally shot by the police.