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WORRY OVER EASTSIDE ROBBERY CAUSE OF JORDAN'S SUICIDE

Body Discovered in Isthmus Inlet Near Old Shipyard Dock This Morning.

LEFT NOTES TELLING WHY HE ENDED LIFE

Worry Caused Temporary Insanity That Resulted in Drowning Himself.

Chas. E. Jordan, Mayor of Eastside, was found drowned in Isthmus Inlet this morning.

The body was discovered about 10 o'clock by G. B. Stecke, who with others, had been searching and dragging the Bay since last night when he was first noticed to be missing.

Everything points to suicide, resulting from a temporary mental aberration as a result of worry over the disappearance of \$3080 of the funds of the city of Eastside from the safe there.

The first intimation of his probable fate came with the discovery of a note and will left by Mr. Jordan, in which he said that his body would be found in the Bay.

Made Out Will.

Last Saturday Mr. Jordan came to the office of Attorney George Watkins, city attorney of Eastside, and talked over the matter with him. He had visited Mr. Watkins almost daily since the crime at Eastside was discovered and talked with him about it and kindred affairs.

Saturday he acted rather peculiarly and finally said to Mr. Watkins: "I want you to make out my will; I am afraid this is making me go crazy."

Mr. Watkins said that he would, that it was a good thing to have his will made out, and said he would attend to it. Mr. Jordan insisted that it be done at once, but Mr. Watkins said it would take a little time by 3 or 4 o'clock. This was agreeable and Mr. Jordan said he would come over and sign it then.

Mr. Watkins then started in and talked with him, explaining why Mr. Jordan should not take it so seriously. He told him that of the hundred or more people he had talked with, not one intimated the slightest suspicion of Mr. Jordan being in any way responsible.

Mr. Jordan insisted that he, as Mayor, should have seen that the funds were promptly turned over by the recorder to the city treasurer, that he should have had the whole safe opened at once, etc. He said that some of the people were inclined to blame him and he feared that some might suspect him. He said that Leaton had intimated to some one that Jordan was responsible. He worried because of the possibility of suspicion against him because he knew the combination.

However, after Mr. Watkins had talked with him for a while, he seemed to feel better and finally went home, saying that he might not be back in the afternoon for the will.

Just before he went away, he remarked that Mr. Watkins had always been a good friend of his and that he had more confidence in him and Judge Hall than anyone else and in case anything happened to him, he wanted them to see that "the little woman" (his wife) was properly cared for.

Worried Greatly.

Saturday Mr. Jordan also visited with Marshal Carter and talked with him about the affair. He told about the anguish it had caused him and said that he had not been able to sleep. He talked at length about it.

Tom Hall and Chas. Hickox also talked with him and today recalled that he acted strangely, indicating that his mind had given way under the strain. He laughed constantly.

Today it was stated that he had told a number that he was just a bunch of nerves and couldn't stand it. Someone suggested that he take a little trip and forget it, but he said he couldn't do that because someone would be sure then to suspect him of wrong-doing.

Left About \$10,000.

Mr. Jordan was comfortably fixed although not rich. He came to Coos Bay in the early 70's and worked

VERDIGT AND JORDAN NOTES

Coroner's Jury Decides He Drowned Himself—Farewell Notes and Will.

This afternoon after hearing the testimony of Dr. George E. Dix and Rube Cavanaugh, the Coroner's Jury brought in a verdict that Mayor Chas. E. Jordan of Eastside, came to his death by drowning and that they "further found that his death was premeditated and by his own choice and will."

The notes and will left by Mayor Jordan were read to the jury. They were found by R. L. Cavanaugh in the barn. All were written on different pieces of paper with pen and ink, except that the note that his body would be found in the Bay was written with a lead pencil at the bottom of the first. These were as follows:

His Last Statement.

This is my last statement before I leave this world. I made three fatal mistakes. I should have asked Soc. Leaton if there was any money in the safe. When Nelson opened the safe, I should have looked at the inside lock. When Leaton Sr. came and told me there was money in the safe, I should have put a guard over the safe. I have neglected to protect myself. The disgrace that it has cast upon me and my administration, I can't stand it. I feel that I will go crazy. Recorder Leaton is to blame for this. I hope he will be brought to justice. Tell the public that I am not guilty of any wrongdoing, only a poor victim to a chain of queer circumstances. The strain on my nerves is terrible.

(Signed) CHAS. E. JORDAN.

You will find my body in the Bay.

His Last Will.

This is my last will and testament. I give everything I have to my beloved wife, Sarah Jordan, and I appoint her sole administrator without bonds.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1913.

(Signed) CHAS. E. JORDAN.

Letter to Wife.

Dear Sally: Try and forgive me if you can. You know how nervous and sensitive I am. I can't stand it any longer. Telegraph for Bob.

for years in the old Dean mill as trimmerman, and later worked in the Bay City mill in the same capacity. He was about 65 years old. His health compelled him to give up the work a number of years ago, but since then he has kept poultry, cows and a garden, from which he has enjoyed a comfortable income.

Mr. Jordan married Mrs. Dunbar a number of years ago. They had no children but she had five children by a previous marriage, most of whom reside in California.

It is estimated that he was worth about \$10,000.

Body Disfigured.

The body was badly disfigured, crabs having eaten away the flesh from the head, face and hands. If the body had remained in the water much longer, it would have been totally disfigured.

Dr. Geo. E. Dix was called in and after examining the body testified he had found no trace of foul play.

Coroner's Inquest.

Coroner Fred Wilson summoned E. A. Stonecypher, Frank Pray, W. H. Cavanaugh, A. Horton, Pat Dalton and John Tellefson, all of Eastside, as a coroner's jury.

Owing to the absence of any indication of foul play, he decided not to call many witnesses.

Heart in Eastside.

Mr. Jordan has been mayor of Eastside for a long time and his heart was in his work. He looked after the town's affairs like a father would after his children.

While he owned his home and some other real estate, he had some

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WILSON ANNOUNCES U. S. ATTITUDE AWAIT ELECTION RETURNS IN MEXICO BEFORE NEXT MOVE

Declares the United States Will Never Again Seek to Secure Additional Territory by Conquest.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 27.—President Wilson announced to the world today that the governing motive of the United States in its relations with countries in this hemisphere would be "in morality, not expediency. I want to take this occasion to say that the United States will not again seek to secure one additional foot of territory by conquest."

The President in his speech delivered a veiled attack on what he termed the "unmaterial interests" that had influenced the foreign policy of some governments in their relations with the nations of Latin America. Though he did not mention Mexico, his address was interpreted as an arraignment of those financial interests which it is charged secured in some instances recognition for Huerta. The President declared it to be the duty of the United States to assist nations in this hemisphere in an "emancipation" from the material interests of other countries.

MEXICANS WOULD NOT SALUTE THE PRESIDENT.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 27.—The future entertainment of President Wilson, who is here to open the Southern Commercial Congress, was a harbor trip today. As the revenue cutter Windon, with the President and his party on board, proceeded, a steamer flying the Mexican flag was noticed lying near a British freighter. No acknowledgement of the presence of the President of the United States was made by the Mexican. The British steamer dipped its flag as the revenue cutter passed.

The President spoke extemporaneously. He said he would speak of our present and prospective relations with our neighbors to the south. He said the future was going to be different for this hemisphere from the past. Those states lying to the south which have always been our neighbors would be drawn closer to each other by common ties of understanding. He said "You hear of concessions to capital in Latin America, but don't hear of concessions to foreign capital in the United States. They are granted no concessions. They are invited to make investments, but this invitation is not a privilege. And states that are obliged to grant concessions are in a condition which foreign interests are apt to make intolerable. And it is an emancipation from this inevitable subordination which we deem it our duty to assist in."

The President left Mobile this afternoon for the return trip to Washington.

SEX HYGIENE IN CHICAGO

Physicians Engaged to Deliver Lectures to High School Students in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—Sex hygiene, as a part of the regular curriculum of Chicago's High Schools, was inaugurated today when six lectures on the subject were delivered in five institutions. Physicians have been appointed to make the lectures. The boys and girls are addressed in segregated meetings.

RESTRICTS RED LIGHT DISTRICT

Congress Adopts Des Moines Plan for Segregation Immoral District.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The Kenyon bill to eliminate Washington's segregated district passed the Senate today. It now goes to the House, where it failed last Congress. It follows Des Moines' plan for infusions against owners of property used immorally. It makes them liable for the abatement of disorderly places. "Prominent wealthy men own the places and get inordinate rents," Senator Kenyon said.

MYRTLE POINT TRACT OPENED

Part of Siskiyou Forest Reserve to be Opened for Homesteads Soon.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 27.—A small tract of the Siskiyou National Forest will be thrown open to settlers either by drawing or by homesteading, according to word received in the Roseburg Land Office. The number of sections is not given, and further particulars will not be given until President Wilson signs the proclamation. The land lies between Myrtle Point and Langlois. None of the land lies south of townships 31

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IDENTIFICATION IS DIFFICULT

Seven Bodies Removed From Dawson Mine Last Night—None Are Identified.

DAWSON, N. M., Oct. 27.—Rescue men spent their energies today in attempting to remove bodies from mine No. 2 of the Stag Canyon Fuel Company, where the dead are buried under wreckage. The total number of recovered bodies is now 162. Of the seven brought from the mine since midnight, not one has been identified. The task of identification momentarily grows more difficult, and it is believed now that of the 161 bodies remaining in the mine, but few will be identified.

TELEGRAPHERS MAY STRIKE

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 27.—A strike of 15,000 telegraphers of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway system was threatened today when General Manager W. A. Webb refused to consider the telegraphers' demands until December 15th. The men's committee said the telegraphers would decide whether to strike within twenty-four hours.

OREGON WATER LAWS ARE GOOD

PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—Declaring Oregon's irrigation system, so far as titles to water are concerned, superior to that of any other state, F. N. Newell, Director of the United States Reclamation Service and Chairman of the Committee appointed by the American Society of Civil Engineers to prepare a national water law, has obtained from H. Lewis, State Engineer, data for the use of the Committee. "I think Oregon's system will be the basis of a law which the Committee will urge Congress to pass," says Newell.

and 32 in Curry County. This action will be taken on recommendation of the forest service.

GOVERNMENT WINS IN ITALY

Election in Italy Results in Small Change in Personnel of Chamber of Deputies.

ROME, Oct. 27.—Further results of the Italian general elections confirm the government's victory and it is certain that the Premier will have a large majority of supporters in the Chamber of Deputies. The defeat of Prince Scionzion Borghesi, Radical, and the election of Leonida Bisolati Borghesi, leader of the Reformed Socialists, by only 400 majority over the revolutionary Socialist, Amilcare Cipriano, a former member of the Paris Commune, and the fact that Prince Teano Gastani, Radical, must go to a second ballot, have struck a heavy blow at the Radical Republican and Socialist coalition, led by Ernest Nathan, Mayor of Rome.

All Socialists, Republican and Catholic leaders were re-elected and thus the Chamber will continue with parties in much the same proportion as formerly.

PARCEL POST VIA STEAMER

Postoffice Department Will Route It All Via Portland Instead of Roseburg.

After November 24, the parcel post business to and from Coos Bay is to be handled between here and Portland by boat instead of being carried on the mail stage between here and Roseburg.

Some time ago Contractor Barnard served notice on the Postoffice department that he would not handle the parcel post business after December 1, claiming that the volume of it, added to the other mail, made it impossible to carry during the winter season over the bad roads.

Today Postmaster Curtis received a notice from the Department that bids are being asked from all steamers plying between Coos Bay and Portland for carrying the parcel post matter from November 24 to June 30. The bids are to be made on the pound basis for the 325-mile haul. The contractor will be required to furnish \$5000 bond.

Whether the parcel post business will be sent via each steamer or all given to one boat and thus weekly service afforded, is not stated.

WOULD ENLIST FOR SHORT TIME

Former Members of U. S. S. Oregon Desire to Make Trip Through Panama Canal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—Fifty former members of the crew of the famous battleship Oregon, petitioned Secretary of the Navy Daniels for permission to enlist for a period of sixty or ninety days when that vessel is sent through the Panama Canal in 1915. The petitioners are all Californians.

NOTICE.

I have made arrangements to purchase the Unique Pantatorium and all parties having claims against it must present same before November 1. JAY DOYLE.

England's Recognition of Huerta Extends Only Until After the Elections.

HUERTA RECEIVES 1540 OF 2000 VOTES

Germany Sends Warships to Mexican Coast—Administration Justified.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 27.—On the face of the meager returns from the Mexico elections and the apparent indications that a president had not been chosen, officials in Washington claimed today justification for the policy of this government for declining in advance to recognize the election as legal and fair, although nothing official has come to the administration here. It is the opinion that Huerta would retain his authority and the new congress would proclaim the election null and void. Definite announcement of the Huerta government of the election outcome is not looked for for several days.

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MEXICO ELECTION RETURNS IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 27.—The returns from yesterday's election may possibly be known within a week, but it is more likely that a fortnight will elapse before the count can be given to the public. Not even a good guess as to who will be chosen can be made now. Returns even from the nearby states are fragmentary. In the Federal capital the result may be known in a day or two.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO COMMUNICATE WITH GREY

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Before taking further steps regarding Mexico England intends to await the results of the elections and information as to the policy of the United States. The Associated Press was informed at the Foreign Office today that nothing further would be done without consultation with the United States. President Wilson expected to communicate with Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary, as soon as he determines his line of action, as recognition of Provisional President Huerta by England lasts only until the elections are concluded. England will then be free to consider proposals from the United States, with which she desires to work in harmony. In spite of reports to the contrary England has not initiated or participated in any exchange of views between the European powers in regard to Mexico.

BRITISH MINISTER WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The British Minister to Mexico did see some journalists, but in the course of the interview he made no reference of any sort or kind to the intentions or to the policy of the United States in regard to Mexico. The foregoing is the authorized statement issued today at the Foreign Office, where the officials have heard at length from the Minister, Sir Lionel Carden, on the divergent reports relative to his recent interview.

HUERTA WINS IN PIEDRAS NEGRAS

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Oct. 27.—Official returns of the Mexican election in Piedras Negras show 3765 for Huerta, 123 for Diaz and 3 for Frederico Gamboa.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the many friends whose kindly acts and words of sympathy were comforting in the hour of our sorrow over the death of our mother, Mrs. Elna Benson, and also for the beautiful floral offerings, we extend our heartfelt thanks. JOHN BENSON AND FAMILY.

Masquerade Dance at Eckhoff Hall Saturday, Nov. 1; given by North Bend Band.