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SUICIDE OF MR. SCHIMPF

Prominent Young Astorian Ends His Life With the Fatal Pistol.

TWO SHOTS WERE FIRED

No Cause Assigned to Rash Act That Closed the Career of Wealthy and Popular Citizen.

Emil Schimpff, manager of the North Pacific Brewing company, shot himself through the head yesterday morning in a fit of despondency. The ball passed through the skull and death was instantaneous. The body will be shipped tonight to Scranton, Pa., the former home of the deceased, where it will be buried.

When a telephone message was received yesterday from the brewing establishment conveying the news that Manager Schimpff had blown out his brains, people who knew him scouted the story as absurd. Jovial and beloved by all with whom he came in contact, he was the last man in the world one would consider a suicide, and the story of his death was discredited. His friends insisted that some mistake had been made, but it was not long before the lifeless body was taken to the morgue. Coroner Pohl summoned a jury and an inquest was held during the afternoon. The jurors were Thomas Ryrie, David Alrith, Richard Cearnis, J. H. Hansen, A. E. Minard and O. A. Cole. The witnesses examined were Dr. A. A. Finch, Joseph Schamberger and Leo E. Schimpff, the latter a brother of the deceased.

The evidence adduced at the inquest threw but little light on the causes leading up to Mr. Schimpff's rash act. Messrs. Schamberger and L. E. Schimpff testified that deceased had been despondent for several days past, and that his condition was due to worry over the pending trial of C. H. Beckwith, bookkeeper at the brewery, whose accounts were recently discovered to be short. The surety company which had guaranteed his bonds was prosecuting the bookkeeper, and Manager Schimpff necessarily was compelled to secure evidence against the accused. This worried him greatly, and frequently to friends he said that he deplored his connection with the matter. Up to Sunday he had appeared very gloomy, but on Sunday he seemed in excellent spirits. He went to the brewery yesterday morning and was quite jolly, and there was no intimation of what was to follow.

Shortly after 5 o'clock Manager Schimpff left the office and went to a barber shop across the street. On his return he walked out of the office and was not seen again until his body was found in the hayloft of the stable at the brewery. He had gone to the loft, removed his coat and vest, seated himself on some loose hay and placed the muzzle of the revolver in his temple. Examination of the weapon showed that the first three shells failed to explode. Presumably the fourth shell did not miss fire, but whether this bullet or the fifth ended the career of the young man will never be known. Mr. Schamberger heard the two shots and supposed some one was shooting on the tracks at the rear of the brewery. He made search of the premises and found the body lying on the floor of the loft.

The news of the tragic end of Mr. Schimpff caused a sensation. To all the local business men he was known as a bright and successful young man, and enjoyed deserved popularity. That he should have had cause to kill himself was never for a moment believed, and his friends are confident that he was suffering from temporary aberration of the mind when he took his life. On every hand the most profound sorrow was expressed, for during his brief residence here the young man had made hosts of friends. He was 33 years of age, a native of Scranton, and unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Schimpff had been visiting him and are still in the city. The terrible affair has completely prostrated them.

All sorts of absurd stories have gone the rounds since the shooting. On the streets it has been stated that Manager Schimpff himself was short in his accounts, and that Mr. Beckwith was in jail to shield the real culprit. Other stories were current to the effect that Mr. Schimpff had been arrested. These stories were, of course, false. The president of the accountant is the circumstance that turned the mind of the manager and prompted the suicide. Scores of friends called at the morgue last evening to view the remains, which will be interred at Scranton. Deceased was quite wealthy and owned a large interest in the North

BETRAYAL OF TRUST

Colombian Minister Obtained Information in a Manner That Riled Senator Morgan.

Washington, Feb. 16.—There were no details on the statehood bill today. The Indian appropriation bill and the Philippines currency bill were both passed.

Vest, while the Indian bill was up, called attention to a point of order which had been made against one of its provisions on the ground that it was new legislation. The senate, he said, had passed the Philippines bill as a rider to the army appropriation bill and yet ruled other provisions out. All rules he said, were violated when a majority was in favor of a measure. Morgan spoke on the question of the privilege of regarding a dispatch, which recently appeared in the press purporting to be signed by the Colombian minister to Mexico, Senor Rafael Reyes, in which Senor Reyes took exception to an alleged statement by Morgan in the senate that the Colombian president had sold out and abdicated for \$1,000,000.

Morgan declared that there was a betrayal of the senate in the matter of what transpires at an executive session and that Senor Reyes had violated a principle of diplomacy when he obtained information surreptitiously from persons false to their trust.

BAER WAS ILL

Noted Operator Suffered Collapse After Addressing the Commission Last Thursday.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—An act on the part of George F. Baer, president of the Reading Railway company, which was held by many to be discourteous to the miners' counsel in the strike hearing, was explained by the news that for the last three days he had been ill in Atlantic City. He was taken ill after finishing his address before the commission on Thursday and at noon he left the room in the federal building, in which the hearing was held, and through his chief opponent, Clarence S. Darrow, began his address in the afternoon, he did not appear.

It has developed that Mr. Baer went to Atlantic City in a state of physical collapse. His address before the strike commission was more or less of an impassioned nature, and it wore greatly on his nerves. Had he been in good health when he began so great an exertion, it doubtless would not have affected him. Inasmuch as he fought off an attack of the grip in order to speak, the strain caused a break down. Three days in Atlantic City enabled Fr. Baer to throw off the ill effects of both grippe and nervous strain. He returned to his home, No. 1317 Spruce street, yesterday, and though he had not fully regained his strength he was much improved and will be at his office at the Reading terminal today.

COMING WEST

Train of Three Sections Loaded With Eastern People Seeking Homes in the Golden West.

Everett, Feb. 16.—The Great Northern superintendent's office here states that a westbound overland in three sections is on its way carrying 1500 settlers for Pacific coast points. The train is scheduled to arrive here Tuesday evening.

WILL MARRY SMOOT'S NEPHEW

Sister of Mormon Murderer Arrives in New York.

New York Feb 16.—Miss Mary Young sister of William Hooper Young, arrived yesterday on the steamship Philadelphia. Miss Young is the fiancée of Harold Eldredge, a nephew of Senator-elect Reed Smoot of Utah. The wedding is expected to take place in this city in the spring, three weeks before that of John Young, the young woman's father.

Miss Young could not be found at any of the hotels. At No. 103 West Fifty-eighth street, where John W. Young formerly lived and where the murder of the Pulitzer woman was committed, it was said last night that the Young family had left the house, the furniture being moved out on Saturday.

ANTI-TRUST BILL REPORTED

Washington, Feb. 16.—The senate committee on judicials today concluded its consideration of the Littlefield anti-trust bill and decided to report it to the senate with a number of very important changes were made in connection with sections seven and eight, of the house bill for which the senate committee will recommend complete substitutes.

NO CHANGE IN CONTEST

If Fulton Maintains His Present Strength His Election Is Assured.

BILLS TO PROTECT EMPLOYES

House Defeats by Close Vote the Measure to Pension Widows of Guards Slain by Escaped Convicts.

Salem, Feb. 16.—The last week of the legislative session opened with no change in the senatorial situation.

There are two propositions upon which all agree that a senator will be elected, and that if Fulton can hold his present strength until the last hour of the fight he will win. The problem lies in a possible unification and cementation of the opposition. Thus far the opposition, consisting of the Multnomah delegation and the supporters of Geer have not been able to come together.

Strenuous efforts to that end will be made in the next three days. An election may occur before the last night, but it is not expected.

Aside from the temporary defections from the strength of the various candidates, due to absences and pairs, there was no change in today's vote. The Multnomah delegation again demonstrated its ability to get together by casting 17 votes for George H. Williams. Senator Smith was among the absentees and Representative Nottingham voted for W. D. Fenton as usual. Jones of Lincoln was on hand today, but if he is destined to land in the Fulton camp he is not ready as yet, for he voted as has been his daily custom, when present, for Blinger Hermann. Representative Hume likewise continues on the fence, and today he flung his usual floral offering at the feet of D. J. Malarky.

Following is the vote:
Fulton 32
Geer 15
Wood 17
Scatterling 3
Absent and paired 9

The senate today passed three labor bills to prohibit blacklisting, to punish deception in securing employees, and to protect employees in their right to join or not to join labor unions.

The house this afternoon shelved the bill to appropriate \$300,000 to pay veterans of the Indian war of 1855 and 1856 for services rendered, by indefinitely postponing action thereon. The committee that had the bill in charge reported adversely, although it had already been passed by the senate. A committee of the Indian war veterans has been in Salem endeavoring to secure some financial aid, either through the general appropriation bill or by a special bill. As was stated by Davey, who introduced the bill, the sentiment of the house is against the passage of more appropriation bills, and it was almost unanimously that the house postponed taking a vote.

Marion county arose in defense of La Follet's bill for the relief of Susan E. Jones, Edna Tiffany and Sylvia Ferrell, widows of the penitentiary guards who were killed during the outbreak of Tracy and Merrill, but the house, still with an eye to economy, voted it down in committee of the whole. The bill provided that each of the widows should be given \$2000. The house in committee of the whole refused to adopt the section appropriating the money by a vote of 23 to 21 and so reported back.

STUDENT WHIST PLAYERS CHASED UP BROADWAY

Yale Men Leave Hotel in a Hurry to Catch Train and Are Followed byirate Proprietor.

New York, Feb. 16.—Nine members of the senior and junior classes at Yale, who came here Saturday to play whist against Columbia, had a more lively time than they expected, before they finally caught the midnight train for New Haven. They were chased up Broadway by an alarmed hotel proprietor and finally stopped by a policeman who emptied his revolver in the air. It was all because they wanted to go home on the 11 o'clock train and started for it so near the hour that it was a case of sprint or lose. They lost.

After defeating Columbia in the afternoon they continued playing whist in the evening at the Victoria hotel and were so interested that they did not notice the time until 10:45. They got into their overcoats in a jiffy and dashed pell mell down the stairs.

The last man had his overcoat tucked under his arm and it looked as if he was concealing something. The proprietor of the Victoria was sure his

WINDY CITY CENTER OF A RAGING BLIZZARD THAT CAUSES GREAT DEAL OF SUFFERING.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Seven inches of snow on the level, accompanied by a gale reaching a velocity of more than 40 miles an hour, ushered in a cold wave which sent the mercury close to the zero mark this morning. The traction and steam railway service, telegraph and telephone wires are suffering from the heavy fall of snow. Loss of life was less than anticipated, one person, so far as known having succumbed. An unidentified man was frozen in a snowdrift down town.

ALL TRAFFIC IS BLOCKADED

At Other Points Cattle and Sheep Are Dying by the Hundreds—No Relief in Sight.

The cold wave which at midnight reached 12 degrees above, gradually increased in intensity until 4 above was reached early in the day. Trains due from the west and southwest were more or less delayed. The service between Chicago and Omaha has been the most seriously affected. The overland limited on the Chicago & Northwestern, due yesterday morning at 6 o'clock did not arrive until late this afternoon. The one due this morning is now scheduled to arrive tomorrow morning. Trains on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul are from one to three hours late, while those from the northwest are more or less delayed. The Burlington train from the southwest due at 6:30 this morning will not arrive until 8 o'clock tonight. The Chicago and Alton trains from St. Louis are over two hours late.

HONORED AFTER DEATH

Aged Prospector, Civil War Veteran and Relative of General Miles.

Marysville, Cal., Feb. 16.—Albert Everson, the man who died from exposure during a snowstorm last Tuesday, while on his way to his lonely cabin, has been buried here with military honors. For years he had lived by himself, eking out a bare existence with a prospector's rocker. Not until after his death was it discovered that he was a veteran of the Civil war and former commander of a United States gunboat. It is also said that he was related by marriage to General Miles. His funeral expenses were guaranteed by the Merchants' National bank of New York.

DEATH IN A WELL

Seattle, Feb. 16.—H. A. Allen met death in a deep well on the Cawright place near Woodland Park this afternoon. He fell to the bottom of the well, a distance of 60 feet and as he fell his head struck an obstruction, causing death.

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