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SAVED FROM THE GALLOWES

Wounded Man Dies When Bacillus Diplocapulus-Aerogenes Gets Busy.

MURDER CHARGE WITHDRAWN

Intervention of Tiny Microbe Does the Double Duty of Killing Victim and Saving Assailant From Felony's Death.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Omaha, says: One tiny bacillus with a long name has intervened between Henry Foster and the hangman's noose. The microbe found its way into the wound of Thomas Gentleman, of Fremont, whom Foster shot. Death followed as a matter of course, for the bacillus is deadly, and is known to science as "bacillus diplocapulus-aerogenes." The hospital surgeons at Fremont declared that Gentleman had one chance in a thousand of recovery. This chance was eliminated when the microbe appeared. Because of this the county attorney is compelled to withdraw his charge of murder in the first degree.

Drapery Hid Exit.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Evidence to be used against any persons held to the grand jury has been obtained at the Iroquois theater by three detectives of the states attorney's office.

Eight doors and one piece of drapery were removed from the ruins and hauled to the criminal court building. Most of the doors bore evidence of having been locked. They are burned on one side and in a number of instances the doors were forced open and the locks broken. The door where the bodies of so many dead were found is among the pieces of evidence seized. Another piece of evidence is the drapery that concealed an exit on the first floor. Neither the door nor the drapery was burned.

EDUCATED JAPANESE COMMITS SUICIDE

Seattle, Jan. 13.—A. Horiki, a Japanese who has been in Seattle for several months, committed suicide according to the official Japanese code some time yesterday morning. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon his dead body was found lying on the floor of his room in a Japanese lodging house at 305 Fourth avenue south. He was disembowled and his throat was cut. He had committed harikari. Lying beside the body was a large knife, with which the injuries had been inflicted. The door to the room, which is the only means of entrance, was locked and the key was on the inside.

Horiki is the first Japanese in Seattle to end his existence by harikari. His motive is unknown. His friends say he was an educated man, liked by all the Japanese in the city, and so far as known without an enemy. In his pocket was found a bank book showing he had \$60 to his credit with a Japanese firm.

The suicide was well planned. Horiki first divested himself of all clothing but his undergarments. Then he put on his overcoat and tied a cord about his neck. From the condition of the wounds the blow in the center of the body was the first struck. He had fallen on the broad of his back and evidently had been dead for several hours. Harikari is the Japanese manner of atonement. Army and navy officers, if making a mistake of sufficient importance to demand an investigation by their superiors, are given choice, in many cases, of committing harikari or standing trial by court martial. When the alternative is given them, they are allowed several days to think the matter over and usually take their own lives.

For hundreds of years, the Japanese say, this has been an act of honor, and with army and navy officers removes from their name any stain which might otherwise attach, even to descendants, were another course pursued to atone for an overt act of official mistake. The custom from army and navy circles passed into civil practice, and back beyond the recollection of any of the white-haired natives of the empire it has been generally recognized as blotting out the past.

When a man in Japan finds himself in any difficulty from which he cannot extricate himself without leaving a stain upon his name he commits harikari, and the past is never again mentioned by any of his kin, no matter what the provocation may be.

There have been very few instances of harikari on the Pacific coast. Local Japanese recall but one case in Portland and one in San Francisco. When the method is adopted there is usually some great provocation.

The case of Horiki was investigated by Coroner Hoye. The fact of suicide being so evident it is not probable that an inquest will be held.

Troops Hurrying to War.

New York, Jan. 13.—The Japanese are leaving here and more than 100 have left Dalny in one day, says a Herald dispatch from Port Arthur. The Russians regard the Japanese seizure of Mukpho as probable with the object of making Russia fire the first shot. The trains from Europe are crammed with troops. It is reported that unknown persons have tried to set fire to coal stores at Harbin.

FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

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Exhibit Will Be One of Oriental Splendor and Will Be Paid for Out of the Coffers of the Celestial Empire.

St. Louis, Jan. 13.—China's exhibit at the world's fair will be a display of oriental splendor and will be made by the Chinese government proper, which is the first time in the history of the celestial empire that such a thing has been done. Funds for the exhibition will be appropriated from the imperial coffers at Peking, being secured largely through the influence of the Dowager Empress who is greatly interested in the exposition.

A shipment of building material and totem poles has arrived from Alaska and six native workmen are expected to arrive about the first of February to begin the erection of the two native structures surrounded by totem poles which will flank the main Alaska building.

Harbor Strike Spreading.

New York, Jan. 13.—The strike of workmen employed in the harbor is spreading, cables the Buenos Ayres correspondent of the Herald. Cart drivers have given their pledge to join the movement out of sympathy. Bakers and railway employes threaten to do likewise. Many vessels are idle at the docks.

Can Enter Duty Free.

New York, Jan. 13.—By a decision of the United States general apprais-

ers, the privilege of entry free of duty has been extended to practically everything imported in good faith on the order and for the use of any educational institution except ordinary furniture. The decision sustains eight protests made by a Chicago firm on the assessment of various rates of duty on a variety of articles imported for the use of schools and colleges. The firm claims free entry for the articles under a disputed provision of the tariff law.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH CHEATING THE MAILS

Seattle, Jan. 13.—Deputy United States Marshal F. M. Lathé yesterday afternoon placed under arrest Mrs. A. Swain, a woman 30 years old and took her to jail, on the charge of using the mails to further a fraudulent and swindling game.

The arrest was made in Judge Tallman's court room in the superior court where Mrs. Swain is a witness in a criminal case.

The scheme as outlined by the postal authorities is simple, ingenious and down-to-date. The woman is alleged to send out numerous circulars to men telling them that if they will send her 25 cents she will secure their being sent to Panama in one capacity or another. This prospect seemed alluring to many young men around the state, and the quarters came rolling at the Bremerton address to which the letters were to be sent.

After the money had been received the victims were sent a glowing pamphlet about Colombia, Panama and the whole Central American country. With this was inclosed the information that the concern was not sending any men down to Panama just now, but each address would be carefully kept and the summons sent at the first opportunity. Each victim therefore, represented 25 cents clear profit, save the two stamps used.

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