

SHOCKING SEQUEL TO TRIAL OF WHITTAKER WRIGHT

After Receiving a Sentence of Seven Years, Famous Promoter Retires From Court Room to Die.

Arranging Affairs for His Family at Time Death Claims Him--Court Accused of Being Unduly Influenced --Verdict Is Surprise.

London, Jan. 26.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon Whittaker Wright was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. At 4 o'clock he lay dead on the floor of a small room in the law courts. Whether he took his own life by poison, or whether death in its natural course robbed the law of its fulfillment, will not be known until the postmortem examination is held. Indications, however, point to poisoning.

Until nearly 8 o'clock tonight the body of the man who formerly had controlled many of the world's markets, and who had been courted by royalty, remained upon the floor of the room where he fell, for, as a convicted felon, Wright's person had become the property of the crown.

The home office finally gave permission for its removal, and the body was given over to the jurisdiction of the coroner. It now lies at Westminster mortuary. The inquest will probably be held on Thursday.

A feeling that Justice Bigham's conduct of the case was not very judicial appears to grow in the legal circles of London, and the sentence upon Wright, in itself, would have furnished England with an unexpected sensation.

When the jury filed in at 3 o'clock Wright showed his first signs of nervousness. Peering through his glasses he leaned forward to catch the foreman's answer. At the word "guilty," the crowd in the courtroom gasped in surprise. Wright was almost the only person present who appeared to be unmoved.

For some 20 minutes after his conviction Wright discussed his family affairs and the disposition of his remain-

ing moneys. He frankly expressed his amazement at the verdict.

Suddenly Wright fell backward, as if he had fainted. The officer who was waiting to take him to Brixton prison ran for a doctor. Wright's heart, however, began gradually to give out, and within one hour's time after he had been sentenced, Whittaker Wright was dead. An examination of the body tonight points to poison. A post-mortem examination will be held Wednesday.

JAPAN EXHIBIT EXPENSIVE ONE.

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—Kiyoshi Sugawa, director of the Japanese exhibition at the World's fair at St. Louis, who arrived here last Saturday, has left for the east, accompanied by his wife and two secretaries. The value of the exhibits of the association represented by Director Sugawa is said to amount to more than \$3,000,000.

TO DE FRAUD GOVERNMENT

Washington, Jan. 26.—Testimony designed to show the existence of a conspiracy to defraud the government was introduced today by the prosecution in the postal trial. From the moment the proceedings began until the court adjourned, an intense interest was manifested. The government, contrary to expectation, did not close its case today.

MANY LADIES HEAR BRYAN.

New York, Jan. 26.—Every seat in Madison Square Concert hall was taken tonight when William J. Bryan began his speech on "Moral Issue." In

the audience there were many women, while the body of the hall was more than half filled with clergymen. There was no presiding officer, Mr. Bryan being escorted to the platform, where he was greeted with prolonged applause. Bryan's address was mainly arraignment of "plutocrats" and the gold wing of the democratic party.

Burton Treats It Lightly.

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—United States Senator Burton, of Kansas, who was indicted Saturday by the federal grand jury on the charge of accepting money from the Rialto Grain & Securities Company for the alleged purpose of influencing postoffice authorities, arrived in St. Louis this afternoon. When asked if he desired to make a statement the senator said: "Not at the present time; I believe I have talked enough on the subject already."

The senator declared he was not at

ALL HOPE OF RESCUE OF ENTOMBED MINERS GONE

No Cause Assigned for Explosion That Results in Death of Nearly Two Hundred Men.

Pittsburg, Jan. 26.—After a night of suspense and uncertainty, made heart-breaking by the contradictory reports coming from around the pit of the mouth of the Harwick mine, where the fearful explosion occurred yesterday, the relatives of the 130 entombed miners were forced to the conclusion that all hope of life remaining in those below would have to be abandoned. Reports early in the night led the sorrowful watchers to believe that some of the men would be saved, and when about 2 o'clock word was passed around that Selwyn Taylor had been found alive, and that investigation of the heading beyond had shown that from 50 to 75 mines were still alive, there was much rejoicing, but these rumors were soon contradicted.

At 2:30 there was a call to "hoist above" and in a few minutes kind hands were taking the dead body of the mining engineer from the bucket and strong men bore him to the school house, where a place had been prepared for him. He was dead when found. So far only one of the miners who went down to work yesterday morning has been brought out alive. Selwyn Taylor, at the head of the first rescue party to reach the bottom, is dead. At 2 o'clock this morning George Hawatch, also of the rescue party, was brought to the surface. He is now at the school house and is still unconscious.

F. W. Cunningham, an inspector of mines for the Fourteenth district, Pennsylvania, made this statement as he came from the mine at 5 o'clock this morning:

"I explored the mine for a quarter of a mile. I'm positive that of all those who entered for work yesterday morning not one will be taken out alive. Scattered about are dead bodies of miners, dead mules, wrecked cars, tons of loose coal and slack. The force

all alarmed about the charge against him and was confident of a prompt acquittal.

STRENGTH OF THEIR FLEETS.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 26.—The naval service paper today prints a statement showing the strength of the respective fleets in Asiatic waters, and placed Russia and Japan on about an even footing. Russia predominating with heavy vessels and Japan with torpedo boats.

Senate on Panama.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The time of the senate today was again divided between the consideration of the Panama question and other subjects. There was only one speech on the canal and it was made by Stone, of Missouri. He contended that circumstances indicated a complicity on the part of the United States in the secession of Panama, and urged in the interest of the country's good name that all facts should be known.

Heyburn, of Idaho, made his first speech in the senate in support of a resolution introduced by himself prohibiting the railroad companies from taking up land in a solid body in lieu of land in forest reservations.

RAZOR AND REVOLVER USED BY HUSBAND IN ENDING LIVES OF SELF AND WIFE

Crime Unusual for Horror Committed at Early Morning Hour on Outskirts of Pendleton.

Letter Written by Woman Throws Only Light on Reason for Deed--Supposed Now by Officers That Deliberate Murder Is Followed by Suicide--Deed of Blood Committed on Way Home From Theater.

Pendleton, Jan. 26.—Because she had transferred her love from her husband to another, Mrs. John T. Brown was murdered at an early hour this morning. The perpetrator of the crime was the husband, who, after committing the deed, ended his own life. At least that is the only construction that can, at this time, be placed by the officials upon a crime unequaled for horror in this county.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Brown were found today on a hill south of where they had been living. It was supposed then that the awful deed had been premeditated by both, but later developments may prove otherwise.

Late this afternoon it was learned that Mrs. Brown had written a letter as follows:

"Dear Brother—When this reaches you I will be no more. I have found another man in Oregon I love better than my husband."

Her letter had been torn and thrown into the stove, but failed to burn and was picked out by the coroner and pasted together. It is believed now that the man murdered his wife and then killed himself.

Previous to finding this letter the following brief note, written by Brown, was found:

"Mr. Smith—Mrs. Brown and I are tired of life. You will find our bodies on the hills south or southeast of town. Send my effects to my mother, Mrs. M. A. Brown, Reinbeck, Iowa."

With this last little note, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown this morning, presumably about 2 o'clock, walked out of the house of E. L. Smith, where they had been living for the past two weeks, over the little plot of wheat lying just south of the house, to the top of the

hill, distant about 30 rods, and there Brown performed the work which sent both their lives to eternity.

With a 25-caliber revolver pressed lightly against his wife's bosom he pulled the trigger, but the little weapon proved of not sufficient force to take her life. She still lived. Drawing a razor from his pocket the husband cut her throat from ear to ear, and life ebbed out without a tremor, apparently.

Then, placing the revolver close to his ear, Mr. Brown pulled the trigger, and the death-laden bullet sped to the brain. But this was not sufficient, and from his pocket he extracted a box of poisonous pellets and swallowed three or them, to make death certain.

The last act of attention which the husband paid his wife was that of removing his overcoat, after cutting her throat, and spreading it gently over her. On her breast he placed four sealed letters, addressed respectively to the I. O. O. F. lodge, the A. O. U. W., Mrs. M. S. Whitman, of Pendleton, and Mrs. M. A. Brown, Reinbeck, Iowa.

When Mr. and Mrs. Smith arose this morning the latter went upstairs to call Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Failing to get any response to their knocking on the door, they entered and found the room unoccupied. Noticing letters on the dresser, they found the one instructing them as to the suicide. The authorities were notified, and Sheriff Taylor, with a deputy, hurried to the scene of the tragedy. Coroner Cole was notified and the bodies were brought to this city. In the rooms at the house were found letters addressed to Mr. Thomas Brown, Summerfield.

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P. A. STOKES

PORTLAND MAN CRUSHES HIS HEAD IN SWIMMING TANK

Portland, Jan. 26.—P. R. Baultbee this evening dived into an almost empty swimming tank at the Multnomah Club, and fractured his skull. It is thought he will not survive.

Baultbee had been boxing in the gymnasium and had gone into the bathing quarters to take a shower bath, and to plunge into the tank before dressing. He had taken the show-

er and, without noticing the fact that the swimming tank had been almost drained, ran out on the spring and dived. The tank is between 10 and 12 feet deep at this point, and Baultbee hit his head on the cement bottom, crushing his skull in a frightful manner. The young man is a recent arrival from Toronto, Canada, and is employed in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

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