

SAM SIMMONS PASSES AWAY

Well Known Portland Detective
Succumbs After an Illness of
Several Months.

ON FORCE FOR TWENTY YEARS

Became Sick Six Months Ago
and Finally Died as the Re-
sult of a Stroke of
Paralysis.

Portland Telegram: Captain Samuel Simmons of the detective force of the Portland police department, after being unconscious for two days, died at 10:30 o'clock this morning at his apartments in the police headquarters building. The remains were later removed to the chapel of the undertaking establishment of J. P. Finley. As yet no arrangements have been made for the funeral, which will be under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

Because of ill-health Captain Simmons had been unable to appear for duty for the past six months, but had not been seriously sick until last Sunday. Up to that time he was apparently strong, although suffering from stomach trouble. Until the last two days he was able to walk slowly about the streets. The final cause of death was a severe stroke of paralysis, which seized him Sunday noon. From then until his death he was unconscious.

Mrs. Simmons, his second wife, who for a number of years has been police matron, and their adopted daughter Margaret were with him.

Captain Samuel Simmons was 52 years old, and for the past 20 years had been connected with the police force of Portland. He was a pioneer peace officer. He was a native of Wisconsin, but at the age of 4 years crossed the plains with his parents in a covered wagon. His parents settled in the mining region of California, and after his public school education there he assisted his father prospecting. When he was about 30 years old he came to Portland, where he had since resided.

Six months after he came to this city he was appointed constable for the west side justice court. In that position he served for two years, and then received an appointment as a detective in connection with the police department. A year ago under Chief Hunt he was appointed as captain of detectives. He made an efficient officer. During his career as a peace officer he served under six chiefs of police—Samuel Parrish, E. W. Spencer, Charles H. Hunt, J. W. Minto, John Myers, L. W. Robertson and a second time under Mr. Hunt.

Aside from his wife and adopted daughter, Mr. Simmons leaves a sister, Mrs. Grace Porter, and a brother, William Simmons, both of San Francisco. It is not likely that funeral arrangements will be made until word can be had from them. When it was announced that the captain had passed away, the police court, under Judge Hogue, adjourned until tomorrow out of respect for the pioneer officer, all cases being continued. The members of the police department will undoubtedly take part in the funeral ceremonies, but nothing has been decided upon. If possible the funeral will be held

Sunday. Chief of Police Hunt has been asked to pick the pallbearers from his detective and police force.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. P. Anderson of Tacoma is in the city.

H. M. Bransford came over yesterday from Tokeland.

Senator and Mrs. Megler were down yesterday from Brookfield.

Miss Bush of Bay Center, Wash., was visiting in the city yesterday.

C. H. Wheeler, the well known timberman, was in the city yesterday.

E. R. White of Portland was among yesterday's arrivals at the Occident.

Timothy J. Kelly is reported to be quite ill as the result of a paralytic stroke.

Harrison L. Hamblet was among the passengers down on last night's express.

R. R. Wallace left yesterday for Louisville to attend the barbers' national convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Henry of Hillsboro are in the city. Mr. Henry is a prominent real estate man.

F. K. Bowen, representing Northrop Sturgis & Co. of Portland, passed through the city yesterday en route to southwestern Washington points.

ASSAULTED AN OFFICIAL.

Former Montana Officers Indicted by Federal Grand Jury.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 27.—A Miner special from Helena says that three indictments were returned by the federal grand jury today as the result of an altercation at the federal building last week, when Receiver Freeman of the United States land office was badly beaten by a number of assailants.

The indicted men are ex-Mayor Edwards, former Chief of Police Travis and Sam Goodman, who are charged with assault in the third degree.

CATHOLIC PRIESTS IN SESSION.

General Eucharistic Congress Brings Together Many Prelates.

New York, Sept. 27.—No event in the history of the Roman Catholic church in the United States ever brought together so many priests, prelates and members of the hierarchy as the third general eucharistic congress, which was opened today with solemn pontifical mass at St. Patrick's cathedral.

The pope, by special letter, commended the spirit of the congress. At the suggestion of Archbishop Farley, a message of thanks was sent to Pius X.

Victoria Hunter Is Lost.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 27.—Searching parties are still scouring the woods in the vicinity of Nanaimo, in the almost hopeless hope that Alfred Baker will still be found alive. Baker has been missing since Thursday last. He went hunting then, and separating from his companions near the Nanaimo lakes, agreed to meet them late in the afternoon at a selected point. He was not there, nor has any word since been had of him. It is feared that he has either perished from exhaustion or been devoured by bears, of which there are many in the hills in that locality. Half a dozen venturesome hunters have been lost this year in the vicinity of Shawnigan lake, but all of these have been found after two or three days' exposure on the hills.

Vesuvius Not So Active.

Naples, Sept. 27.—The eruption of Mount Vesuvius has greatly diminished. Stones ejected from the crater do not now rise over 150 feet.

PATENT MEDICINE POISON.

Cause of Ailments That Exist in Many Stomachs.

That alcohol can be produced by the chemical combination of its elements, without recourse to the fermentation of sugar, has been known to chemists since 1860, when it was first so prepared by Berthelop from acetylene. That substance was then expensive and difficult to obtain, but now that it may be made by simply moistening calcium carbide, which in turn is manufactured on a large scale by the electrical combination of lime and charcoal, this will produce a revolution in the alcohol industry, and the time is coming when it will be made by this synthetic process more cheaply than by fermentation and distillation.—Journal of Inebriety.

A note of alarm regarding patent medicines is now being sounded by many physicians to the effect that the alcohol used in their composition is simply a chemical combination, often of a most poisonous description. It is stated that large amounts of it are not the product of fermentation and distillation at all, but chemical products from such sources as are mentioned above.

Still further, we have known of saloonists, even in so-called first-class saloons, who ridicule the demand of their patrons for pure drinks, and declare they have on hand what is far better—referring to these chemical combinations. The issue has lately printed several statements from Barrels and Bottles, and other high liquor authorities, to the effect that there is practically not a wholesale liquor house in the country but doctors originally pure whiskey in its stock with all manner of cheap compounds, the most of them deleterious to the human stomach.—American Issue.

KIDNAPER PARDONED.

Young Man Was Only Tool in Hands of Others.

New York, Sept. 27.—Judge Aspinall, in the Kings county court has suspended sentence in the case of Antonio Cuozza, the Italian youth who recently pleaded guilty to the charge of kidnaping growing out of the abduction of Tony Mannic, the little son of a Brooklyn contractor. The judge declared his belief to be that the lad was made an instrument in the hands of older persons and promised him the protection of the country instead of sending him to prison.

GALE OFF LABRADOR.

Eleven Vessels Are Wrecked and Seven Sailors Drowned.

St. Johns, N. F., Sept. 27.—The steamer Virginia, from Labrador, reports that the coast was swept by a heavy gale last week and that 11 vessels, mostly laden with fish, were driven ashore, the greater portion being totally wrecked. Seven sailors were drowned.

LADY CURZON WORSE.

Report From Kent Says Her Ladyship's Condition Is Critical.

London, Sept. 27.—A dispatch from Walmer castle to a local news agency says:

"It is learned on good authority that Lady Curzon has undergone a change for the worse and that her condition is critical."

Missing Girl Located.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 27.—Lizzie Davis, the 16-year-old telephone operator, who disappeared 10 days ago simultaneously with W. A. Wolfe, a married man with a family of three

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