

## WAS NOT A SUICIDE

**Family Physician Claims Barney Shot Himself Accidentally.**

**WOULD TAKE BETTER AIM**

**Coroner However Holds That Banker Shot Himself—Inquest Will be Held in Several Days—Dead Man's Affairs Not in Hopeless Condition.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Though Chas. T. Barney, former president of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, whose sudden death from a gunshot wound startled his friends and the financial world generally, has been declared a suicide by the coroner, according to Dr. George A. Dixon, the family physician, one of the first doctors to be summoned, Mr. Barney's last words to him were, "Doctor, this was accidental."

Dr. O'Hanlon, the coroner's assistant who afterward extracted the bullet, also holds the opinion that Mr. Barney did not kill himself intentionally. "It seems to be practically impossible," he said, "that a man should kill himself in such a way. Judging from Mr. Barney's characteristics his physique and his determination I cannot believe that he shot himself in such a way. He would have taken better aim. This is not a case of suicide."

Mr. Hanley, head of the homicide department of the district attorney office, who was sent for by George L. Nichols, counsel for Mr. Barney shortly after the shooting, held the same view.

Coroner Julius Harburger, on the other hand, states positively that it is a clear case of suicide.

"It could have been nothing else," said Mr. Harburger. "Mr. Barney shot himself and there can be no doubt about that. I believe he shot himself because of the last few days judging from all the circumstances surrounding the case."

A third view is held by a number of other persons. These say that Mr. Barney was holding the pistol in front of him preparatory to raising it to shoot, when it accidentally went off.

However, Mr. Barney's friends all admit that his embarrassed financial condition greatly worried him; that he had lost ambition and they assert that if he committed suicide, as it appears he did, he committed the act in a weak moment of despondency.

Martin and Nichols, counsel of Mr. Barney, have given out a statement of Mr. Barney's finances in which they say:

"While Mr. Barney was financially embarrassed his embarrassment was only temporary. His property consisted largely of real estate and the stocks of banks and trust and realty companies, which could not be sold under existing conditions except at enormous sacrifices. All of his creditors had been seen and had signified their entire willingness to extend the payment of his obligations for a sufficient period to enable his assets to be converted into cash. In order to accomplish this a plan had been prepared involving the transfer of all of his assets to a corporation which should issue its obligations to the creditors, such obligations to be indorsed by Mr. Barney. This plan had been approved by all of the creditors to whom it had been submitted."

"As a preliminary to submitting such a plan to the creditors, an examination

of Mr. Barney's books and affairs was made by an outside expert accountant. This examination shows that, on the basis of the present low market values both of real estate and securities, the assets of Mr. Barney exceeded all his liabilities of every kind by the sum of \$2,517,317.

"The total indebtedness of every kind of Mr. Barney to the Knickerbocker Trust Company is less than \$375,000, a considerable portion of which is entirely contingent and in respect to which he had no direct liability. The sum of \$375,000 includes about \$65,000 which is the total amount in which he is indebted to that company on underwritings. Mr. Barney is obligated on no other underwritings."

Two years ago, it is understood, when Mr. Barney drew up his will, he had an estate worth over \$9,000,000, above all encumbrances. The body was embalmed last night and no autopsy will be performed as the coroner has already determined that he killed himself. The coroner will hold an inquest on Nov. 26. The funeral will be held either tomorrow or the day after. Mrs. Barney early today was reported as still suffering severely from the nervous shock caused by her husband's death. A physician was in attendance.

### MUST HAVE CONSENT.

**Navy Officer Can't Marry Unless Secretary Says Yes.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—A despatch to the Tribune from Washington, D. C., says: Ensign Metcalf, son of the secretary of the navy, is in a dilemma. He is engaged to marry Miss Butters, but is amenable to the rules of the navy that no officer may wed without the consent of the secretary. If the young man ignores the advice and weds before he is a lieutenant, he is liable to be court-martialed and dismissed.

"When Ensign Metcalf talks matrimony with his father, the boss of the navy always has it understood whether he is being addressed as secretary of the department or head of the family."

As father of the young man, Mr. Metcalf is willing to say "God bless you, go ahead." But as secretary of the department, with the interest of the navy at heart, and the established rule that ensigns are a bit under paid to sail matrimonial seas, the secretary says: "No, young man, you had better wait till you are at least a lieutenant."

Then, as the young man's father, he is in a position to sympathize with him and tell him what a hard hearted department it really is that compels a young officer to wait until he is lieutenant.

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### HILL WILL SPEAK.

**Railroad Magnate to Address Banquet Next Tuesday.**

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 15.—James J. Hill, the railroad magnate of St. Paul, will be the principal speaker at the annual John J. Hayes Treaty banquet to be given by the Commercial Club in this city on the evening of November 19.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson, who was invited to speak at the banquet, declined because of a conflicting engagement. Among the other speakers will be three members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, two prominent railroad men and an officer of the U. S. Army.

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## MARINE MOVEMENTS

**Bar Bound Fleet Breaks up and Speeds to Sea.**

**THREE ARRIVED YESTERDAY**

**Geo. W. Elder Leaves Out for the Bay City—Queen Louise Enters—Two French Barks in From Europe—Other Ships Off the Port—Notes.**

The four-masted schooner King Cyrus got away over the bar yesterday morning at 8:50 o'clock, bound for the Bay City with a big load of lumber.

The four-masted schooner Annie M. Campbell, lumber laden for San Pedro, was another of the getaways yesterday, leaving out on the morning flood.

The Portland-Taiatic steamship Alesia, which has been bar-bound in the lower harbor for 48 hours, left out yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, for China.

The O. R. & N. steamer Harvest Queen came down the river at an early hour yesterday morning and started back almost at once, with the cement laden barge Kikikit, and the schooner Salva, on her hawlers, the former for Portland and the latter for Hoffman's Landing.

The big steamship Lyra went over the bar yesterday morning on her long "round-the-Horn" trip to New York, after two days' detention waiting for a passable bar.

The French bark Brizeau is still at anchor in the lower harbor but will likely get out this morning on her voyage to the United Kingdom.

The British steamship Queen Louisa, in ballast from San Francisco, crossed in yesterday at 11 o'clock a. m. and went on up the river during the late afternoon, after being thoroughly fumigated by the quarantine people. She will load grain outward, for the Orient, probably.

The French bark Versailles, Captain Salauff, 150 days from Newcastle, England, entered this port yesterday, with a general cargo, consigned to Girvin & Eyre; and will probably go on up the river today.

The French bark Martha Roux, Captain Garnier, 164 days from Hamburg, came in over the bar yesterday forenoon, after an uneventful voyage. She is heavily laden, and goes to Meyer, Wilson & Company, at Portland, and will probably go up to the metropolis today.

It is known that the French bark Europe, Captain Rolier, 180 days out from Antwerp, is outside, with Captain Gundersen, of the bar pilot service on board, and she will likely enter port this morning.

Captains Wood and Staples of the bar pilot service are known to have boarded two four-masted barkentines outside yesterday, and they will probably report in sometime this morning.

The steamer Nome City came in from San Francisco yesterday morning and proceeded directly on to Portland, after a brief stop at the Callender pier.

The steamship Geo. W. Elder came down from Portland during the noon

hour yesterday and laid at her berth at the Callender pier until mid-afternoon, when she went below, and to sea on the early night flood. She had a large list of passengers and all the freight she could stow.

It was reported here last evening that the Kamm steamer Tahoma, running on the Lewis river, had broken her shaft and gone into the Portland yards for speedy repairs.

Garry Blessing, the well known Kamm agent in this city, has returned from a brief trip to Portland, whither he went to meet Mrs. Blessing and little daughter, who have been absent on a week's outing.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore went to sea yesterday afternoon, for Tillamook Bay points. Walter Ridehalgo, Mr. Elmore's representative, was a business tourist on board, and will return on the home trip of the steamer.

The Lurline is doing her Astoria-Portland stunt with faithful regularity these days. She was down in good season last evening and went back to the metropolis on time. She brought down 1000 cases of salmon from one of the nearby canneries, and unshipped it at the Callender docks.

The Portland-Astoria-San Francisco steamship Costa Rica is due in from the Bay City this morning. She will return down on the outward voyage, next Wednesday morning.

The motor schooner Berwick is due down from Portland some time today, outward bound for the Rogue River country. She will bring down the big R. D. Hume twin-screw launch, as part of her deck load. This launch is 40 feet in length and eight foot beam. The Berwick will sail tonight if conditions are favorable.

### RETIRE FROM VAUDEVILLE.

**Klaw & Erlanger Will Put on Legitimate Only.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—The Tribune today says:

The exit of Klaw & Erlanger from the vaudeville field of theatrical production now is a matter of days. It was definitely announced last night from an authoritative source that an agreement had been signed under which the auditorium in this city and other playhouses of Klaw and Erlanger throughout the country devoted to "advanced vaudeville" would be abandoned. It is understood the end will come in a fortnight and that the public announcement will be made within two days.

One of the terms of the agreement, it is understood, is that there shall be no engagement in the legitimate field by Kohl and Castle or their associates, Keith and Proctor of New York, Percy G. Williams and William Hammerstein. It was the breaking into the legitimate field by these managers which precipitated a vaudeville war that will go down into theatrical history.

There are something like 200 vaudeville artists, mostly stars, whose contracts with Klaw and Erlanger do not expire until February, but it is given out that they will be looked after by the Players' United Booking Offices of America, and the Western Vaudeville Managers' Association. The outstanding contracts represent in salaries, it is asserted, something like \$1,000,000.

That Klaw and Erlanger were well paid in consideration of their withdrawal from the vaudeville field seems to be the general impression among theatrical people and the sum has been placed as high as \$1,000,000 and even \$3,000,000. There is no means of ascertaining definitely the exact amount of the monetary consideration.

### SENT TO PRISON.

**Wealthy Woman Must Suffer Penalty For Burglaries.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—After a trial which lasted only 11 minutes, Mrs. Evelyn Romadka, the wealthy Milwaukee woman who was indicted for various burglaries and larcenies in this city, was sentenced today by Judge Brentano to imprisonment in the penitentiary for the indeterminate term of one to 20 years. Counsel declared in court that she was being railroaded to prison for the purpose of shielding other people.

Mrs. Romadka, who is the wife of a trunk manufacturer in Milwaukee, was arrested and convicted of being accessory to the burglaries and larcenies of Albert Jones, a negro. Why the woman, with her social position desired to share in this plunder has never been explained.

### NARROW ESCAPE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.—Just before President Roosevelt reached the Andrew R. Rankin chapel, of Howard University, where he delivered an address this afternoon, the cement flooring of the vestibule entry gave way and precipitated about 50 persons to the ground, 10 feet below. No one was hurt.

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CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—The Tribune today says:

The railroads of the country are protesting against an order of the postoffice department requiring them to handle empty mail equipment in the mail cars from November 15 to December 25. Protests have been sent to Washington and it is not improbable that the question will reach the courts.

The trouble arises out of the refusal of the government to include empty mail bags, blank postal cards and stamped envelopes in the mail during the recent weighing period. This reduced the total amount of mail matter 25 per cent, and as the roads are paid on a basis of weight, it resulted in a loss to them of between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000. The action was in accordance with the new law providing that this empty equipment, as it is called, shall be sent by freight. For this transportation \$250,000 was appropriated.

The new order is addressed to all postmasters and employees of the railway mail service. It is explained that on account of the holiday rush it is deemed advisable to handle all empty equipment by mail instead of freight during the 40 days mentioned. Since this was specifically exempted during the weighing-in period, the railway officials contend the roads not only will be performing the service free, but the freight departments will lose their proportionate share of the \$250,000 appropriation.

### INSANITY PLEA.

**Preliminary Statement of Counsel Shows That Will be Defense.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.—That the defense in the Bradley trial will be insanity was made evident beyond question by the preliminary statement made to the court today by Mrs. Bradley's attorney, Mr. Hoover. The prosecution consumed the entire morning in proving the facts of the killing and then rested its case. Hoover followed in statement detailing the principal events of the woman's life and entered minutely into the circumstances of her intimacy with Brown. According to Hoover's statement it will be shown that there is taint of insanity in her family. The testimony presented by the prosecution today all intended to show premeditation on the part of Mrs. Bradley.

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