



MEETS DEATH IN COLUMBIA

Captain Campbell Found in River.

DROWNED BY ACCIDENT

Former Pilot Commissioner Dis- covered by Boatmen Last Evening.

MODE OF ACCIDENT UNKNOWN

Indications Point to Probability That Deceased Was Seized by Stroke of Heart Failure While Taking His Custom- ary Walk on the Waterfront.

The citizens of this city were considerably startled, and greatly grieved, last evening, when about 5:30 o'clock word was passed around that Captain James E. Campbell, one of the older and prominent residents of this city, had been found in the river at the foot of Tenth street.

That the deceased came to his death accidentally is the only possible solution of the demise of the captain, and from the appearance of the body and the time in which he was last seen, when he retired from his duties Wednesday evening at about 6 o'clock, the conclusion is formed that the deceased while taking his morning walk, as he was in the habit of doing every morning before his death, was seized by a stroke of heart disease, as he was walking near the docks, and fell into the river.

An examination of the pockets of the deceased disclosed a gold watch, the hands of which indicated that it had stopped at 10 minutes to 12 o'clock; a pipe and tobacco; memorandum books and a purse which contained \$11.45 in gold and silver coins; all of which mute testimony proves that death overtook Captain Campbell unawares.

Deceased had mentioned to Mr. Samuel Harris, whose old and intimate friend he was for the past 30 years, that he was going to Portland soon after the New Year, and yesterday morning when he did not put in an appearance at his usual hour nothing was thought of his absence, and a distinct shock was experienced by his friends and mates when the news was circulated that their old friend had been found in the river.

The appearance of the sleeping apartments of the deceased indicate that he had retired as usual and the only possible solution of the cause of death is that he was either seized by a stroke of heart disease and fell into the river or that in walking along the trestle of the A. & C. R. R. he missed his footing and in falling was stunned so that he could make no outcry.

The discovery of the body was made by the DeForce Bros. as they were about to make fast their boat at the foot of Tenth street about 5 o'clock last evening. They noticed a dark object in the gloom of the dock and the wash of a passing vessel caused the body to rise and fall with the waves revealing that it was the corpse of a human being and a closer examination disclosed the body of the deceased. Coroner Pohl was immediately notified and the body taken to his undertaking parlors.

Captain James E. Campbell was born in Wisconsin in 1839, and began sailing on the lakes when a boy of 14, remaining there two seasons, then going to New York, where he sailed in the Black Star and Black Ball lines for 16 years. He came to Astoria in November, 1876, but was afterward sailing on the coast

until 1881, when he again returned to the Columbia and began piloting on the bar, continuing in this work until 1889, when the Union Pacific took charge of the mouth of the river. While in the pilot service Captain Campbell was always an earnest worker for the recognition of the men employed in his dangerous calling, and his protests at Salem against unjust measures ignorantly framed to injure the pilots was so effective that in 1892 he was elected to the State Legislature. While there he succeeded in having passed what is known as the Campbell pilot law, a measure that will always entitle Captain Campbell to grateful remembrance. Soon after the adjournment of the Legislature he was appointed to the position of inspector at the Astoria custom house, when that service at this port was under the management of Judge Page. During the first term of Governor Chamberlain he was appointed a pilot commissioner, and until a year ago was acting secretary of the Bremner Logging Company. He was a member of Astoria Lodge, No. 180, B. P. O. E., and Astor Lodge, No. 6, Knights of Pythias.

Captain Campbell was a mariner of exceptional ability, with a personality commanding the respect and admiration of everyone to whom was accorded the pleasure of his acquaintance, and upon the streets and in the places, where the deceased was wont to wile away his leisure hours, expressions of grief, mingled with respect, are heard on every hand. Always quiet and retiring he made few intimates but those to whom he honored with his closer friendship are today plunged in sorrow at his untimely death. Strange it seems that the master hand who, in years gone by, guided with unwavering skill many vessels upon its dangerous paths, should at last be made a victim of the mighty river whose flowing waters and blowing breezes gave to him the pleasure of everything dear, and whose master he had been for many years. Gone from the sight of those who loved and respected him yet there is treasured in their hearts the thought that when the name of James E. Campbell is written in the log of the Master Captain opposite his name will be set the rating A B I.

The interment of the deceased captain will be held on Sunday under the auspices of the lodges of which he was a member and a more definite announcement will be made later.

DEATH IN COLLISION

Two Killed and Three Injured in Wreck.

ELEVEN CARS ARE SMASHED

Engineer Climbs From Cab For a Minute and Train Started up Resulting in Running Into Passing Train—Tramps Are Killed.

ELKO, Nev., Jan. 2.—Two killed, three injured and eleven cars were smashed in a collision between east and west bound freights here today. The west bound was standing on the track waiting for the east bound, when the engineer of the former climbed down from the cab for a moment. The west bound after four of the east bound cars, traveling at the rate of 25 miles an hour, had passed the switch. The runaway train struck the rear end of the fifth car and ploughed through several cars following. Six tramps were on the sixth and seventh cars and five of these were killed or injured. The sixth escaped unhurt.

IMPORTED FOR FERTILIZER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Charge J. A. Faure, Miako, of the Japanese embassy today asserted he had not heard that his government was importing salt petre from Chile. He said he had heard private interests were importing it for fertilizer and suggests this may be the use to which it is being put.

NOBLEMEN IN COMBAT

Count Boni and Prince Helle Scrap.

FIGHT WAS VERY ROUGH

Boni Spits in His Cousin's Face and Then Things Start.

BUTCHER SEPARATES THEM

Former Spouse of Anna Gould Mixes Things in Public Highway With His Cousin Who Has Supplanted Him in the American Woman's Affections.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Count Boni de Castellane, former husband of Anna Gould and Prince Helle de Sagan, his cousin, who has been reported engaged to Madame Gould, had a personal encounter today at the Church of St. Pierre de Chailot while a service was in progress to the memory of Lady Stanley Errington, a relative of both men. De Castellane asserts he was insulted by the Prince inside the church and that the encounter was resumed at the doorway, when Count Boni, accompanied by his brother, Count Jeanne, overtook the Prince. Count Boni spat in his cousin's face and next came the clash of canes and then a rough and tumble fight on the pavement winding up in the gutter, where the noblemen were finally separated by a big butcher. Boni at the moment of intervention was holding down the well nigh insensible Prince, Jeanne, according to eye witnesses, was administering a severe kicking. When the police arrived the butcher was holding the two men who were covered with mud, Boni haranguing the crowd and telling why he spat in the Prince's face. The Prince was bleeding from a wound in the temple, where he had been hit by Boni's cane. The combatants were conducted to a police station followed by a crowd of several thousand. Both Boni and the Prince claim the other was the assailant, but the Prince alone lodged a complaint, charging the brothers with assault. They were released on their own recognizance. In view of the failure of the Prince to decide to push the case in the courts, the idea of a duel seems precluded. Besides this Boni declared tonight it is doubtful whether he could receive the second of the Prince even if the latter could find any to act in that capacity. Tonight the Prince is laid up in bed with his head swathed in bandages while the Count spent the evening visiting the newspapers. When seen by the Associated Press he was in high humor. Throwing back the lapels of his fur coat in order to better display one of his famous white silk waistcoats, Boni painted the character of his cousin in the blackest colors, declaring he was ostracized by his own family. Boni declared the episode had nothing to do with Madame Gould but was the result of an old grudge.

ROCKEFELLER GETS GENEROUS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—President Ryerson of the board of trustees of Chicago University, announced today that John D. Rockefeller has added \$2,191,000 to his gifts to the university, making a total of \$23,000,000. He also announced that Rockefeller offered to treble all his contributions to the Harper Memorial Library so as to render possible the erection of a \$800,000 structure.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED.

Seaboard Air Line Was Unable to Meet Obligations.

RICHMOND, Jan. 2.—Unable to meet obligations due January 1, the Seaboard Air Line Railroad system was put into the hands of receivers today, through the action of Federal Judge Pritchard. R. Lancaster Williams, of Richmond, and S. Davies Warfield, of Baltimore, are named as receivers. The decree gives the receivers immediate possession of the property including the main line and branches, totalling 2332 miles. John Skelton Williams, a member of the voting trust, says the present situation is the logical result of the policy pursued by those in control during the past few years and welcomes Pritchard's decree as foreshadowing the uniting of all interests on some plan which will bring about the early rehabilitation of the road.

FORMER STATE TREASURER.

Commits Suicide After Making Disposition of Estate.

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Jan. 2.—Charles Becker, 67 years old, formerly state treasurer of Illinois, committed suicide at his home today by shooting himself in the mouth. The shooting followed a conference attended by three of his four children regarding the disposition of his estate, as the result of his second marriage, which occurred two years ago. Mrs. Becker is in St. Louis visiting a friend at the time of the suicide. Becker was a director of the First National Bank of Belleville. He is worth about \$500,000.

PILLSBURY IS CHIEF.

Appointed to Fill Vacancy Caused by Admiral Brownson.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The selection today of Captain John E. Pillsbury to be chief of the Bureau of Navigation is at best a temporary one, unless the President should decide again to commission the retired officer as chief of the Bureau. Pillsbury must retire on account of age next December. Secretary Metcalf announced this afternoon that Pillsbury will not assume the duties until confirmed by the Senate. The nomination is expected to be sent to the Senate when it reassembles Monday.

INSANITY IS DEFENSE

Counsel for Harry Thaw Agree Upon Plea.

SIGNS OF LESS INTEREST

Contention of Defense Will be That Thaw Was Insane When he Killed Stanford White But That Now he is Sane.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Counsel for Harry Thaw was consulted today and it was reported it is definitely agreed the only defense will be insanity at the time White was killed. It will be contended however that Thaw is now sane. The defense it is said will offer much new testimony. There are signs of much interest at the coming trial than at the previous one. Applications of out-of-town newspapers for space in the courtroom are noticeably fewer. Also telegraphic facilities will not be so complete as last year although a number of leased wires will be strung into the building.

HENEY WILL HAVE CHARGE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—District Attorney Langdon today emphatically denied the report that he would not reappoint Henev, who has had charge of the bribery graft cases, as assistant district attorney, on the contrary, he has, and the cases will be vigorously pressed and Henev will again have charge of them.

TAFT BOOM INCREASES

Secretary's Friends 'Control Ohio Committee.

FIGHT DIRECT PRIMARY

Republicans Get Busy in Ohio and Adopt Call for Primaries.

HUGHES' SUPPORTERS ACTIVE

Plans for State Organization in the Interests of Governor Hughes Are Formulated—Senator Paige Says Public Strongly Favors New Yorker.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 2.—The Republican state central committee tonight after a protracted session decided to adopt a call for state primaries to be held February 11, and for the state convention to be held in Columbus March 3 and 4 to select delegates to the Republican National Convention. James R. Garfield, Secretary of the Interior, will be chairman of the state convention. Taft's friends controlled the convention, casting 14 votes to 7 by Foraker's supporters. Foraker's supporters favored later dates in both primaries and conventions.

In addition to the four delegates-at-large to the national convention candidates are to be chosen for Governor and other state officers. The state committee decided it had nothing to do with the selection of the national delegates in the congressional districts and declined to make any suggestion in regard thereto. Several amendments to the call were proposed by Foraker's friends but in each case they were voted down. The chief fight was made against the direct primary plan for the selection of delegates to the state convention. Foraker's adherents proposed delegates to the county conventions be by direct vote and that the county conventions choose delegates to the state convention.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Plans for the state organization in the interests of the nomination of Governor Hughes for President were made today at the conference of Republican legislators and others at the Kensmore Hotel in this city. State Senator Paige, presided. The conference was called somewhat informally, Senator Paige said, under the auspices of the committee appointed at a conference in the same interest, held just before Christmas. "All present at the conference," said Paige, "declared there was a strong public sentiment in favor of the nomination of Hughes."

"I believe the Republican convention will instruct its delegates in favor of Hughes," he concluded.

BONFILS TRIAL.

Patterson Being Questioned as to Manner of Business.

DENVER, Jan. 2.—Little evidence upon the assault of Senator Patterson was heard today in the case against Fred G. Bonfils of the Denver Post, the session being taken up with questioning Patterson as to his manner of business with the evident intention of showing he used the same methods of obtaining advertising for his papers that he condemned in the Post.

NO VERDICT YET.

Georgetown, Jan. 2.—The jury in the Powers' case after deliberating all day without reaching a verdict, retired for the night at 9:30. The case will not be further considered until tomorrow.

BUY FEWER GEMS.

Americans Spend \$11,000,000 Less in 1907 Than in 1906.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Americans spent \$11,000,000 less for precious stones and pearls during 1907 than they did during 1906, according to the figures given out by the collector of customs. In 1906 the importations amounted to \$43,573,488.

The boom in the diamond trade of the United States, now temporarily checked, began 10 years ago, the valuation of the precious stones imports having been down in 1897, nearly to \$700,000 and increasing steadily until the highest total was reached in 1906. The price of diamonds, importers say, is sustained and the reduced imports are said to be due in part, at least, to the diamond trusts efforts to uphold the market by curtailing supplies. One of the largest importers has compiled figures indicating that since 1868, when the first diamond was found in South Africa that country has yielded upward of 60,000,000 karats while India and Brazil, the world's chief sources of supplies in former ages yielded altogether less than 25,000,000 karats.

FOUR AID FELLOWS.

Unfortunates Contribute From Scanty Funds to Help Others.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A pitiful scene was enacted at the Pacific Garden Mission yesterday when homeless, unemployed men contributed from their scanty funds to aid one more unfortunate than themselves.

Several undred First Ward lodging house inmates were assembled at the mission for the services, the number probably augmented by the fact that free refreshments were served. All except 14 of those present were unemployed laborers from other cities, and many of them had not even the price of one night's lodging.

At the close of the service George B. Nettleton a teamster, asked for contributions to help a destitute widow with six children. This collection, mostly in pennies, amounted to over three dollars, although almost every one present was himself in need of assistance.

STABBED FIREMEN

Japanese Attack Members of the Fire Department.

STABBING WAS UNJUSTIFIABLE

No Excitement is Apparent Over the Affair—Japanese Are Arraigned on Charge of Attempt to Murder and Are Remanded Without Bail.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 2.—In the police court today, N. Nakashei, K. Tangusti and M. Tanowye, Japanese, appeared on the charge of attempted murder in connection with the three members of the city fire department yesterday. Reports from the hospital are that Frost and Anderson are doing well but will not be out for several days. McDonald, the third man, was only slightly cut in the neck and was able to be out. No excitement is in the city over the occurrence, it being recognized that the Japanese in their excitement were laboring under the impression their house was the object of another attack, and thus believing, rushed out and attacked the supposed invaders. It is considered significant however when it is considered that the whites involved, were in uniform and not irresponsible rioters, and that the stabbing was wholly unjustifiable. There is no excitement over the matter and the authorities think there will be none. The Japanese were arraigned today and were remanded without bail.