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CORONER'S INQUEST HELD YESTERDAY TO INQUIRE INTO THE CLIFTON CASE

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Coroner J. A. Gilbaugh, of this county, summoned a jury of six citizens to inquire into the death of the late Mrs. Santa Kuljis, of Clifton, the young married lady and mother and wife of Anto Kuljis, who died there on Friday evening last, and the function of the hour was disposed of in the usual manner.

The following witnesses were examined closely by both the coroner and the jury, towit: Anton Kuljis, the husband of the unhappy woman; Mrs. Philomen, her mother; John Philomen, brother of decedent; and Mrs. Marincovitch, the ex-nurse, and personal friend of Mrs. Kuljis. The main facts elicited from each and all these witnesses, conformed strictly to the facts as published in these columns yesterday, with such added light as was needed to show that the unfortunate young mother was ill and distraught with organic trouble and not responsible for the deed which put an end to her sufferings. The substance of the testimony was, that from Sunday last Mrs Kuljis was a very sick woman, with a malady hinging upon the advent of her last child, now four months old; that she complained frequently of her ailment, and was silent and almost morbid upon all other subjects; that her husband took her to Portland for treatment, going to a Chinese "doctor" for the same; that she took his medicines, consisting of roots and herbs specifically cooked and administered, and apparently rallied, momentarily, from their effect, but immedately relapsed into morbidity; that there was no known friction nor unhappiness in the family; that the relations of husband and wife were always pleasant, cheerful and harmonious; that she became daily worse and refused to talk to friends and kinsmen, including her own mother; that she procured the bottle of carbolic acid on the 21st instant, from the local druggist at Clifton, and retained it and used it secretly and without the knowledge of her husband and intimates, and hid the phial in the bedclothes after taking the fatal dose; that in his extremity, the husband summoned Rev. Father Waters, of St. Mary's Catholic Church, to talk to his wife and try the efficacy of religious comfort in the unhappy crisis that was upon her, but with no conclusive results; that up to the very last she remained silent or incoherent and unamenable to every effort to arouse and encourage her, and ended her career in the manner heretofore told.

Upon this showing the jury in the case reported the following verdict:

"Astoria, Or., Oct. 31, 1908.

"We, the jury, summoned by Coroner J. A. Gilbaugh, of Clatsop county, State of Oregon, to enquire into the cause of the death of Mrs. Santa Kuljis, at Clifton, in said county, on the 30th day of October, 1908; after hearing the testimony presented at this inquest, do find: That the said Mrs. Santa Kuljis came to her death by taking an overdose of carbolic acid with suicidal intent, due to morbid dementia. (Signed),

"JOHN W. WELCH, Foreman.
"N. J. JUDAH,
"W. L. McCROSKEY,
"G. H. SUICER,
"WELLMAN DENCH,
"T. J. MARKHAM."

The funeral of Mrs. Kiljus will take place from Gilbaugh's chapel, at 1 o'clock today and will proceed to St. Mary's church where the funeral services will be held at 1:30. The interment will be at Greenwood.

HE KILLED THE DOGS.

California Pound Master Is Now Threatened With Vengeance.

SAN ANSELMO Cal., Oct. 31.—The poundmaster of San Anselmo has discovered that it is a difficult feat to please all the people any of the time, especially when dealing with dogs. George A. Martin, the official in question, was frequently ordered by the board of trustees to gather up all stray canines. The result was a collection of sixty and they were locked in Martin's barn for the night. There was little sleep in San Anselmo after the five dozen dogs had gauged the accoustics of the place. It was decided to shoot all dogs that remained unclaimed at the end of thre days and the result was a dreadful slaughter. Then, all too late, it was discovered that the dogs of some prominent citizens had been sacrificed.

Martin is threatened not only with damage suits, but with the wrath of the humane society, which declares the proceedings irregular.

ELECTION FORECASTS

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however, indicates that the party is confident of carrying the election of state officers by 4000.

DENVER, Oct. 31.—Colorado is classed doubtful. The Democrats claim the state by 15,000 to 20,000. Independent estimates indicates a plurality for either Taft or Bryan.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 31.—Taft will carry Kentucky by 10,000 if the claims of the Republicans are verified at the polls. The Democrats claim the victory by 15,000, while close observers place Bryan's plurality at between five and ten thousand.

SIOUX FALLS, Oct. 31—The Republicans are confident they will carry the state for Taft. The Democrats say their nominee governor will be elected.

SALT LAKE, Oct. 31.—The Republicans claim the state by 10,000 for Taft, the complete state ticket, a majority in the legislature and the election of a congressman.

The Democrats claim the state for Bryan by 5500.

RENO, Oct. 31.—The Democrats claim Nevada for Bryan by 4100 and the election of the state and congressional ticket. The Republicans claim a plurality for Taft of 2000.

LINCOLN, Oct. 31.—Both parties are confident they will carry the state, but neither will hazard an estimate of the pluralities.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 31.—Democrats claim the normal Democratic majority for the national and state ticket which means 25,000 to 30,000. The Republicans however claim Hadley will be elected governor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Darkness had fallen tonight before the end of the giant Republican parades which began at 10 o'clock this morning filed by the reviewing stand passing into history as one of the greatest of its kind ever held in this city. Sherman was cheered enthusiastically as he rode near the head of the procession in a carriage.

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 31—Maine is sure for Taft.

MONTPELIER, Oct. 31.—Vermont is safely Republican.

GUTHRIE, Oct. 31.—Democrats claim the state for Bryan by 1000 but the Republicans claim Taft and the state tickets will win, but do not back their claims up with figures.

HELENA, Oct. 31.—The Democrats claim Bryan's majority will be 16,000 and the election of Norris for governor by 4500. The Republicans predict a majority for Taft of 3000 and claim the Republican candidate for governor by 7500.

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PERSONAL MENTION

James Griffeths of Seattle was in the city on business yesterday.

J. M. Arthur of The Breakers, spent the afternoon her yesterday, going on to the metropolis on the evening train.

Charles Bear of Portland arrived here yesterday and is registered at the Occident.

B. A. Matthews of Silverton is in the city on a business quest and will remain over Sunday.

H. E. Hammersly of Detroit was among the business tourist here yesterday.

C. T. McIntosh of Walla Walla spent the day in Astoria yesterday.

K. F. Larcom of Seattle was doing business on the streets of this city yesterday.

O. A. Meldrum of Spokane was among the business visitors in this city yesterday, going to Portland on the evening train.

M. D. Humphreys of Tacoma was here for a few hours yesterday on matters of business.

E. M. Baker of Portland is in the city.

J. W. Kantner of Medford was touring the city yesterday with some friends from Southern Oregon, and the party went to Seaside for an over Sunday stay.

J. U. Carruthers of Boston was in the city yesterday and went back to Portland on the 6:10 express.

Mesdames Belle Cleveland and L. Springer came down yesterday to attend the W. R. C. fair.

Mrs. Fowles, mother of Mrs. Belle. Huden, has left for her home after a pleasant visit of several weeks.

Professor and Mrs. Arthur von Jessen spent Saturday in Astoria as the guests of Miss Laura Fastabend. Music lovers are delighted to learn that Mr. von Jessen, who is a Liszt pupil, has decided to open a Saturday class here.

DROPPED FROM SIGHT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—The Norwegian consul general in New York, Christopher Ravn, has asked for assistance in an effort to find the whereabouts of Captain Hans Hansen, one of the men who took part in the recent automobile race around the world. Hansen started from New York in a French car, but left it in Chicago and later joined the American car and guided it across Siberia. On his arrival in Paris much feeling was expressed against him and he was even threatened, it is said, because of his leaving the French car and assisting the American car to victory.

Members of the party who are now in New York state that they last saw Hansen in Paris when the party broke up after the race. At that time he had a large sum of money in his possession and intended to go to Tomsk, Siberia, where his wife and child reside. Now it develops that he has not reached that city and his relatives are unable to find trace of him. Hansen has been a sailor and soldier of fortune, having made many trips in various out of the way corners of the world.

INDUSTRIES ARE ACTIVE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—A marked increase in activity in the principal manufacturing industries of the country is indicated for the month of September according to the monthly statement of imports issued by the Bureau of Manufactures of the Department of Commerce and Labor. A large decrease in the import prices of the principal manufactuers material as compared with September, 1907, is shown. Hides and skins show an increase in quantity imported of fifty percent in excess of the corresponding month of last year. Copper shows a increase of 25 percent. Crude india rubber 60 percent, tobacco for manufacturing 50 percent. While more raw cotton was imported than in September 1907, the value of raw cotton imports for September of this year shows a decrease of over 30 percent. Similar decreases in the import prices per unit of quantity are noted in nearly all articles of importance used in manufacturing.

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