

### RESIDENT MAN TAKES POISON

**E. Jones, Deserted by Wife, Tries Hard to End His Life.**

### RECOVERY DOUBTFUL— TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Leaves Farewell Letter Addressed to Wife, Who Is Suing for Divorce— Had Planned to Kill Her and Himself Tonight.

Spurred by the woman who had sworn to love and honor him, E. Jones, 32 years of age, sought death from his sorrow shortly before noon today by snuffing a portion of a bottle of chloroform. The attempt at self-destruction occurred at Tenth and Couch streets and caused considerable excitement in that neighborhood.

City Physician Spencer was called to attend the unfortunate man, who was removed to the Good Samaritan hospital by the patrol wagon. His recovery is doubtful.

From a farewell letter found in Jones' possession and the investigation by Detectives Kay and Burke it has been learned that the young man had been deserted from his wife, Ethel Jones, and that she has instituted a suit for divorce.

Refused to Come Back. Shortly before taking the poison, Jones visited the home of the woman at 414 Couch street and implored her to dismiss the divorce proceedings and return to him. This she refused to do and he thereupon rushed from the room and swallowed the deadly draught.

Nothing in agony, the man fell to the sidewalk at Tenth and Couch streets and a call was sent for a physician and the police. Dr. Spencer responded promptly and administered the usual antidote for chloroform poisoning.

From a letter he left, it appears that Jones intended to take his life tonight beneath the window of his loved one. The police have also ascertained that he endeavored to secure possession of a revolver and kill both his wife and himself. The farewell missive is written in an unsteady hand and is to a certain extent rambling and unintelligible.

The following is a copy of the letter:

Dear Wife—This morning I learned my fate. You don't love me I love you, and tonight at 10 p. m. I will end my life on the porch at 414 Couch street at 10 or 10:30 tonight. I will not let you know anything about this, for it is not anything I want my folks to know about. This is an awful thing for me to do, and my love for you is more than I can say. I have taken poison. With all the love in the world, I will remain up till my death your loving husband. This letter will be mailed to the public, and will be published to all who know me, but remember, I love you more than my life, and would love you till death, but yet will take my own life and let you be happy. So goodbye, Ethel. Hoping this will be a lesson to you, I am, your loving husband, who dies tonight. Goodbye, with love. This is my last letter. Now you have taken the wrong thought, for you have no right to know anything about this. I will say goodbye for the last time. To you, who loves you more than my own life, and don't want to live without you. Remember all I have done for you. Goodbye, my wife. I will not let my business and death, so this is all. My clothes are at the Gilman hotel. Go and get them for my love. Goodbye, my dear. ED.

### WATER BOARD BUYS NUMBER OF METERS

For two hours this morning the water board talked meters. Bids from a number of firms were opened and there were long discussions as to the relative merits of Keystone, Crown, Trident and so forth.

Between \$8,000 and \$9,000 is to be expended by the board upon the purchase of new meters, which are installed upon service pipes where water is apparent and upon other laundries and other heavy users of water.

Finally, upon motion of Mr. Lamson, the contract was awarded to the Neptune Meter company of New York for \$8,500 each. Dr. Joseph moved that 10 Keystone, 10 Worthingtons and five Standards be bought for experimental purposes. This was ordered.

### ENGLAND IS WARY OF FALSE STEP IN ASIA

(Journal Special Service.) London, July 20.—Indian Secretary Morley today warned the house of commons of the necessity of excluding India from party politics. He said a false step in Asia just now would be far more disastrous than a false step made in South Africa. He said that inasmuch as Japan, China and Russia are powers in Asia the most encouraging of Britain's foreign relations are now in Asia.

### BISHOP IS SECRETARY ON CANAL COMMISSION

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, July 20.—Bishop is appointed secretary of the Panama canal commission at a salary of \$10,000 a year. Juan Barrios, Arturo Ubico, Jose Pinto and Manuel Caprat are appointed to represent Guatemala in the peace conference.

### CHECKED BAGGAGE BEFORE DYING

Conductor of Whitcomb Excursion Faithful to Duties to Last.

### SIMONDS KILLS HIMSELF AS STEAMER IS LEAVING

Pleasure-Seekers Sail for Alaska Without Learning That Leader Is Lying Dead on Seattle Wharf— Dead Man's Wife Is With Party.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., July 20.—George F. Simonds, personal conductor of the Raymond Whitcomb excursion party that left Seattle for Alaska this morning, shot and killed himself on the front of pier B of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Just a few minutes before the steamships Spokane and City of Seattle, having the excursionists on board, poked their noses by the front of the wharf.

The two steamers were lying at the side of the wharf when Simonds committed suicide. No one heard the shot or saw the dead body until after the steamers had got out of the harbor. Simonds and the excursion party he was directing reached Seattle last night from Portland. The party was at once transferred to the steamers. Simonds had charge of the excursionists who left on the City of Seattle. When he did not appear as the boat was about to depart search was made for him, but he could not be located.

Before he committed suicide he attended to checking the excursionists' baggage. At 8:45 o'clock this morning he bought a revolver at a pawnshop. He then went to the wharf and checked the baggage. The woman, believed to be his widow, is believed to be on the City of Seattle.

No cause for the suicide has yet been learned. Simonds had a bottle of carbolic acid in his pocket. He placed the revolver against his forehead over his right eye.

### PHYSICIANS ARE SCORED BY JUDGE HUNT

Jurat Declares They Are Too Willing to Give Certificates to Prospective Jurors.

Judge Hunt of the United States district court has a suspicion that Oregon physicians are altogether too willing to certify that they are qualified to be physically unfit for jury duty. In fact, the judge made some remarks about it this morning from the bench.

Mark Hurlburt of Albany, who should have reported last Monday, had just shown up. Prior to that he had written a letter. He came into court armed with a physician's certificate and explained that he was too sick to act.

Then Judge Hunt expressed himself: "I am somewhat astonished," he said, "at the free and easy way the court is confronted with physician's certificates. No one has a greater respect for that profession than I, but the number of certificates that come to me is certainly surprising. I presume, Mr. Hurlburt, that your physician is a reputable man and would not have given you a certificate if you were not entitled to it. Are you ready to swear that you are ill and unable to do jury duty?"

Mr. Hurlburt took oath that such was the case and the court said:

"I'll give you a suspension. Whenever you are summoned by a court, pay considerable attention to it. This thing of sitting down and writing letters and coming or not as you see fit won't do. You are excused for the term. Mr. Hurlburt."

### SAYS HUSBAND BEAT HER SEVEN YEARS

In a suit filed today in the circuit court Zerkonia Alleen Freeman prays for a divorce from her husband, Franklin A. Freeman. They were married August 15, 1899, in Portland and he is accused of beating, choking and calling her vile names and also of throwing her to the floor.

She also prays for the custody of their little son and for \$50 a month alimony. Judge Gantenbein issued an order restraining Freeman from withdrawing \$120 from the Hawaiian Savings bank. Freeman is a freight agent said to be earning \$115 a month.

### EVERETT PREACHER IS CALLED TO ASTORIA

Rev. Theo E. Neste from Everett, Washington, who has been called to Astoria by the Norwegian Synod church, arrived in Portland this morning. He will be installed next Sunday by Rev. W. H. Sorenson, his predecessor, who next week leaves for Newman, California.

### DESERTER FROM ARMY ARRESTED AT SALEM

Salem, Or., July 20.—Richard Ely, who was arrested here last evening for desertion from the United States army, Company K, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, will probably be delivered to the military authorities at Vancouver. He escaped last October.

### WHEN MOTHER GOES VISITING.



Breakfast on Monday. Dinner on Wednesday. Supper on Saturday. From the District News.

### ICE NO LONGER LEADS BY WILSON

Officials of Combine Liable to Heavy Fine and Imprisonment for Offenses.

### TRIED TO MONOPOLIZE BUSINESS OF CAPITAL

Refused to Sell Products to Those Who Would Not Boost Prices to Standard Maintained by Members of the Trust.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, July 20.—Members of the local ice trust this morning pleaded not guilty and were given until September 1 to file answers. They were indicted a week ago for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

If convictions are had there will be a total fine of \$30,000, and four of the officials will have to go to jail for a year.

This case will be one of some importance because it involves the imprisonment of the officials, and it will therefore be fought to the end. The concern and officers indicted are: The American Ice company. The Chapin-Sacks Manufacturing company. Samuel A. Kimberly, local manager of the American Ice company. George F. Hoover, agent for the American Ice company. Arthur A. Chapin, president of the Chapin-Sacks company. Samuel C. Redman, secretary and treasurer of the Chapin-Sacks company.

Unlawful Conspiracy. The offenses charged in these cases is: "Unlawful conspiracy, by which the defendants agreed between themselves that they would not sell ice wholesale at less than 24 cents a hundred pounds, nor retail ice at less than 40 cents a hundred pounds."

The penalty, according to the Sherman law, is: "Every person who shall monopolize, or attempt to monopolize, or combine, or conspire with any other person or persons to monopolize any part of the trade or commerce among the several states, or with foreign nations, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both said punishments, in the discretion of the court."

The principal allegation in the indictment is substantially that the defendants, on the 30th day of April, 1920, unlawfully did contract, combine and conspire that they would thereafter charge the same price for ice which they or either of them should sell to the dealers in ice or to any or either of them; and that they would not sell ice to any dealer in ice who should thereafter sell ice at wholesale at less than 24 cents for each 100 pounds, and that they did then and there, by means of said contract, combination and conspiracy, prevent, obstruct and attempt to prevent, obstruct and prevent the sale of ice to the press at which ice should be sold.

The indicted men gave bond in the sum of \$2,500 each. Their trials cannot take place before next October.

### YOUNG MAN FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

Henry Campbell, employed at Pantages theatre, was arrested last night on a statutory charge. Flora Lough, a 16-year-old girl, is the complainant, and the case will be heard by Municipal court tomorrow. Considerable excitement was caused at Grand avenue and East Morrison streets by the attempt of the father of the girl to force her to accompany him home.

It is understood that he found his daughter in the company of Campbell and ordered her to at once leave her apartment. She refused, and upon the father starting to use force the girl sat down on the sidewalk and refused to stir. A crowd gathered and Detective Messers, attracted by the excitement, jumped off a passing car to make an investigation. He took the girl and her parent to police headquarters and the arrest of Campbell was ordered by Chief Gritzmacher. Pending a disposition of the case the girl has been placed in charge of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society.

### DRIVES TO FIRE WITH LATHER ON HIS FACE

That a fireman's life is not always a happy one was amply demonstrated at noon today in the case of George Guida, driver of chemical engine No. 1. Guida was busily engaged in lathering his face preparatory to a shave when a telephone message announcing a fire at Fourth and Washington was received. Forgetting everything else when duty called he jumped upon his rig and raced to the fire.

The spectacle of a man driving through the streets with his face covered with creamy lather caused much merriment to the passing throng and speculation as to the cause of the exhibition. By a strange coincidence the blaze was in a chimney over a barber shop next to the Perkins hotel.

### SILVERTON FLOODED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Silvertown, Or., July 20.—John Knowles, a resident of Silvertown since 1856, died at his home near here last evening. Mr. Knowles has been an invalid and almost entirely helpless for 20 years.

### BEIT LEAVES MONEY TO PUBLIC PROJECTS

(Journal Special Service.) London, July 20.—Alfred Beit's will was filed today in which he leaves huge sums to the cause of education.

The London, grammar and Edwin museums are benefited by receiving pictures, and Hamburg city is getting property known as Forstler Jager for a public park.

### GOVERNOR GENERAL IDE EXPECTS PEACE

Washington, July 20.—Governor-General Ide continues to expect complete peace now throughout Luzon, except as to Felipe Salgado and his fanatical followers. He says the prospects of getting him are encouraging. In Cebu the native governor secured the surrender of all the remaining outlaws and all the guns.

Hogge Wins Suit. Judge Gantenbein today rendered decision that granted to ex-Municipal Judge H. W. Hogge the sum of \$2,000 as attorney's fees in a suit against Fred Buchtel and others. The suit was for the foreclosure of a mortgage amounting to about \$45,000.

### WRONG ISSUED BY WILSON

Author of Frenzied Finance Sends Circular Printed in Red to Portland Man.

### SAYS STANDARD OIL IS LEAVING COUNTRY

Trust Turning Stock Into Money, He Declares, for Purpose of Letting the Public Hold the Bag—Calls Upon Financiers to Stand Firm.

Thomas W. Lawson's latest supple- ment to "Frenzied Finance" in the shape of a warning and advice to the public has just been received by J. R. Creighton of Twenty-Ninth and Division streets.

One is printed in red ink and addressed to "Wall Street's Old Guard." It follows:

"The word went forth from 28 Broadway a few weeks ago: 'Turn our people's securities into cash! Get foreign soil. Then give Roosevelt and his crazy associates our ultimatum: 'Change your policy or wreck and ruin for all American business.' The American people were placed on sale. 'The sale is under way. 'All the marvelous machinery of 28 Broadway is employed in its upshot. 'The Rockefeller are on foreign soil. 'When Rogers leaves the sale will have been completed. 'Standard Oil' will have the nation's cash, the people the stocks. 'The Rockefeller are on foreign soil. 'The question now confronting Wall Street is: 'Will you let 'Standard Oil' slip out while you hold the bag, or will the old guard of the street jump into the breach and nail them in the act? 'Had I been able to be at my task during the past two weeks the world would have had the story in detail to judge for themselves, but I don't think I will be too late as it is.

"THOMAS W. LAWSON. Thursday, July 15, 1924, 7 p. m." The second, entitled "Word From Mr. Lawson," is signed by Edward M. Sweeney, Lawson's secretary. It follows:

"Mr. Lawson writes me from Dreamworld today: 'It is now just two weeks since I have given any thought to the market. A glance at the doings of that period is unmistakably that of those help- less idiots of Wall street, the sucker speculators who have been swallowing press agent yarns for the past six months, are hanging on, grimly and helplessly, while Rogers and the 28 Broadway crowd—the men who six months from today will either be in penal institutions or beyond the jurisdiction of American authorities—feed them at the last share the market will take. 'Print this letter and send it to 'the street' that some of my old friends, the traders, may be able to load the boats and make dry land before it is too late. When I left 'the street' two weeks ago there may have been some sense in their hanging on, in their hoping against hope, in their waiting for the big crowd or keeping things steady only long enough to get out the last share possible. 'Does not the simplest fool on 'the street' see that the market is not John D. and William in Europe staying only long enough to unload? Does not 'the street' see that the selling of Rogers next week is to mean the signing of the deed for the European soil and the crash is on, when the Amalgamated dividend is cut instead of increased, when the price of copper, the metal, is splitting wide open, when the signs of a dropping fire, which a day cannot 'the street' hear from abroad this insolent Rogers interview? Listen:

"Tell the American people not to blame Standard Oil or Wall street financiers for the present hell, but Smoot Roosevelt. We had property and to spare and Wall street was only too glad to take it. The hell was not to continue that prosperity but Smoot Roosevelt, hell-let the American people take the consequences, and after the Democrats and Socialists and anarchists have swept the fall election, when under protection, which has made the country what it is, has been replaced with free trade, and there is universal hell to pay, perhaps, I say, the American people, know whom to go looking for and I don't mind saying right now for publication it won't be Standard Oil or any of my friends. In the meantime you may say to your readers that if you believe it is all I or my associates are connected with do anything to give relief to the stock market which Smoot Roosevelt and his crazy followers have created—not a damn thing. 'Don't let any of my Wall street friends think Rogers, Rockefeller and their gang have lost any of their cunning. They know just how to deal with an emergency like the present and they are preparing to deal with it, and when they have all their wires laid Wall street will be a lurid spot for a few days. 'EDWARD M. SWEENEY. 'Secretary to Thomas W. Lawson. 'Boston, July 12, 1924."

### STEVENSON QUADRUPLES ITS POPULATION WITHIN SPACE OF FOUR MONTHS

Stevenson, a village on the north bank of the Columbia river, 50 miles from Portland, has quadrupled its population in four months. The place furnishes a striking example of the effects of construction of the north bank line. Portland men are arranging to establish water works at the town and develop electric power in Rock creek, which empties into the Columbia at that point.

The village had a population of 250 people last fall. Although it was the county seat of Sannan county, the largest county in the state of Washington, it was hardly known on the map. Since then it has become more than locally famous as the place of trial of a suit involving destruction by dynamite of Castle rock, one of the most celebrated scenic spots of the Columbia river gorge. The Columbia Contract company of Portland, owners of the great rock and a contiguous tract of 30 or 40 acres along the river bank, announced that they would blast the pile to pieces and use it for jetty material in their contract with the government for furnishing rock at the mouth of the Columbia river.

The Portland & Seattle Railroad company wanted a right of way along the bank and the Columbia Contract company asked a high price for the ground, claiming that should the railroad be built in the vicinity it would be impossible to destroy the rock with dynamite without damaging the proposed railroad and that complications arising would practically prevent the owners of the rock from conveying it to the destined use.

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A new business street is being built up, and a 40-acre addition to the town has been laid out. Within a mile, Rock creek has 1,000 available horsepower, and the Stevenson Security & Investment company has been organized to build water works and power plant for electricity. The company has the following incorporators: Richard A. Wade and George L. Hutchin, Portland; Roscoe M. Wright, John P. Gillett and Albert D. Biggs, St. Paul. St. Paul county judge, Mr. Gillett is postmaster and Mr. Wright is state's attorney at Stevenson. It is proposed by the company to establish a bank and carry on other development enterprises.

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### ST. PETERSBURG BOURSE ON VERGE OF PANIC

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, July 20.—The bourse is on the verge of a panic. The government closed six printing establishments today. Five of them were burned at Alayst and 200 at Karak. At Odessa striking workmen have been notified that if they have not returned to work by Monday they will be exiled.

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### NORTH BANK TOWN GROWS FAST

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### FAMOUS LAWSUIT JUST ENDED THERE

By Decision of Court Castle Rock Is Saved as Landmark and North Bank Railroad Secures Right-of-Way at Lower Price.

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### SAN FRANCISCO MAN DECLARES OREGON CROP WILL YIELD ONLY FIFTY PER CENT.

W. V. Martin of San Francisco, a member of the family that owns a strip of land 950 miles long running from Sherman county to the eastern boundary of Oregon, has returned from an automobile trip over Sherman county, where he investigated the wheat conditions. At the Portland hotel this morning Mr. Martin told of his trip and stated that in his estimation the damage to the wheat crop amounted to 50 per cent.

### WEATHER CONDITIONS TO BLAME, HE SAYS

Asserts Farmers in Northern Oregon Are Beginning to Get Discouraged and Are Talking of Moving to Other Parts of the Country.

"Fully 50 per cent of the wheat," he said, "was destroyed by the cold weather in March. Coupled with that disaster was the hot weather of this month, which developed all the rusted wheat and about 10 per cent of the wheat that escaped the cold weather, making a total loss of 60 per cent.

"The farmers are much discouraged and many are figuring on moving to other parts, especially to the true of some because of the fact that the conditions which prevailed this year were also true last year. However, I think there will be able to overcome the weather conditions in the future by the variety of wheat we will plant.

"We are loath to give up the club wheat, but are forced to do so and next year we will plant Turkey red seed. Both are hardy wheat and good producers. The forty-fold is a new wheat and a wonderful producer. It is also a hardy grain. When in the southern part of Sherman county the wheat, which is usually shattered by the exception of about 1,000 acres of forty-fold, which fact convinced me that it would be one of the best for the farmer to sow. One objection to forty-fold wheat is that it is usually shattered by the wind, but in spite of this drawback it produces on an average of 20 to 30 bushels an acre.

"We will also experiment with Manchurian wheat, which is a hardy, hardy grain, besides possessing the endearing quality of being a great producer.

"Another result of my trip was the determination to experiment with a naturalized alcohol. I have secured a chemist to experiment with the potatoes grown in that locality and from his report will decide whether we will use them for the purpose of making alcohol."

Mr. Martin stated that the roads in the eastern part of the state were in fine condition for automobile touring purposes, and that he had traveled more than