

MYSTERY OF SHEPARD'S SUICIDE IS SOLVED

SCREENED TO BE CROSS EXAMINED

Legislative Investigation Committee Ready to Hear Witnesses in Washington State Scandal—All Offices to Be Subject of Probe.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Olympia, May 12.—The legislative investigation committee will resume its sitting late this afternoon with J. H. Schively, state insurance commissioner, again in the witness chair. So far as the state insurance department case is concerned, the committee is now ready to begin the drawing of its report. This report will comprise upwards of 12 typewritten pages and will be ready for publication about Friday morning. The investigation into the affairs of the insurance department will be closed late this evening. It is thought, and the committee will immediately begin formulating its report to the governor.

Nothing will interfere with the immediate presenting of the report, unless it is the desire of Governor Hay that the committee continue to probe into some other state department before making its findings on the insurance scandal.

Olympia, May 12.—It is now certain that the legislative committee which has revealed such sensational disclosures in the state insurance department, will extend the investigation to a clean sweep of the state offices. Before leaving here Governor Hay forwarded to Chairman Milroy Allen of the committee in Seattle the copy of Treasurer J. G. Lewis' letter requesting an investigation of his office with the recommendation that the committee comply.

Opens the Way.

Chairman Allen is quoted as saying: "I request, coming voluntarily from the state treasurer, opens the way to look into all state offices. I shall favor not only checking up the cash and securities in the hands of the state treasurer but go down the line with the other offices so far as the time at our disposal will permit. When the work has been done, it will do much to restore confidence among the people of the state in the state offices."

Changed His Views.

This shows that the general agitation the past week for the extension of the investigation has swung chairman Allen around from the views expressed last Wednesday when he said "The committee is not inclined to extend the investigation on its own initiative without the request of the governor." George G. Mills is also requesting an investigation of the office for his term. He said this afternoon that he desired the investigation so that there should be no question in the mind of any one but that the office has been "correctly administered."

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MURDER TRAP DEBATE WILL CRUSH SHEPARD'S SUICIDE

Will Be Reached by Parliament Tomorrow.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Paris, May 12.—The strike of the government postal, telegraph and telephone employees will not reach an acute stage until parliament finishes its debate upon the demands of the strikers. The debate will probably end tomorrow, and trouble may then ensue, as there appears little prospect of the government's surrendering without a struggle.

Leaders of the strikers declare that by tonight the entire mail and telegraph service will be tied up. This will leave the wireless between France and England as the only means of communication with the outside world.

The government announced this afternoon that it would probably quit attempting to run a railway mail service and rely entirely upon automobiles to transport letters. Big machines with guards of soldiers and experienced chauffeurs are prepared for the new service.

Americans have been asking the meaning of the social revolution—for such it is—which is taking place in France today. A few weeks ago the republic was completely tied up for almost an entire week by a strike of the employees. This incident is the more remarkable and incomprehensible to the average American in that these strikers are government employees, and as such amenable to the laws of the country. Now the cable dispatches inform us that this strike is to be repeated and that the railroad and telegraph employees, who will join in the demonstration.

The Direct Cause.

Directly the cause comes from what the postal employees call the system of "trivisions," indirectly it is an open rebellion against the Clemenceau ministry and against Clemenceau himself. Clemenceau, the "strong man of France," conscious of his power, says the leaders of the Confederation generale du Travail, not only became intolerant and obnoxious, but forgot the workmen to whom he appealed when out of power and by whose votes he reached the premiership. Promises given by him as a politician were cast aside by Clemenceau when he became statesman.

During his incumbency as minister of posts and telegraphs, former Minister Millerand introduced a system of promotion by which 70 per cent of the employees passed to a superior class at the end of three years. M. Simyan, the former head of the California league for this, Simyan divided the postal forces into three classes, 33 per cent of them were to be promoted at the end of three years and three months and 33 per cent at the end of three years and six months. This tri-division, if carried out, necessitated a new classification, according to the postal and telegraph employees, being arbitrarily made. This M. Simyan denied. He declared he never had the slightest idea of imposing his views or system of promotion on the heads of departments and the commissions chosen to determine promotions, a rigorous proportion of the 33 per cent above mentioned.

Men Go Out.

At first the maildrivers struck, and the entire system of mail deliveries and collections was disorganized. Mail bags accumulated at stations and train depots. In a day more than 1,000,000 letters were held up and undelivered. Then the telegraph operators and telephone operators joined the strikers sympathetically, then followed telegraph operators—for the French republic has a monopoly of telegraphs and telephones in all departments and at last clerks in all departments joined in the strike.

Herve Taken to Salem.

Albany, Or., May 12.—William Herve, the man who shot Sullivan at Gates, was brought down on the C. & E. train last night and taken to Salem, where he was placed in a hospital. He was accompanied by Dr. Ramsome of Mill City and D. E. Chapman of Portland.

Seals Return to Native Heath and Keep on Winning

By Hiland Eggerly.
Washington, May 12.—Native heath will be played in the Columbia river. Protests of the salmon fishermen conveyed to the bureau of fisheries by Senator Chamberlain, elicited a reply from Commissioner Bowers, who says: "The bureau has decided that it would be unwise to have the salmon interests of the Columbia river in jeopardy through the transplanting of a new fish whose influence cannot be foretold. It has been decided not to attempt to introduce the striped bass into the Columbia or any of its tributaries."

San Francisco, May 12.—Happy as the proverbial clams, the Seals returned from Oregon yesterday and continued their triumph by downing the Oaks. Under new leadership the Oaks played with more ginger and determination. Manager Reidy, who directed the playing from the coaching line, made a fine impression. Before the game started Reidy was called on the field and presented with a large floral piece. The Oaks gave the Seals a scare before the finish, but not enough to top the best end of the score. The Seals could have returned in better condition. Zeider had such an ugly finger that he repaired to his doctor, who discovered symptoms of blood poisoning. The Seals can't afford to lose

CRUSHED BY COURT JUDGMENT SHEPARD TOOK REFUGE IN SUICIDE

WELCOME HAS SINCERE RING

(United Press Leased Wire.)
R. F. Shepard, the spot in Sullivan's Gulch where the body was found. Note found in notebook in suicide's pocket.

MOTHER LOVE FOILS JUSTICE

John Mitchell, Indian Youth, Escapes Punishment, Because Old and Feeble Ko-ko-ye-a-lash Will Not Prosecute When Case Comes Before Court.

Mother love, outweighing injury in the balance of justice, brought to John Mitchell, an Indian youth, an unexpected ally when put on trial in federal court this morning, charged with a brutal attempt to murder his mother, Ko-ko-ye-a-lash.

Although her head and body are covered with scars inflicted by a rope pole in the hands of her son, the old Indian woman was fairly bright with tenderness as she refused to make any statement which might lead to her boy's conviction. She was willing to say that her injury was the result of an accident, or even that she had inflicted it upon herself, rather than let the young brave go to prison. Evidence was chiefly secured from witnesses acquainted with the details of the assault at the time it occurred.

The federal courtroom presented a strange appearance when the trial began. Dusky Indian faces were grouped about the prisoner. Some of the witnesses had brought tiny brown babies that could not well be left in the home tope. The children were unlike white babies, for no matter what the noise or excitement they uttered no sound.

WOMEN TO BREAK DRIVERS' STRIKE

Wives and Daughters of Chicago Liverymen to the Rescue.

FRIGHTENED WOMAN BY PROMISING TO BLOW UP HOUSE

A threat to hurl a bomb into the house of Mrs. La Fountain, who lives far out on Perrygrove street, brought a hurried call for aid from her to the police station last night. Someone telephoned to Mrs. La Fountain and told her that at exactly 10 o'clock he would hurl a bomb into the house and annihilate the entire family. Who it was, Mrs. La Fountain has no idea and she can conceive of no one who would have such designs.

MRS. ANNIS SATISFIED WITH HAINS VERDICT

New York, May 12.—Mrs. William E. Annis, wife of the man slain by Captain Peter C. Hains, said today that she was satisfied with the verdict in the officer's case.

THREE MEN KILLED IN TEXAS WRECK

Denison, Texas, May 12.—Three men were killed, one was fatally injured and 20 passengers were hurt when a passenger train on the M. & T. railroad was wrecked near Denison last night. The passenger train was derailed at a point where a freight wreck had occurred a few days before. The tracks had not been repaired and the whole train left the rails.

LITTLE BROWN NAG CAUSE OF TROUBLE

East Side Carpet Cleaner Had to Pay Dear for Animal From Pound.

Injustice of the law is responsible for the suicide of R. F. Shepard, say his friends. Broken and crushed by an unexpected judgment rendered against him by a Colorado court, the east side carpet cleaner forsook his wife of a few months and crept out into the lonely solitude of Sullivan's gulch and ended it all. He couldn't bear to see the results of his labors and the profits of his growing business snatched and drained by the Colorado courts to satisfy what he considered to be an unjust judgment.

Shepard's story is a strange one: full of sorrow and disappointments, brightened towards the last by moderate financial success, then blasted again by sudden misfortune which robbed the unlucky man of his accumulations and plunged him into despondency and a suicide's grave.

Stimmed down to its primary cause, Shepard's suicide was due to a little brown mare, purchased in 1902 from the city court at Cherokee Springs for the sum of \$2. Out of this transaction resulted a lawsuit, favorably decided in Shepard's behalf, an appeal to the supreme court of Colorado, after Shepard had left the state, a reversal, new trial and heavy judgment against the absent man.

Buy Little Brown Mare.

As the story runs, Shepard, then a resident of Colorado Springs, bought a little brown mare of T. J. Parr, who in turn had bought it at a public sale

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WELCOME HAS SINCERE RING

Reception to Business Men's Excursion From Portland Shows Good Feeling, No Knock Spirit Exists in Seattle and Other Cities.

Some features of the trip—Six hundred school children welcome Portlanders at Elma. Prizes in Hoquiam baby contest are increased. President of Oakville boosters (a woman) delivers welcome speech on beer keg. Tom Richardson responds, tries to stand on keg, falls. Olympians show off capital city's charms from special streetcar. Brewery owners present visitors with souvenirs. Seattle merchants meet special

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PRINCE FOUND AND LOST AGAIN

Johann Salvator Disappears From Workshop Where He Was Identified.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Painesville, Ohio, May 12.—No clue to the whereabouts of Johann Salvator, who was yesterday proclaimed as the missing "John Orth," the lost grand duke of Tuscany, can be found by the King's officers today.

As soon as the Austrian consul at Chicago had identified Salvator's photograph as that of the missing grand duke, the man of mystery disappeared from the "Coe company's" machine shops, where he has been employed.

Salvator's disappearance leads to the belief that he is really the noble he had been proclaimed to be. The missing grand duke left his native land and royal station because of his love for an opera singer and his democratic beliefs have prevented him from returning. It is thought he has gone into seclusion again to avoid notoriety.

TWO GIRAFFES FOR ROOSEVELT

One of Them at Full Speed 400 Yards Away—Leopard Cubs Alive.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Nairobi, British East Africa, May 12.—Messages received here today indicate that Colonel Roosevelt's marksmanship is not falling off any since his recent encounter with a rhinoceros. He is reported to have killed two giraffes yesterday. One of his shots was most spectacular, bringing down a giraffe 400 yards away and galloping at full speed. One leopard and one buffalo were killed yesterday by members of the hunting party and two leopard cubs captured alive by the expedition. He has not decided yet what disposition he will make of the cubs.

BODY FOUND NOT THAT OF FANSHER

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Sacramento, May 12.—It has been definitely determined that the body found in the Sacramento river Monday evening is not that of L. W. Fansher, the missing Medford, Or., rancher, who disappeared from his home a few weeks ago. Coroner Gormley sent a description to Fansher's wife and received a reply this morning that Fansher had no gold teeth. There were two gold teeth in the mouth of the corpse.

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