

NEWS IN GENERAL

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

FAILED TO CURE.

A Spokane Husband's Over-Confidence in Christian Science.

He Refuses to Allow His Wife and Baby Who Had Been Denied Medical Treatment, to Be Buried - Wired Ceremonies.

From S. F. Examiner.

SPOKANE, March 11.—The death last week of Mrs. H. W. Fitch and baby, wife of Vice-President Fitch of the Washington National Bank, has been investigated, and some sensational disclosures were made to-day. Mrs. Fitch died Friday March 4th, and her babe March 6th but the wife's husband and mother refuse to have the body buried and are exercising the rites of Christian Science in an attempt to bring her to life. Several physicians have pronounced her dead and decomposition has set in, but her relatives will not believe it. The body lies on a bier in the parlor of the beautiful residence at Second and Walnut streets, and the husband and mother, Mrs. Robinson, devote their time to praying at his bedside and in the laying on of hands.

DENIED MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

Mrs. Fitch, who was a young woman in the best of health, gave birth to a daughter ten days ago. At first no physician was called, the relatives saying that they would trust the Creator to tend to her. But friends interfered, and Mrs. Dr. Huges, a homeopath, was called, but was prohibited from administering medicine, the relatives insisting that medicine, sin and suffering are instruments of the evil one.

When the child was born the physician was dismissed, and no other physician was called in to care for the mother and child. Three days afterward the mother died. The affair has created a great stir, as the family has moved in the highest circles.

THE AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED.

Messages have been sent to Mrs. Emma C. Kopkins, President of the Christian Science theological Seminary of Chicago, and the replies from her are read over the bodies of Mrs. Fitch and her babe. Mr. Fitch claims that funeral services were once being held over his father's body, when a Christian science healer came in and performed a ceremony and the father rose from the casket, and is now alive in New Hampshire.

The matter has been suppressed in the Spokane on account of the high standard of the family, but yesterday the matter was brought to the notice of Coroner Weems. While it is common talk on the streets that the dependence on the efficacy of Christian science healing has resulted in the death of these two, there is no one who will

make charges, and under the State law the Coroner cannot interfere.

Twice Rev. W. A. Shaklin of the First Methodist Episcopal Church has been called to conduct funeral services, but each time the relatives of the dead have changed their minds and the strange mummeries of the Christian science cure was again resorted to. To night the matter was placed in the hands of the Prosecuting Attorney, but no legal action has been taken.

OSTRACIZED GIRL.

She Ends Her Unbearable Life With a Dose of Poison.

Miss Katie Smith, called the most beautiful woman in southern Indiana, died a sensational and tragic death at New Albany a few days ago. For several days she had been very despondent, and her friends recognized the fact that something unusual was preying upon her mind. On the day of her death she went over to Louisville, and left that city for her home on the midnight suburban train. As the train was crossing the bridge she asked the conductor to hand her a glass of water, and he noticed that she was very much agitated as she made the request. Attributing her strange action to sudden illness, he got the water and passed on through the train to take up the tickets of the passengers. As he turned away Miss Smith was noticed to drop a small powder in the glass, which she hastily drained of its contents, and then she sat it upon the window beside her. Five minutes later she began to show symptoms of intense pain, and fell to the floor writhing in agony. The passengers gathered around, but were unable to afford any assistance. When the train reached New Albany she was conveyed to the office of Dr. Cannon, but she was the unconscious and beyond medical aid. Not knowing what drug she had taken the physician was uncertain regarding antidotes, but her convulsions plainly indicated that she was suffering from strychnine poisoning. She was hastily removed to the home of her mother where she died.

Miss Smith was 24 years of age and was a milliner, making her home with her mother, in New Albany. The family, though poor were admitted to the best society circles until two years ago, when Miss Katie went to live in a small Kentucky town, where she opened a millinery store. Here she made the acquaintance of a hotel-keeper from Cincinnati, with whom she eloped and went to Cincinnati. They lived together for a few months, when he deserted her, and she returned to her home in New Albany. Since that time she had not regained her social position, and this is the supposed cause of the act of self-destruction. There is a good deal of sympathy for the fami-

ly, and it is conceded that the girl was more sinned against than sinning. In speaking of the infatuation which led her into error she always declared that she could not explain it, and ever since lived a correct life.—Blade.

The joint committee on ceremonies have selected designs for 24 floats to be used in the "procession of centuries" at the World's Fair buildings next October. These floats are to be more gorgeous than anything of the kind ever built before. Constructed of papier mache, they are to cost \$3,800 each, or \$92,000 for the twenty-four. All of the floats are to be covered with gold foil from stem to stern, and upholstered in the most artistic manner. As the floats move through the lagoons at Jackson Park, electric search lamps will throw a flood of light upon them. The electrical experts in charge of this feature of the parade expect to produce wonderful effects by leaving the floats in darkness for an instant and then turning on the light.

LONDON, March 11.—The Standard, commenting on the Behring sea question, says: "We cannot help thinking that President Harrison is trading overmuch on our amiability. The Wharton message completely misrepresents the attitude and argument of Salisbury, besides begging the whole question in dispute. The suggestion that England would only be too glad if arbitration was abandoned is too ridiculous to be discussed. Lord Salisbury is bound to protect English rights as far as it is possible and just to do so, and we must assure our friends in America, in all good humor that no amount of brow beating is likely to force him into abandoning that responsibility."—Evening Telegram.

AUSTIN, Nev., March 7.—Leopold Bauman, a young German rancher, left Santa Rosa, Cal., in December last for his ranch, forty miles distant from Austin. He arrived at Cartez, Nev., and January 11 departed for his home on horseback, distant thirty-five miles. At that time fully thirty inches of snow covered the ground. A searching party found a watch, knife, boots and clothes, which were identified as belonging to Bauman by his brother, and two human hip joints. The supposition is the horse became fatigued, whereupon Bauman, unsaddled him to walk the rest of the journey, being about three miles. Under the piercing cold it is supposed he gave up and froze to death. The body was eaten by coyotes. He was about 35 years of age and married.

LOUD SOUNDS UNDER WATER.

Divers who helped to lay the foundation of the great Eads bridge at St. Louis found that while they were under a pressure of four "atmospheres," or sixty pounds to the square inch, the ticking of a watch was absolutely painful to the ear. They also found it impossible to whistle.—New York Journal.

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