

CONGRESSMAN ENDS LIFE IN SUDDEN JUMP

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ing the position Zioncheck was holding his second term.

By United Press
The end of the inventor of the "Zioncheck zipper" was as sudden and dramatic as his quick jump to notoriety after he playfully took over a telephone switchboard in a Washington hotel New Year's morning.

Zioncheck left his wife and his brother-in-law, William Nadeau, in his car in front of the Arctic building to go to his office for a few minutes on business. When he failed to return in what they believed a reasonable time, Nadeau left the car and went to the office.

Death Comes Instantly
Zioncheck was sitting at his desk writing on a pad.

"His face was flushed. He appeared excited," Nadeau said afterwards. "I grew suspicious and suggested he get his hat and coat and leave with me, reminding him his wife was waiting in the car outside."

He muttered something and suddenly jumped from his chair, leaving the note unfinished. He ran into the other room in his office and jumped through the window. I rushed downstairs and found his crumpled body."

Deputy Coroner Earl Navin said there was no doubt but that the misunderstood and misunderstood playboy, whose Washington career ended in a Maryland asylum, died instantly.

Pathetic Note Left
The pathetic unfinished note he left bore out his sincere lifelong purpose to fight for the downtrodden, and his later delusion of persecution.

"It was my only purpose in life to improve an unfair economic system which held no hope and left not even a chance to have..."

That was all.

That the congressman contemplated the deed was revealed in Nadeau's story.

Janitor Opens Door

When he went to the office, he said the door to Zioncheck's office was locked. The congressman refused to open it, but a janitor let his brother-in-law in. Zioncheck did not appear pleased, Nadeau said, but attempted to keep on writing the note.

When Nadeau finally persuaded him to leave—he was to address a dinner of Seattle post-office employees and the time was drawing near—Zioncheck checked the note to the floor and put on his coat.

"You've got a hat, haven't you?" his brother-in-law asked.

"Yes," the congressman replied. "It's in the other room."

Before the brother-in-law could get around the desk and into the other office, Zioncheck had jumped.

The body was mangled badly and splattered over the pavement. After Mrs. Zioncheck was revived, she drove away in the car and two hours later newspaper men were unable to locate her.

The note itself showed no particular nervousness or emotion. It was written in pen and ink and was legible.

Vera Chase, the elevator operator who carried Zioncheck to the fifth floor, said he did not appear nervous and certainly did not look as if he had been drinking.

Nadeau said the congressman was "killed by newspaper publicity."

"He had been brooding over it a lot," Nadeau said.

Changed Mind on Race

His failure to obtain the endorsement of the commonwealth federation, a state left-wing democratic organization, which he had counted on to carry him to renomination, had also preyed on his mind. When he failed of the endorsement last week, he said he would not run again.

However, on Tuesday he changed his mind and filed his declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state.

Nadeau revealed that Zioncheck's family had been extremely worried about the congressman's mental condition.

Zioncheck had recently been

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Famed Violinist's Daughter Lives Here



Above, left, Herr August Aamold, noted violinist of the last century. Above, right, his daughter, Kathleen Aamold, resident of Klamath Falls, with the violin which she believes is the Guarnerius which her father owned. Below, a picture of Mrs. Torgler which appeared in the Photoplay magazine for September, 1912, when she was in motion pictures. Herald-News Photo-Engraving. Aamold picture from old print. Modern picture of Mrs. Torgler by Kennell-Elis.

consulting Dr. Edward B. Hoedemaker, a Seattle psychiatrist.

Dr. Hoedemaker had advised Zioncheck to remain very quiet.

Doctor Warned Nadeau

Nadeau conferred with the doctor today.

"He told me 'you had better keep an eye on him,'" Nadeau said.

At the coroner's office the brother-in-law moaned over and over: "Oh, if I only had kept an eye on him!"

Nobody ever heard of Marion Zioncheck much until last December. He first seized the front page when he arose in the house of representatives and asked a rhetorical question whether Rep. Wm. A. Ekwall, republican, Oregon, was about to make a fool of himself.

"If there is anybody in this congress," Ekwall thundered, "who has made a fool of himself as much as the gentleman from Washington, I don't know who he is."

Fight Is Stopped

Ekwall then invited Zioncheck "outside." Cooler heads stopped the fuss, but it made the front page.

On New Year's morning, about the time the latest revelers had gone to bed, the "gentleman from Washington," considerable in his cups, took charge of a telephone switchboard in a Washington apartment hotel. He had a lot of fun ringing all the rooms on the board until the police hauled him off.

Followed in quick succession: A series of arrests for speeding in Washington and North Carolina; the famous trip to Puerto Rico in which the representative engaged in a one-man revolution against the island government.

Appealed to Secretary of State for a passport to protect himself and finally squeezed out of the islands with his skin; a gala arrival in New York where he taught newspaper men the secret of his famous concoction of scotch, honey and soda, which he called the "Zioncheck zipper"; his wade in the fountain with his wife which greeted breakfasters the country over from the front page of morning newspapers.

Then he returned to Washington and his antics there on were not so funny. He threw typewriters and furniture out of his apartment; dragged his landlady out of the apartment by the hair; accused Vice-President Garner of hiding his wife; left a present of some empty beer bottles for President Roosevelt; scared the daylight out of the best educated and experienced dentists in the profession, see that the constitution of Oregon is amended in November to permit truthful advertising; and destroy the sinister power of this dental trust and monopoly.

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Kathleen Aamold

Finally seized by police and put into a psychopathic hospital.

Later came his commitment to the Maryland sanitarium, his sensational leap over a high wire fence to freedom and his discovery asleep in his office in the house office building the next day.

He was soon hustled out of Washington and sent home.

Old Friends "Out"

He had been pretty quiet since he came here. Old friends—on whom he thought he could depend—were "out" when he tried to see them. Acquaintances avoided him on the street.

Some of his classmates—particularly those who belonged to fraternities and sororities when he was in school, grinned when they saw him. Finally came his realization that politically he was through—and that, apparently, took about all he thought was left in life.

He was playboy one minute, zealot the next. He posed—and probably believed that he was—a friend of the poor. He always fought the existing order of things.

He was elected to congress in 1932 after he had campaigned, shouting: "I am a radical."

PORTLAND, Aug. 8 (AP)—State Treasurer Rufus Holman, in a talk at the Purchasing Agents' association meeting, said the



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Famed Violinist's Family, Residents of Klamath, Have Interesting Old Instrument

By MALCOLM EPLEY

August Aamold, young and famous Norwegian, lived and played a magnificent violin late in the last century. He came to untimely death at a mountain retreat in Clatsop county in 1895. The whereabouts of his famous violin became a mystery, and a rumor that it had been buried with him led to the disturbance of his grave by chools.

Today, an instrument, believed to be the same great Guarnerius which Aamold played before hundreds of audiences in North America and Europe, is in Klamath Falls—the possession of his daughter, Kathleen Aamold Torgler.

It was only a few days ago that members of the family, looking through an old scrap book, came upon the evidence which led them to believe that an old violin, kept for years among the family effects in an old-fashioned leather case, was the valuable Guarnerius.

Widow Dies Here

An examination was made of the instrument. It was taken from the ancient case, into which were long ago burned letters to spell "A. Aamold." Down inside the violin could be seen a seal, and the figures, "1720" could be discerned. Members of the family believe that this is the true Guarnerius.

August Aamold's widow, Annie Aamold Hansen, passed away in this city on July 4 of this year, and was buried at Baker. The family has lived in Oregon since early days, Aamold becoming intrigued with this state on his concert tour visits in the 'eighties and early 'nineties. The family, as well as the famous violin, have a most interesting history.

It is disclosed in clippings from the old scrap-book found among Mrs. Hansen's effects. This book is full of items telling of concert appearances of Herr Aamold in all parts of the world. There are stories of his life, and his violin, from the newspapers of his day.

One clipping, devoted to the violin, reads: "August Aamold, the violin virtuoso, has an interesting violin dated 1720. It is made out of red deal, which wood cannot be found anywhere today. The back of the violin is made so as to give forth the vibrations of C sharp and the requisite number of vibrations to produce C natural when struck. The size of the ribs are made so as to allow the interior of the violin to contain sufficient air to produce C in the tube when blown into. The varnish on the violin is as good as ever today and is a secret which has died with the old 'fiddle' makers. It has been analyzed and found to contain amber and oil, and something else, but the modern makers cannot imitate it. They are anxious to find a similar varnish for they suspect that much of the marvelous tonal flavor and musical beauty of the old Italian violins is due to the superior varnish used by them. Herr Aamold's violin is valued at \$5000."

The Quannah, Tex., "Chief" carried a story on Dec. 9, 1891, which states that Herr Aamold, who had just appeared there in concert, had won for himself the distinction of being equalled in America and Europe by only three men, Joachim, Sarasate and Remyal. The articles went on to say:

"Aamold carries with him a genuine Guarnerius, Guarnerius (Peter Guarnerius, noted Italian violin maker) made this famous violin while in prison for debt, and the instrument has been in the Aamold family for years."

His life was cut short by tuberculosis. He had suffered for some time of bronchial catarrh, and finally his physician in-

formed him he could not live long. He made a weary journey across the continent and sought the seclusion of a home he had established in the wilds of Clatsop county, out of Ahlers.

V. C. Squier, writing in the Boston Leader of his death, said: "He played upon a magnificent Guarnerius violin, valued at \$5000, undoubtedly the finest specimen of this illustrious maker extant. While in Europe he appeared in many of the capital cities before critical audiences, and was received with great favor, the prophecy being made that the world would pay tribute to another child of the Nordlands, as it had to Ole Bull, Jonny Lind and Christine Nilsson."

Mention of the wild Clatsop country in which he lived, is made in another clipping, possibly from the Oregonian, giving a report from a surveying party. It describes the rough trails and says: "Away up at the head of one of those tortuous trails lives Aamold, the violinist who has paid \$3000 for some scenery he calls a ranch; and the surveyors saw his refined London wife coming down the mountains astride of her horse with her baby across her lap."

Mrs. Aamold, later Mrs. Hansen, lived in Oregon for 50 years before her death here last independence day. She was an English girl, and before she was 21, according to her daughter, she made a good attempt in a contest, of men only, to swim the English channel. Mrs. Torgler says her mother also had two bronze medals for painting from the London museum of art. Her mother's father, a lawyer, died 21 years ago in Pueblo, Colo. At the time of his death he was described by the papers as "Captain Kid."

"However, mother explained to me that Captain Kid was only a mythical character, that my grandfather and his partner bought and sold land for the kind and queen's private gain."

Kathleen Aamold Torgler, who now lives with her husband at 51 Main street, played in motion pictures in the early days of the film industry. She has a worn copy of "Photoplay Magazine," for September, 1912, in which her picture appears on one full page, opposite that of Thomas H. Ince. Under it are the words, "Kathleen Aamold, (Republic)."

"I also was in Cecil de Mille's first New York dramatic production, 'Speed,' and was under Charles Frohman's management, as well as Charles Klein and Henry H. Harris, in dramatic and singing productions," she said.

This is the intriguing story of the Aamold family, and the famous violin. The instrument which members of the family believe is the Guarnerius August Aamold played, will be on display for a few days at Winter's jewelry store.

News of Oregon

ASTORIA, Aug. 8 (AP)—Walter L. Toose, of the republican state central committee, replying to a democratic speech by Frank McCulloch, state utilities commissioner, told a meeting of Clatsop county republicans that there was no attempt to put the democrats on the defensive.

McCulloch, speaking before a group in Portland, accused the republicans of trying to jockey the democrats into a defensive position in the presidential campaign.

"Frank claims to be the father of an important discovery, namely: That the republicans are deliberately trying to put the democrats on the defensive in the present political campaign," said Toose, who was here living up campaign plans.

"Let me reassure him on that point: There is nothing to it. 'We have no fight with the democrats, but if he means the socialist new dealers, then I can only say that we not only have them on the defensive, but on the run.'"

BEND, Aug. 8 (AP)—Some folk were wondering today just what a gone wrong, if anything, with Oregon's animals.

Earlier this week a forest ranger reported seeing a deer tree a full-grown bobcat after a hot chase.

Today, Morgan Williamson, service station attendant, is authority for a story concerning a cougar's attack on an automobile. Williamson said a California motorist, name unknown, reported a huge cat leaped from the brush to his car on the Green-springs highway near Klamath Falls. The motorist showed Williamson deep scratches and other marks on the car to prove the point.

REDMOND, Aug. 8 (AP)—Elwyn Sanford, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Sanford of Black Butte ranch, was brought to a hospital here suffering from what physicians diagnosed as spotted fever—the first case reported from the Metolius river area this year.

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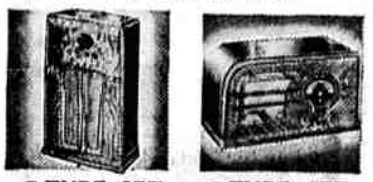
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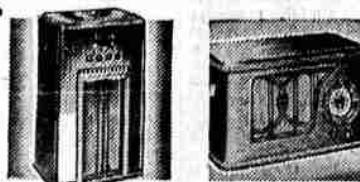
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