

WOUND WAS FATAL

NO MOTIVE GIVEN FOR BETTY DE JONG'S ACT OF SUICIDE.

DR. PORTER WITNESSED ACT

Oakland Physician with Portrait Painter at and Preceding Firing of Fatal Shot Makes Statement to Police—Tries to Dissuade Her.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

San Francisco, Cal.—Miss Betty De Jong, a prominent member of the San Francisco art colony and a painter of international reputation, died from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head. The police said they had virtually completed their investigation of the case and examination of Dr. William S. Porter, a well known physician of Oakland, who was in Miss De Jong's studio when she shot herself. After several hours of questioning he was permitted to go to his home.

An autopsy was performed revealing the police said, no new facts. Dr. Porter told the police his relations with the young woman were nothing more than those of two persons mutually interested in art. He is president of the Alameda County Art association. He met Miss De Jong he said, last year during the Panama-Pacific exposition at which she had several exhibits.

About three months ago, according to Dr. Porter, he began sitting for a portrait by Miss De Jong. He said he was to have had a sitting but was unable to keep the engagement and called at the studio to so inform the artist. Miss De Jong, he said, asked him to return before going home. This he did shortly after 6 o'clock. Almost immediately after his arrival, the physician declares, Miss De Jong began discussing suicide, all the while holding a small revolver. For three hours, the physician said, he tried to persuade the young woman not to think of such a thing and endeavored to have her fix her mind on her art and future. Finally when he was about to leave he said Miss De Jong shot herself in the temple.

The police said that they found in the studio not only complete corroboration of Dr. Porter's story, but evidence that Miss De Jong had carefully set the stage for the tragic end.

HUGE SWINDLE DISCLOSED.

Not a Sou Found When French Institution is Searched by Police.

Paris.—An alleged swindle, estimated by different newspapers as amounting to 3,000,000 to 10,000,000 francs, was disclosed in the arrest of Philippe Simeoni, of Italian origin and the Prince Henri, of Broglirevel. M. Simeoni was accused in 1912 of swindling the German Prince Friedrich Karl zu Hohenzollern-Oehringen out of 500,000,000 francs.

The case was settled out of court, but Simeoni was sentenced to six months in prison for fraudulent bankruptcy. Afterward he founded the Comptoir Des Valeurs Industrielles which was a stock broking bank. Prince Henri De Broglirevel was placed at the head of the institution as its president, Simeoni taking the title of manager.

At the outbreak of the war customers of the bank demanded their money. Simeoni pleaded the moratorium and put the bank into liquidation, provoking many complaints, one of which alone alleged a claim of 1,600,000 francs. The police report that not a sou remained in the bank when they searched it.

Physicians Lose Lives.

New York.—Cholera and typhus have claimed so many victims among the physicians who have been fighting these epidemics in Palestine that some of the villages have lost their last medical men and in the cities few physicians remain to cope with the situation, according to a statement made public here by Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization in America.

The conditions in Palestine were described in an appeal for \$75,000 to equip and support for one year a medical unit to be dispatched to the afflicted country without delay.

Capitalists' Special Wrecked.

Durango, Colo.—A special Denver and Rio Grande train, carrying a party of Philadelphia capitalists, was wrecked at Bells Siding, twenty miles north of here on the Durango-Silverton line, when the engine left the rails, carrying the three cars with it. E. N. Funston and Sidney Jennings, members of the party, received painful cuts and bruises, but none aboard received serious injuries. The cars caught fire and were destroyed.

Condemned by Board.

New York.—The nude in motion picture art has come under the ban of the National Board of Review. All producing companies that are members of the national association have agreed, it was said, not to permit the production in their studios of photographs using such a figure. Instructions to this effect have been sent to directors and scenario writers. Action was taken after "widespread disapproval" of such pictures was disclosed by an investigation covering the entire country.

U. S. FLYERS FOUND

LIEUTS. ROBERTSON AND BISHOP RESCUED IN MEXICO BY SEARCHING PARTY.

ONE TOO WEAK TO TRAVEL

Army Aviators, Who Have Been Missing for Nine Days, Were Within Thirty Miles of the Border When Searching Party Arrived.

Wellton, Ariz., Jan. 22.—After a tramp of nine days across the Sonora desert, Lieutenant Robertson and Lieutenant Colonel Bishop, the missing United States army aviators who have been lost since Wednesday a week ago, were found by a searching party of the New Cornelia Copper company about thirty miles south of the Mexican border and about sixty miles south of here. Lieutenant Robertson was brought here in the afternoon by auto, but Lieutenant Colonel Bishop was so weak that he could not be moved from where the pair were found.

Lieutenant Robertson said that he and Lieutenant Colonel Bishop landed about 12:30 o'clock Wednesday at a point in Mexico about 200 miles south of the Arizona border. Taking the water out of the radiator of the airplane the two army officers started to tramp northward across the desert. They husbanded their water as best they could. They had reached a point 30 miles south of the international line when they encountered the searching party from the copper company.

Lieutenant Robertson said that when he and Lieutenant Colonel Bishop left San Diego he set his course for Calexico by the compass. There seemed to have been a deviation of the instrument and also a drift of air currents which threw him off his course.

The two aviators were found in the Ajo mountains, 60 miles south of Wellton, at ten o'clock Thursday morning by a searching party composed of Winfield Paxton, G. A. Gamble and R. S. Hovattor. Robertson, when discovered, was staggering along all but dead and unable to talk much. He said that he and Colonel Bishop had landed at 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon of the day they left San Diego. They deserted their machine in a barren waste of country and started to wander in the direction which seemed to them would the sooner bring them to civilization.

Day after day and night after night the two army aviators traveled, subsisting on the food they carried with them, which was so scant it lasted but a little time.

On last Wednesday Bishop became so weak he could walk no further. He told Robertson he had better go on and save himself if he could. Robertson bade his comrade good-by and left him to what he thought would be his fate. He had walked 30 miles from the point where he left Bishop when picked up. Immediately after he was rescued a party was dispatched for Bishop and another rescue party was sent out from Yuma by Colonel Wilson of the Fourteenth infantry. It will be necessary to carry Bishop 12 miles from the mountain fastness where he is located to a conveyance.

MANY DIE IN POWDER BLAST

Munitions Factory Blown Up Near London—Loss of Life May Be Large.

London, Jan. 22.—The following official communication was issued on Saturday:

The ministry of munitions regrets to announce that an explosion occurred in a munitions factory in the neighborhood of London.

"It is feared that the explosion was attended by a considerable loss of life and damage to property."

Woolwich arsenal lies seven miles east-southeast of the heart of London. The arsenal itself has become the center of numberless workshops. Within the arsenal, 67,000 workers are employed.

RUSS CAPTURE TWO POSTS

Deliver a Successful Surprise Attack Near Baranovitchi, the Petrograd War Office Claims.

Petrograd, Jan. 22.—In a surprise attack delivered at night, the Russians captured two field posts from the Germans near Baranovitchi, the war office announced on Friday. Seventeen Germans were made prisoner and the remainder of the garrisons were put to the bayonet.

Near Zherow, in Galicia, the Teuton forces, after a strong bombardment, attempted to capture the heights held by the Russians southwest of the town. Some of the attackers penetrated the Russian trenches, but were driven out by a counter-attack.

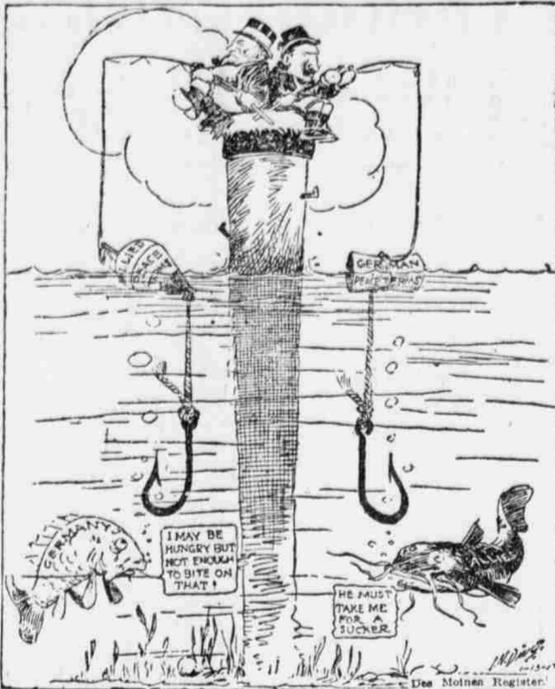
4-Cent Drop Ends Egg Famine.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—The egg famine came to an end on Friday. Prices on the wholesale market sold 4 cents a dozen lower than on Thursday. Wholesale values were brought down to 40 cents a dozen in car lots.

T. R.'s Annoyer Eludes Detectives.

Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Ida von Claussen Doun, who was ordered re-committed to the Middletown (N. Y.) state hospital, is here, having avoided, she said, detectives, who were about to carry out directions of the court.

ALL HOOKS AND NO BAIT



GERMAN RAIDER OUT ADMIRAL DEWEY DIES

BRITISH ADMIRALTY ADMITS LOSS OF EIGHT SHIPS.

Survivors Reach Pernambuco and Give Details of the Sea Rover's Exploits.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 19.—A German raider, believed to be the protected Cruiser Vinex, has sunk ten merchant steamers and two French schooners in the South Atlantic, according to dispatches received here from Pernambuco and Rio de Janeiro, detailing the landing of survivors at Pernambuco.

One additional message from Rio declared that the raider had sunk still another British ship—without warning—causing the loss of 400 persons.

According to information received at Rio de Janeiro from a British official source, seven vessels in the Atlantic have been sunk and none captured by a German raiding vessel.

The Brazilian minister of marine has made formal request for a report from Pernambuco, but as yet has not received a reply.

First news of the raider came in dispatches from Pernambuco detailing the landing there by the Japanese steamer Hudson Maru of sailors from five steamers sunk by the Teutonic commerce destroyer 30 miles off Pernambuco. The ships which fell victim were said to have included the British steamers Dramatist and Radnorshire, the latter bound from Bahia to Havre and London, and other French and allied merchantmen.

A subsequent message reported the sinking of "English and French merchantmen off the Brazilian coast, including the Voltaire."

London, Jan. 19.—Eight British and two French merchant vessels are believed to have been sunk by a German raider.

The steamships St. Theodore and Yarrowdale were captured. Their whereabouts is unknown.

The ships sunk by the German raider are: British—Dramatist, Radnorshire, Minch, Netherbyhall, Mount Temple, King George, George and Voltaire. French—Nantes and Ashieres.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

London, Jan. 19.—Victor Alexander Bruce, ninth earl of Elgin and Kincardine, is dead.

London, Jan. 19.—The reichstag will not assemble this month, but will meet on February 10, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 19.—Jacob Tantz, David Long, Frank Long and Richard Fee, the last three young boys, were killed near Harlan when an old mine caved in.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 18.—E. H. Thomas of Chicago was elected vice president of the Lumber Carriers' association of the Great Lakes, at the closing session of their convention.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—A. B. Brinkerhoff, general freight agent for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad in Chicago for 20 years and former president of the local freight agents' association of Chicago, died at his home in Huntley, Ill., aged eighty years.

Deputy and Bandit Slain.

Okemah, Okla., Jan. 20.—One bank robber and a deputy sheriff were killed in a battle between an Okfuskee county posse and bandits near here. Another robber was wounded and captured.

Admiral J. H. Watmough Dies.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Rear Admiral James H. Watmough, retired, ninety-five, last survivor of the frigate Constitution, who raised the first American flag in California in the Mexican war, died of a grippe.

HERO OF MANILA BAY SUCCEUMS AT WASHINGTON HOME.

Head of American Navy and Ranking Naval Officer of World, Passes Away.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Admiral George Dewey, who won the naval battle at Manila bay, died at his home here at the age of seventy-nine, after an illness lasting six days. Mrs. Dewey and his son, George M. Dewey, were with him when the end came. The son was summoned from Chicago.

Admiral Dewey was taken ill with what at first appeared to be only a slight cold. His illness was diagnosed as arteriosclerosis. Since Monday no hope had been held out for his recovery.

President Wilson has shown his sympathy by sending huge bunches of flowers to the admiral's home, with a request that he be informed of any change in the patient's condition.

Because of Admiral Dewey's rank, the military funeral services will be of the most impressive character.

During his residence in Washington Admiral Dewey had lived a very simple and retired life. He was at his office in the navy department regularly every day.

Admiral Dewey was the third officer who won the high post of admiral of the United States navy.

His father was Dr. Julius Yennas Dewey of Montpelier, Vt. His mother was Mary Perrin, daughter of Zachariah Perrin of Gilead, Conn.

George Dewey was born at Montpelier on December 26, 1837.

FUNSTON INSPECTS TROOPS

Praises Members of the Mexican Punitive Expedition Along 175-Mile Line.

Field Headquarters, Punitive Expedition, Mexico, Jan. 18.—General Funston returned to Colonia Dublan from El Valle, thus completing the inspection of a 175-mile line of communication and the review of about 10,000 men.

"The experience is surprising," General Funston said. "For until now I did not fully realize the responsibility of the officers and men of the expedition, and I do not believe that the American people fully appreciate what a job this expedition has had and how well it has carried out its orders."

SHIPPING BOARD CONFIRMED

Senate Commerce Committee Votes to Recommend All President's Appointments to the Body.

Washington, Jan. 18.—After careful investigation the senate commerce committee voted to recommend confirmation of all the president's appointments to the shipping board. The appointees are Bernard N. Baker of Baltimore, John A. Donald, New York; Theodore Brent, New Orleans; William Denman, San Francisco, and James B. White, Kansas City. The committee found objection to Baker, Donald and White insufficient to warrant an unfavorable report on their confirmation.

Scully Holds House Seat.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 22.—The court of errors and appeals affirmed the supreme court decision that a recount in the Third congressional district was legal. This makes final the re-election of Congressman Scully (Dem.).

Wilson Picks His Escort.

Washington, Jan. 22.—President Wilson has decided to use the Second cavalry troops at Fort Myer, Va., as his personal escort at the inaugural ceremonies. This ends a competition between many organizations.

PLOT TO KILL WILSON

PROSECUTOR QUOTES ARTICLES FROM "RED'S" PAPERS AT SAN FRANCISCO HEARING.

CLUB KNOWN AS "BLASTERS"

Purpose of Movement Backed by Anarchists Was to Stop Preparedness in the United States at Any Cost, Says E. A. Cunha.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—President Wilson's life was threatened by an anarchist organization known as "The Blast," of which Thomas J. Mooney, on trial here for bomb murders, was a leader with Alexander Berkman, assistant District Attorney Edward A. Cunha charged here on Thursday.

Beginning his address Cunha outlined the history of the bomb explosion here last July in which ten persons lost their lives.

"I will prove," said Cunha, out of court, prior to opening argument in the Mooney trial, "that Mooney and Berkman belonged to an organization known as 'The Blasters.' The purpose of the organization was to overturn the government and stop preparedness at any cost."

Cunha quoted an article in Berkman's paper, the Blast:

"We want to warn the weathercock in the White House that it may not prove safe. Suppression of the voice of discontent leads to assassination."

"Vide Russia," read the article written March 4, 1916, in protest of alleged federal suppression of free speech in Chicago and New York.

"I will connect Mooney with this conspiracy by letters in his own writing and by articles he wrote in the Blast. I will show that they planned to create a prejudice against and to betray the American Federation of Labor."

"I will show that before the parade Mooney declared 'preparedness must be thrown back into the teeth of its advocates.' Mooney declared that if the government had a large army the revolution would be nipped in the bud."

Cunha said that Mooney and the other conspirators in their campaign against preparedness decided that the first one of them to be approached by a recruiting officer should shoot him down.

TEACHER AND MUSICIAN SLAIN

J. M. Couch of Oklahoma City Charged With Double Murder—Spurned by Woman.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 20.—Charged with shooting and killing Miss Nellie M. Dunn, a teacher in the Wheeler school building on Thursday afternoon and suspected of later shooting to death Rowland D. Williams, vocal teacher holding a position in the same building in which Miss Dunn was employed, John M. Couch surrendered to Deputy United States Marshal Stallings at Guthrie, Okla., where he was lodged in the federal jail.

While a warrant has been issued charging Couch with the murder of Miss Dunn, the police believe he also killed Williams. It is believed Couch killed the girl and then lay in wait in the building until Williams came by. Couch was a brother-in-law of Miss Dunn. Mrs. Mary Couch, wife of the accused, said Couch had for several years attempted to force his attentions on her sister, but that Miss Dunn shunned him.

Williams had taught music in the schools of Fort Worth, Little Rock and Memphis.

NAMES GRAYSON AN ADMIRAL

President Names Friend for Medical Director of Navy—New Position Created by Congress.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Dr. Cary T. Grayson, friend and private physician of President Wilson, was honored for four years of successfully keeping the president in good trim by a promotion to medical director in the navy with the rank of rear admiral.

The new position is one of two created by congress at its last session. Doctor Grayson now holds the rank of past assistant surgeon.

In addition to Doctor Grayson's name, President Wilson on Thursday sent the following naval promotions to the senate:

Medical Inspector William Branstet to be medical director; Naval Constructor David W. Taylor to be naval constructor inspector; Paymaster General Samuel McGowan to be pay director, and Civil Engineer F. R. Harris to be civil engineer; Lieut. Col. George O. Squier of the army signal corps to be chief signal officer with the rank of brigadier general.

Teuton Ship Sails From Zeebrugge.

London, Jan. 22.—A Reuter dispatch from Flushing, Holland, reports the German steamer Ursula Fischer passing there from Zeebrugge, on its way to Antwerp. "This is the first German ship that has passed in this direction."

Treasury Clerk Kills Self.

Washington, Jan. 22.—W. W. Eldridge of Flint, Mich., chief of the division of issue, which has to do with the issuance of bank notes in the office of the comptroller of the currency, shot and killed himself here.

GOSSIP FROM STATE HOUSE

The first bills passed at this session of the legislature were the two legislative appropriation bills for salaries and expenses. They were passed unanimously.

Secretary of Agriculture Mellor urges the public to wait for a while before buying stock in the farm loan bank, at least until the government itself has taken it up.

The state aid bridge law is to be amended, if Representative Tracowell has his way, so as to reduce the minimum width of streams coming under the law from 175 to 100 feet.

A special state tax levy of 1 mill per annum for the creation of a state aid road and bridge fund has been embodied in a bill prepared for the house committee on roads and bridges.

County treasurers are not entitled to a fee for collecting auto licenses, according to an opinion by Attorney General Reed. The fee is to be placed in the road fund or remitted to the state treasurer.

A duplicate of the Howell senate bill to make discrimination in the fire insurance business unlawful by punishing any company or agent who practices it has been offered by Mr. Ollis in the lower chamber.

W. R. Mellor, for eleven years secretary of the state board of agriculture, was defeated for re-election at the meeting of the board at Lincoln last week. He was succeeded by E. R. Danielson of Osceola.

Among the new measures introduced in the house is one prepared by J. W. Shorthill, representing an association of elevator owners, designed to bring about a more equitable distribution of freight cars for the shipment of grain and other commodities.

More aid from the state for the purpose of saving the uncared for apple orchards of eastern Nebraska and increasing commercial production of the fruit in that section was advocated by President Val Keyser in his annual address at the opening of the fifty-eighth convention of the Nebraska state horticultural society.

Senator Gates of Sarpy county, promises that there will be no bill introduced this year to permit the licensing of saloons at Ft. Crook. A bill of that kind has been a bone of contention in previous sessions, but two years ago Gates said that was the last time for him. And state prohibition wouldn't allow it, anyway.

Fish to cut the cost of living, not fish to tempt the sporty angler's eye, is the suggestion of State Fish Commissioner O'Brien, in his annual report to Governor Neville. He appeals to be allowed to stock the shallow and marshy waters of Nebraska with German carp, in stead of trying in vain to get bass and fancy breeds to thrive there.

Nebraska apples, potatoes, corn and flowers on display at the city auditorium this week are representative of what modern methods of production can do when combined with Nebraska soil and climate. This show is staged by the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association and the Nebraska State Horticultural society, for the purpose of demonstrating to the people of the state a few of the great agricultural resources of Nebraska.

Nebraska railroads have been unable to furnish cars for the shipment of grain principally because a large part of their rolling stock is now held in the possession of eastern lines which fail to return them within a reasonable time. This information was laid before the house of representatives in a report from the state railway commission, answering the inquiries propounded in the Murtry resolution adopted last week.

Members of the Nebraska house of representatives refuse to tie themselves down to a limit of five bills each at the present legislative session. They are likewise unwilling to make ten bills per man the limit.

The Liggett resolution on that subject, making five the voluntary maximum for one member, and a substitute offered by Mr. Ainlay, proposing ten as the number, were both voted down by an overwhelming majority.

Genial Gas Beachorner, who has both democratic and republican connections, is filling his old place as supervisor of the senate, in which capacity he has become expert through his experience at former sessions. His nominal position is senate book-keeper.

Governor Neville has appointed Mrs. M. D. Weeks, editor of the Norfolk Press, to be an inspector in the food, drug, dairy and oil departments. What branch of the work she is to be assigned to has not been announced.

Heretofore the stars and stripes have been unfurled over the state house only when the legislature was in session. The proposal is now made, backed by Governor Neville and a host of republicans and democrats and other patriots, that each end of the state capitol building be decorated with the flag every day of the year. The legislature may settle the matter by resolution, although the state board in charge of the building will probably take action, no matter what the law makers do.