

ALBERT RIBYN NOT DROWNED

Finding of Pilot House Key in Hand on Discovery of Body Proves He Succumbed on Boat.

BOAT CAPTAIN'S FRIEND

Letter Received From Steamer Officer Says Deceased Was Found Shortly After His Death.

Apalachicola, Fla. January, 4, 1911. Mrs. A. S. Ribyn, 922 Morgan St. Keokuk, Iowa.

"My dear Mrs. Ribyn: It is so hard for me to write you this letter but I know you want to know all about it (I just telegraphed you). Mr. Ribyn told us all Christmas week he was going to Pensacola, that his brother-in-law wrote to him to meet him there Christmas day. He met Jennie and I down shopping. Thursday night before Christmas at 8:30 and told us good bye, that he was going to Pensacola today. At 4 p. m. there was a drowned man at our wharf and I saw it was Mr. Ribyn. His watch stopped at 10:45 so he must have been drowned shortly after he left us. I had written him at Pensacola for the key to the pilot house and when they found him, he had the key in his hand. The wharf is a high one and suppose he fell when he went to get in the pilot house as he left a clean shirt and some collars on the bank. He had already taken his trunk over to the ware house which is there now. All the other things the Maso's have charge of, they taking charge of the body and notified his lodge. We liked this place so much and we were together nearly all the time and would have been that night only I had to go shopping with Jennie.

You don't know how bad I feel about it. The key I will send you later and give it to his little girl and tell her always to keep it, that papa had it in his hand when found.

Answer, your friend,
JOHN J. BROWN,
P. O. Box 165.

From information received in a letter by the widow, it now appears certain that Albert L. Ribyn, whose body was found in the water at the Apalachicola wharf on the night of December 22, was not drowned but life was extinct before the body reached the water. This statement becomes almost a positive fact from a curious situation and one that would have been generally overlooked but for those who found Mr. Ribyn's lifeless body a short time after he had fallen from the pilot house deck of the steamer "Loretta" in the Apalachicola harbor. In his hand was grasped the key to the pilot house in which were some of Mr. Ribyn's clothes, after which articles he had gone. If the deceased had been conscious when he fell, he would naturally have let go of the key.

It is well known that Mr. Ribyn was afflicted with heart trouble and the natural supposition is, that after coming out of the pilot house of the steamer, he dropped lifeless from an attack and fell among the pilings of the wharf and into the water. He had not been in that position much more than an hour at least. Captain Brown an intimate friend of the deceased and his wife, having seen Mr. Ribyn at half past eight o'clock on the night of the 22 of last month and the body was discovered at 10:45, as told in the letter published here, and which was received last Saturday night by Mrs. Birdie Ribyn, the wife.

Letter Explains Matters. In the letter written Thursday last and received night before last by Mrs. Ribyn, Captain John Brown tells of the meeting with Mr. Ribyn on the

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night of his death. The steamer captain and the deceased were the warmest of friends and had been for a number of months, hunting and fishing together and Mr. Ribyn having made his home on the boat a greater portion of the time. The deceased had been in the south in the interest of his health, physicians advising him to go there for the benefit of his health, tuberculosis and heart trouble making it necessary for Mr. Ribyn to give up his work and he had only been employed but five days since a year ago last July.

Wife Would Leave Tomorrow.

It was the intention of Mrs. Ribyn to leave tomorrow, the tenth of January, for Florida to join her husband Mr. Ribyn had written her that he had intended going to Pensacola to join his brother-in-law Joseph Pollard and the two were to have made a business trip to Mobile together, the place where Mr. Pollard was employed.

It was with this trip in view that Mr. Ribyn went to the pilot house of the boat on the night of the 22nd, to get some wear and apparel and his trunk for the trip to Pensacola to join relative and as the letter explains he had Captain and Mrs. Brown good bye when he met them on the street.

Mr. Pollard having waited in Pensacola for his brother-in-law for a number of hours, supposed that he had missed him and wrote to Mrs. Ribyn his sister in this city telling of the confusion of appointments. The relative here naturally supposed that the deceased had gone on a hunting trip as he had done many times while living week in and week out on board the boat with his friend Captain Brown.

Body Arrived.

The body of the late Albert L. Ribyn arrived last evening from the south at 7:20 o'clock and was taken to the Crimmins & Chase undertaking parlors. Funeral services will be held from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the Masonic order will have charge.

The deceased was born at St. Charles, Mo., and would have been thirty-nine years old had he lived until Christmas day. When a small boy of eight, his parents succumbed to pneumonia and he came to this city to make his home with an uncle, Math. Ribyn.

The deceased was a member of the Mason lodge and also had a policy in the Des Moines Life Insurance Company.

Fifteen years ago, Mr. Ribyn was married to Miss Birdie Pollard and one daughter, Alta was born to the union, both surviving. Aside from these relatives no other near kin-folk survive.

M. Ribyn had been employed as an expert gas workman for fifteen years. He was at one time an employe of the local gas company. With his wife and little daughter he removed to Little Rock, Ark., several years ago where he became superintendent of the Pula-Ski Gas Company's plant and spent four years in that city until forced to give up his position through continued illness and seek southern climate. His

family joined him in Florida a year ago, Christmas where they remained until going to Columbus, Ga., the eighteenth of last May. Mr. Ribyn came here the last of August and remained until October with his relatives, then returned south again to Apalachicola which is situated on the Gulf of Mexico.

MORGAN BACKING ALL THE BANKERS

Says There Is No Need For Any Runs and He Assumes Some of the Obligations.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—J. P. Morgan is standing back of the banks and big financial institutions of New York to prevent a run on the banks.

"There is nothing the matter with the financial world and the people should know it," he said.

He has assumed the obligations of several banks which were crippled by the failure of the Carnegie Trust Co. Several hundred people lined up in front of the banks this morning to get their money.

The cash which was sent from this city to move the crops in the west has started back. The Madison Trust Co., early today named new officers. Representative business men were put into active management of other banks, when former officers retired in order to satisfy the public. Wide-spread publicity was given the changes.

Outside the Nineteenth ward bank, a line of about 100 persons was formed, mostly women. It was said that all checks presented would be promptly paid.

There was a brief run today on the 12th ward bank. The president of the Harlem board of trade made a speech to the line saying that the people's money was as safe as if the government held it and many left without drawing their savings.

Confidence Restored.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—There was brisk and heavy stock buying on the market this morning, following the measure to restore confidence, after the failure of the Carnegie Trust Co.

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Bee to Protect Apple Crop.

If reports are to be credited a new and most valuable friend of the apple grower has been found in the shape of a diminutive bee introduced into the southern states some years ago to wage war on the cotton worm, and the present season put to work in western Colorado to prey upon the codling moth. The bee is known scientifically as the hymenoptera and has appeared by hundreds of thousands in the section named. It is planned to breed the parasite by millions another year, so that the war can be waged on the codling moth from the beginning of the season.—Los Angeles Herald.

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College Girls Economize.

The girls at Wellesley are working hard to raise \$100,000 for the student building and, in consequence, have given up many of their pleasures in the way of fudge and parties. They do not ride when they can walk and will not give flowers to their pet senior, but all the money possible is put in the bank for the fund.

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Illuminate the clock in the same way and set a chime of bells behind it that may be set ringing by pushing a button. If there is a cow in the picture, contrive to make her moo.

Now call in your friends, press the button, light the lights, make the bells chime, and the cow moo and your neighbors will appreciate Constable.—C. B. Loomis in The Delineator.

A Gladstone Story.

Mr. E. F. Benson, in an article on the winter charms of Grindelwald in "Travel and Exploration," related an anecdote of Mr. Gladstone. It seems that at a country house one morning the guests were discussing at breakfast the right way of packing a sponge-bag when the sponge has been used and is consequently water-logged. Mr. Gladstone, who had apparently been solely absorbed by his morning's correspondence, suddenly closed the discussion by informing the party that they were all wrong. "The only proper method is to wrap it up in your bath-towel, and stamp upon it. Then put it in your sponge-bag. You will find it perfectly dry."

In a Minute.

"Is my hair coming down?" called the matron. "It will be in a minute," answered the maid. "I'm going upstairs for it now."

Dating Eggs.

A rubber stamp to be worn on a finger so that when an egg is picked up the date will be imprinted on the shell is a recent invention.

SOURCE OF ZULU JAVELIN

Many African Tribes Have Attained Enough Skill in Smelting Metals to Make the Asagals.

The railing charge about idols for the heathen being manufactured in Birmingham, England, has become an article of common faith, yet on the most scanty evidence. In the earlier years of the last century the same charge was laid at the Puritan doors of New England, for it was commonly said of ships sailing out of Salem and Boston for the coast of Africa that they were freighted with missionaries and hymn books in the cuddy, brass idols and New England rum under hatches in the 'tweendecks. There is no reason to suspect a foreign source for the Zulu javelins. Many of the African tribes have attained to the art of smelting several of the metals; the Amazulu, a race of no inconsiderable culture, have progressed so far in the iron age that they have invented the softer grades of steel. The steel tips of these weapons are not considered imitative of the leaf but of the obsidian tips which are frequently used by warriors of the same age. The name is preferably spelled asagal as in better conformity with the etymology. It is an African name, but not Zulu nor of any language in South Africa. It was introduced by the Portuguese discoverers, who had already borrowed it from the Berbers of Morocco or more likely from the Moors during their domination of the Iberian peninsula. In the Berber it is al-zaghayah or without the article zaghayah and means spear. In the chivalric period it existed in English in the composite lancegay or lance-degay.

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