

"ANGEL" OF EAST SIDE COMMITS SUICIDE BY GAS

Minister's Wife, Beloved by All in the Parish, Quickly Asphyxiates Herself While Husband Is at Breakfast.

Mrs. Pauline Keevil, wife of the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Keevil, of the Second Avenue Baptist Church, who is one of John D. Rockefeller's favorite ministers in the Baptist denomination, committed suicide to-day in the parish house, at No. 162 Second avenue, adjoining the church.

A complete wreck from her mission and church work, Mrs. Keevil was to have left town to-morrow for her old home at Hawkinsville, N. Y., where she was to stay until her nerves were restored. But while her husband was at his breakfast this morning she got up, attached a rubber tube to the gas jet, turned the cock and then getting in bed pulled the bed clothing over her head and inhaled the gas through the tube.

Just twenty minutes elapsed between the time that her husband left her to go to his breakfast and the time that she found her dying in bed. Every effort was made to save her life, two physicians being summoned at once, but she died without recovering consciousness. The house in which she killed herself is the one made famous by the siege of the Rev. Daniel E. Potter, who barricaded himself there for days while policemen and city marshals were trying to get him out. The Potter incident followed a row with Mr. Rockefeller, who has always been the chief supporter of this church.

Well-Known Mission Worker. Mrs. Keevil came of one of the oldest families in this State and was one of the best known mission workers in the city. She was a Miss Harrer, of Hawkinsville, N. Y., where her family has lived for four hundred years. Her father was John Harrer, who made a fortune in the furniture business in this city many years ago. She was forty years of age and had two children, Samuel, aged six years, and Nora, aged three years. In the east side parish in which she has worked of late years she was regarded as a sort of an angel.

After special work was being done at home of the poor and attending to their wants. Almost all of her private means was devoted to her charitable work.

The Rev. Dr. Keevil came to the Second Avenue Baptist Church three years ago from the Baptist church at Woodside, L. I., where he attended for many years. He was a man of great success in building up a church. He succeeded the Rev. Dr. Francis, who took the Second avenue church after the sensational ousting of the Rev. Dr. Potter.

The house in which the Keevils lived is now the residence of the New York City Baptist Mission Society, but Dr. Keevil and Mrs. Keevil, the former's mother, and two nieces lived there. Dr. Keevil had been a favorite of John D. Rockefeller, who has always contributed liberally to the support of this particular church.

Mrs. Keevil had been in ill health since the birth of her last child, just before she and her husband came to New York. In spite of her frailty she insisted on going ahead with her mission work, extending it all the time until she was unable to do so. She had forbidden her husband to do anything until she got over a slight attack of nervous prostration.

Mrs. Keevil chafed more under inactivity than while at work, and on Sunday No. 307 Second avenue, insisted that she go to Hawkinsville and remain there at her old home until she was well. She would have started to-morrow, and all of her things had been packed for the trip.

Mrs. Keevil seemed to be in fairly good spirits to-day. Her husband sat in her room with her for some time before she came to breakfast, cheering her up and telling her that she would be all right as soon as she had had a few weeks in the country. Mrs. Keevil seemed to look forward with a smile to the visit to her old home, and she had no hesitation in leaving her while he went to his breakfast.

Forced in the Door. Twenty minutes after he left her he returned to find the door of the bedroom locked. He knocked and when no answer forced it in. His worst fears were realized then.

Mrs. Keevil was not in sight, but the tubing from the gas jet under the bed clothing told the whole story. The minister quickly unlocked the door, unlocked the door and found his wife beneath unconscious, the end of the tube still in her mouth. He turned off the gas, threw open the windows and sent for Dr. Morrow, J. Edward Grant, of No. 147 Broadway, and two physicians worked for an hour over the woman. It was all in vain, however, as she died without recovering consciousness.

ROOSEVELT GOES DOWN EAST TO-NIGHT

WASHINGTON, June 20.—President Roosevelt will leave Washington at 9 o'clock to-night for Massachusetts to attend to-morrow and Thursday the commencement exercises of Clark University and Holy Cross College, at Worcester, and of Williams College at Williamstown. He will travel via the Pennsylvania, New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads.

Early in the afternoon of Thursday the President and his party will leave Washington for New York. Mr. Roosevelt is expected to arrive here before breakfast time Friday morning.

CHILD DIES AFTER USE OF ANTI-TOXIN

Investigation Ordered in the Case of Seven-Year-Old Yetta Green.

Coroner Scholer and Health Commissioner Darlington to-day began an investigation into the death yesterday afternoon of Yetta Green, seven years old, of No. 49 Forsyth street, within an hour after an inspector of the Board of Health had given her an injection of diphtheria anti-toxin. The girl's younger sister, three years old, is ill with the disease.

When the case was reported yesterday its real nature did not at once appear, and it was at first supposed that the Coroner's Office that the case was like many on the east side, the death of a child without medical attendance. At the office of the board of Health, Office to-day for a burial permit he told the story about the anti-toxin.

It was said that Dr. Darlington would make an investigation. The name of the inspector who attended the girl was refused, but it was said that he had been employed for several years and was careful and experienced. Of Green's three children, the next youngest was suffering from diphtheria. The injection was given to Yetta and to the baby, who is now recovering from the disease. Yetta and the baby had been shown no signs of the disease.

The father said that the health inspector seemed in a great hurry when he called at the house, and went through the house in a great rush. After giving the anti-toxin, and had been gone only an hour when Yetta died.

EQUITABLE REPORT COMES OUT THURSDAY

Gov. Higgins Says that Hendricks's Findings May Then Be Announced.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, N. Y., June 20.—Gov. Higgins said to-day that the report of Superintendent Hendricks on the Equitable Life Insurance Company, given to the public at the session of the Legislature convenes in extra session to-morrow, and the plan of the preliminary business in the Hooker case disposed of before the close of the day. In that event, the Hendricks report would be given out during the recess, when all the Senators and Assemblymen are away from Albany.

The purpose of this is obvious. The danger of arousing public clamor for a legislative investigation at this time would be avoided, and the members of both houses would have time to digest the report, and the Equitable committee would be afforded an opportunity to straighten out some of the affairs of the Equitable along lines suggested by Supt. Hendricks. This reasoning of the political bosses convinced the Governor of the desirability of delaying the publication of the report. If after the Legislature reconvenes the situation is such as to demand legislative interference, the Governor argued that the matter could be brought to the attention of the Senators and Assemblymen. Friends of the Governor say that he is sincere in his desire to settle the difficulty in a way that will satisfy the policy holders and the general insurance public.

J. B. Odell, jr., Republican State boss, arrived here at noon to-day and went directly to the Governor's room in the Capitol. The pressure upon Odell to prevent a Legislative inquiry is great. It is up to the Governor to decide finally just what disposition shall be made of the matter.

Hendricks, it is understood, stands for a rigid action. He believes that the party's reputation as well as his own would be damaged by a fight between Hendricks and Odell. With Higgins as arbiter.

After Odell and the Governor examined the Equitable report, Supt. Hendricks and Odell and Speaker Nixon, called into the conference for a general threshing out of the subject.

MORTON'S INQUIRY IS NOW UNDER WAY.

An investigation of the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society was begun to-day by the public accountants chosen for that purpose by Paul Morton, chairman of the Board of Directors.

"I wish it distinctly understood," said Mr. Morton, "that this investigation is being made at my own instance." Assistant Deputy Vanderpool and his subordinates were the only representatives at the Equitable offices to-day.

M'ADOO IS AFTER FT. GEORGE RESORTS

The Commissioner Not Satisfied with the Moral Tone of Northern End of Manhattan.

Commissioner McAdoo said to-day that he is far from satisfied with the moral condition of the summer resort at the north end of Manhattan Island, known as Fort George. He has received many complaints of the dance halls and other resorts at the place, he says, and has begun an investigation. Saloon-keepers and others with places at Fort George who expect that they do not give satisfactory assurance of their future compliance with the law, he will begin a general clean-up process.

CHINESE CADETS FROWNED ON BY GOVERNOR

Higgins Reminds McAdoo that Organization Violates Military Code.

Gov. Higgins has notified Police Commissioner McAdoo that a Chinese military organization, known as the Chinese Cadets, which was formed in Chinatown some months ago, and recently described and pictured in the Evening World, exists in violation of the law, and that it must be broken up at once.

The first intimation that the Commissioner had that there was a Chinese military organization in this city came from the Governor on Saturday, when he wrote to say that a citizen from another State had written to him about the matter. The Governor asked that an investigation be made, and Mr. McAdoo told Capt. Eggers to put one of his men on the case.

Detective Ward, who is an expert in Chinatown matters, found an organization of Chinese cadets at Nos. 1 and 3 Mott street, which is being instructed in military tactics by Major George McVicker, of the Sixty-ninth Regiment. He also reported that the cadets are using discarded United States Army rifles.

The Commissioner sent this information to Gov. Higgins, and to-day got word that the Governor had issued an order that the military organization exist in this State without the sanction of the Government.

Commissioner McAdoo says he will consult a lawyer and do whatever he advises. William Lee is the captain of the cadets, and Lung Kai Mah is the lieutenant.

THREE KILLED, ONE MORTALLY HURT IN WRECK

Head-On Collision Results in Bad Smash-Up on New Haven Road.

NEWINGTON, Conn., June 20.—A light engine running west collided with a heavy east-bound freight train early to-day just above the junction of the High-land and the Hartford divisions of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad in Newington, blocking the tracks with wreckage and causing the fatal death of three men, probable fatal injuries to another and serious injuries to the fifth member of the train crew.

The dead are: Louis C. Stratton, brakeman, of East Hartford; George Schlauser, fireman, of Chicopee, Mass.; and Denisaur or Benishaw, fireman, residence not known.

Those injured were: Engineer F. F. Pruett, Rutland, Vt., who will die, and Engineer Wilcox, Rutland, Vt., expected to recover.

A light train was due in from Hartford freight yards at 1.45 this morning, but was more than two hours late when it was reported along the Highland division. In consequence of its slow progress a light engine, in charge of Engineer Pruett, was sent out from East Hartford with instructions to wait at Newington Junction until the freight came along, when it was to be attached to give assistance in pushing the train over the heavy grades.

It is thought that Engineer Pruett mistook the signal, and was sent out from East Hartford with instructions to wait at Newington Junction until the freight came along, when it was to be attached to give assistance in pushing the train over the heavy grades.

AUTO HIT CARRIAGE, TWO MEN INJURED.

Chauffeur in Collision Up the State Says He is Employed by a New York Man.

HIGHLAND FALLS, N. Y., June 20.—An automobile bearing the number 10,883, and operated by Otto Theune, of No. 325 West Fifty-eighth street, New York, who said he was employed as a chauffeur by a New York man, to-day struck a carriage containing School Commissioner George W. Flood and Frank Dornberger. Flood and Dornberger were thrown against a stone wall, the carriage was smashed and the horses were thrown over on Flood's prostrate form.

Dornberger escaped with slight bruises, but it is feared that Mr. Flood is seriously injured. The chauffeur has been arrested, charged with reckless driving. He will be given a hearing later.

E. J. BUTLER NOW THE TENEMENT COMMISSIONER

Appointed by Mayor McClellan to Succeed T. C. T. Crain in Office.

Thomas N. Mulry, President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, who was offered the position of Tenement-House Department Commissioner, decided last night not to accept the appointment and so notified Mayor McClellan.

The Mayor to-day asked Mr. Mulry to select a man for the place. He named Edmund J. Butler, who was immediately notified by Mayor McClellan of his appointment.

Mr. Butler is Vice-President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He succeeds T. C. T. Crain and will assume the duties of his new office on Thursday morning. He lives at No. 10 West Forty-second street.

Edmond J. Butler is fifty years old. He has been in the real estate business for a number of years and has his office at No. 102 West Forty-second street. He has always taken an active interest in charitable organizations and is an officer and director in several of such organizations in this city.

The new Commissioner is a warm friend of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, National Council St. Vincent de Paul Society in the United States, Vice-Chairman of the Home Bureau for the Placing Out of Children, Chairman of the Board of the New York Air Work, Member of the Dependent Children's Aid, Charities Organization Society, Secretary of the State Conference of Charities and Correction, Member of the Board of Parole, and of the Board of Managers of the State Hospital at Islip.

BOYS DERAIL CAR; THREE RIDERS HURT

One Passenger Sent to Hospital as Result of Lads' Mischief on Frank on Eighth Avenue.

Three persons were severely injured this afternoon by the derailing of a car opposite No. 288 Eighth avenue. The accident being due to a stone placed on the track by mischievous boys.

Isabel Reisinger, twenty-four years old, of No. 77 Morton street, a passenger, suffering from contusions, the body of Max Fieger, twenty-eight years old, of No. 772 Fifth avenue, and Charles Rosenberg, twenty-eight years old, of No. 282 Eighth avenue, were attended by an ambulance surgeon and sent home.

IMMENSE DIVIDEND OF 5TH AVE. BANK.

Gives 120 Per Cent. in Addition to a Quarterly Distribution of 25 Per Cent. to Stockholders.

An extra dividend of 120 per cent. in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 per cent. has been declared by the directors of the Fifth Avenue Bank of this city. The extra dividend which the stockholders will receive is out of profits of the bank made in 1904 and 1905.

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SHEERIN DIES AS HE SPEAKS AT MEETING

Ex-Secretary of Democratic National Committee Is Stricken in Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 20.—S. P. Sheerin, formerly secretary of the Democratic National Committee, dropped dead on the floor of the convention hall in the Auditorium Hotel to-day, while making an address before the delegates to the convention of the National Interstate Independent Telephone Association. Death was due to apoplexy.

Mr. Sheerin was president of the new long-distance telephone company of Indianapolis, which he had been selected by the convention arrangements committee to reply to an address of welcome by a representative of the City of Chicago.

As Mr. Sheerin went to the speakers' table he jokingly remarked that he was unable to make a speech without notes and asked the indulgence of those present while he read his response to the address of welcome.

He had proceeded well along with the reading when he suddenly stepped backward and fell to the floor, expiring within a few moments.

Mr. Sheerin a moment before his collapse remarked to Col. J. D. Powers, of Louisville, Ky., temporary Chairman of the convention, that he was not feeling well.

The convention was thrown into a state of intense excitement and several minutes elapsed before order could be restored.

S. P. Sheerin, Jr., a son, was present when his father expired and immediately took charge of the remains, which will be sent to Indianapolis to-night.

Mr. Sheerin, sr., arrived in Chicago several days ago with his son and attended several of the telephone convention's committee meetings, taking an active interest in the proceedings. He apparently had been in good health since arriving in Chicago until to-day.

Mr. Sheerin, who was fifty-nine years old, was a member of the Democratic Executive Committee in 1884, 1886 and 1888. In 1888, at the Democratic Convention held in St. Louis, Mr. Sheerin was elected a member of the National Democratic Committee, and in the same year in Washington was elected Secretary of the National Committee.

He was re-elected as secretary in 1892 and was secretary of the National Democratic Convention in 1896. He had been identified with many large enterprises, notably those connected with natural gas and telephones.

WILL HOLD AUTOPSY ON MRS. SPEED

Cause of Death of Magazine Writer's Wife to Be Determined.

Mystery in the death of Mrs. Emma Stutz Daily-Speed, the bride of John Gilmer Speed, the magazine writer, who left here two weeks after their wedding in January, has been cleared up by the German Hospital Sunday, has led to the ordering of an autopsy to determine the exact causes of her death, and has caused her brother, Eugene Stutz to leave his home in Indiana to come here and press the investigation.

At the hospital to-day Supt. J. Edward Stohlman said that Mrs. Daily-Speed's death was due to pyosalinx or two internal hemorrhages. Supt. Stohlman said that the dead woman was brought to the hospital on June 5 in hopes that an operation could be performed to stop her internal hemorrhages, but that she succumbed to the loss of blood.

Mrs. Daily-Speed was brought from No. 378 West End avenue, where she had been boarding under the name of Daily for two weeks before she was taken ill on Decoration Day. The housekeeper at the address told an Evening World reporter that she had been living with Mrs. Daily for several years. Dr. Koelger, the physician, decided that Mrs. Daily-Speed should be removed to a hospital as soon as possible, and on June 5 she was received at the German Hospital. In spite of the efforts of the hospital physicians, she died at that institution Sunday.

Supt. Stohlman said that the case was an unusual and interesting one, and although the Coroner's office had exhibited no curiosity to investigate the case, that an autopsy would be performed to determine the cause of the internal hemorrhages. He said there was some suspicious about the case in any way.

Mrs. Speed's residence is given in the hospital report as 378 West End avenue. She gave the name of Mrs. B. D. Brown, of No. 80 St. Nicholas avenue, as her best friend. Mrs. Speed was only known to Mrs. Brown by her earlier married name of Daily. Mrs. Brown understood that her friend had operated on for appendicitis, but is not sure of this.

LYNCHING MOB RIDDLES NEGRO.

Prisoner Who Had Been Fatally Wounded in Capture Segged for Quickest Death.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 20.—Simon Ford, a negro who attacked a white woman near Riverside, has been taken from jail at Hohenwald, Tenn., by a mob of fifty men and taken to death.

Ford was arrested after being perhaps fatally wounded. After his arrest he admitted his guilt and was later identified by his victim.

Ford was hauled to the scene of his crime, about five miles, suffering from his wounds. He asked to be killed the quickest way and did not plead for his life.

HIGGINS'S MESSAGE ONLY ON HOOKER.

Governor Will Give Sole Attention to Justice's Case in Opening Extra Session.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, June 20.—Gov. Higgins's message to the Legislature in opening its extra session to-morrow will refer only to the Hooker charges.

Senator Raines said after a preliminary conference of the leaders: "The Governor's message in time to take a recess to-morrow evening. But I think it is a good position on Thursday to take a recess."

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