

MYSTERY AS TO MOTIVE IN OIL MAN'S SUICIDE

Though Morrison Planned Death, Family and Friends Know No Reason.

NOTE TO UNDERTAKER.

Superintendent of Standard's Coeperage Arranged for Funeral Before Death.

Although the suicide at Red Bank, N. J., of Leonard D. Morrison, for years a trusted Standard Oil employee, was apparently deliberate, his family and friends said today they had been unable to discover anything that would indicate a motive.

Mr. Morrison had been employed by the Standard for twenty-five years and was superintendent of the company's coeperage at Constable Hook, Bayonne. He was fifty-four years old, and there had been talk of running him for Mayor at Atlantic Highlands, N. J., where he lived and where he took an active part in the social life, being president of the Golf club.

In the winter Mr. Morrison and his wife did not spend all their time at their handsome cottage on Bay avenue, Atlantic Highlands, where they had lived for nine years. The house was kept open by Miss K. Curry, the housekeeper, however, and the couple frequently went there. Mr. Morrison sometimes alone when he was kept late at Bayonne.

He was there Wednesday night, and when he left yesterday took his revolver, but not his watch and chain. Miss Curry said he had not been well and had appeared more quiet than usual. He had gone to the house at the suggestion of his wife, who thought the country air would do him good, she remaining at the boarding-house where they were staying in New York, No. 2 West Thirty-second street, kept by Mrs. E. H. Patrick.

Dog's Strange Actions.

Yesterday morning the housekeeper did not have the slightest intimation of what he intended to do when he left, but his pet shepherd dog had, it seems. For the first time, the dog insisted on following Mr. Morrison from home. He could not drive away the dog, which had always obeyed a gesture of his. At last, falling to rid himself of the dog, Mr. Morrison asked Chief of Police John R. Smedley, of Atlantic Highlands, a friend, to take the dog home.

Mr. Morrison boarded a trolley car and arrived at the Central Hotel, West Front street, Red Bank, about 1 o'clock. He registered as Lewis D. Morrison, had dinner, then went to the bar and had a drink of whiskey, which impressed the bartender as "a big one." Mr. Morrison went in a retiring room. Soon the men in the barroom heard a pistol's muffled report. They rushed into the retiring room, Robert Clay first.

Mr. Morrison lay on his back, dead. On his breast lay a revolver, one chamber empty. He had put the revolver's muzzle to the roof of his mouth and sped the bullet through his brain.

Arranged for Funeral.

He left a letter addressed to the "Red Bank undertaker." In it he made the request that his overcoat be taken home and the rest of his clothes destroyed. He ordered that his body be placed in a coffin of moderate price and sent to Red Bank for burial.

There is nothing in the letter to indicate the motive for suicide. Coroner John B. Smedley, of Atlantic Highlands, said Mr. Morrison's pockets, but besides the letter found only a 25-cent piece and a pair of eyeglasses. Miss Curry said Mr. Morrison had 15 when he left home.

Portrait Artist Lost \$50,000 in Stocks

Then August Benziger Sued His Brokers for \$42,000 and Lost Again.

August Benziger, a Swiss artist who painted the portraits of President McKinley, Vice-President Hobart, Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Richard Croker and other celebrities, has put the stock market here and hereafter will devote his energies to portrait painting.

As the result of his latest speculation Benziger is poorer by about \$50,000, he asserts, and his loss led him to bring suit against E. F. Hutton & Co. brokers, of No. 25 New street, for \$42,000, alleging wrongful conversion of stocks. The case was tried before Supreme Court Justice Bischoff and a jury and a decision has just been rendered in favor of the brokers.

When the panel of 1907 game Benziger was in Kentucky, near Cincinnati, Hutton & Co. contended that their Cincinnati correspondence notified Benziger that his equity had diminished to three hundred dollars because of the depreciation of stocks. He was asked to put up \$250,000. Benziger contended that he did not consent to it, but up more money.

Benziger proved a highly creditable artist, but admitted he did not think they were obligated to buy the stocks when they were in a loss. They contended that he had expected his losses to be covered by a rise in the market. Yes, certainly, that was an agreement, he replied.

Benziger said that five years ago he was sold out by a brokerage firm without notice.

AGAIN VICE-CHANCELLOR.

TRIDENTON, N. J., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Mr. Pines has reappointed John J. Emery, of Morristown, as Vice-Chancellor. The term is seven years. Vice-Chancellor Emery has a ready served two terms.

Plans Are Complete for Election of a U. S. Senator in Albany



Olive Fremstad's Sieglinde the Feature of "Die Walkure"

BY SYLVESTER RAWLING.

HERE was an earnest but not an inspired performance of "Die Walkure" at the Metropolitan Opera-House last night, to which the lovely and appealing Sieglinde of Olive Fremstad lent the chief charm. Kaschowska was Brunnhilde. Her impersonation is conscientious and praiseworthy, but it falls short of the standard to which we are accustomed. Louise Homer was indisposed and Marianna Flahaut took her place as Friska. The tremolo which she disclosed upon her first appearance last week as Amneris was much more marked, and Wotan's straight-faced, scolding spouse lost something of her effectiveness.

Fehnhaas deserves credit for his Wotan. It is well conceived and acted, and he sings the part with a variety of expression, but it lacks something of the imperiousness of the head of the gods. One wails in vain for the big note to be sounded. Burgstaller always was a picturesque Siegmund, and last night he sang better than he has sung for some time. Blass was a sinister Hunding. Harriet Behne was announced to take Louise Homer's place as Walkure in the chorus of the Valkyries, but Homer herself was there, keeping herself in the background, however, and making little effort to sing. The choir missed something of spontaneity.

Hertz conducted with fine spirit and too much loud pedal. The audience was only moderately large, but it bestowed plenty of applause upon the singers and the conductor.

Out of Sorts

THAT IS, something is wrong with baby, but we can't tell just what it is. All mothers recognize the term by the lassitude, weakness, loss of appetite, inclination to sleep, heavy breathing, and lack of interest shown by baby. These are the symptoms of sickness. It may be fever, congestion, worms, croup, diphtheria, or scarlatina. Do not lose a minute. Give the child Castoria. It will start the digestive organs into operation, open the pores of the skin, carry off the fecal matter, and drive away the threatened sickness.

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23rd Street 34th Street

YOUNG GATES BUYS AN \$8,500 CANINE

Also Presents a Few Pugs to Friends After \$28,650 Killing at Track.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 15.—Charles G. Gates captured \$28,650 from the Santa Anita bookmakers today. Gates came into town with the money fairly screaming for recognition, and with the recklessness of an easy winner threw the little bills and gold pieces to the four winds.

His first investment was in a small dog, valued at \$25, which he bought for \$500. He then gave it to the cashier at the Alexandria Hotel. Next he procured a \$500 puppy, but meeting a young woman who took his fancy, pup No. 2 vanished into oblivion.

But to cap the climax of his dog purchases the young pugger found a handsome bulldog and parted with the sum of \$8,500.

This canine, Nominator Superior, is a recent arrival from across the pond. His former owner, Bryce D. Palmer, a widely known dog fancier of Manchester, England, is spending the winter on a ranch near Point Loma.

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value 35.00
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value 15.50

- CHILDREN'S SUIT DEP'TS. In Both Stores.
- Navy Blue Chinchilla Coats, Wool lined. Model buttoned to neck. Size 6 to 14 years. 8.50
usual price 12.75
- School Dresses made of Wool Fabrics, plain or mixtures. Size 6 to 14 years. 5.00 to 8.50
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Warm, richly finished coats. Positively the most extraordinary value of the entire season.

Full length, made of warm cheviot cloth; large shawl collar of black or brown lynn fur; full box back; Directorate pockets; double-breasted, with deep cloth facing; in all colors; sizes 6 to 16 years. Worth every bit of \$5; to-morrow, 9 to 1 P. M. only, at—

2.29

Misses' Caracul Cloth Coats

Sale ALL DAY. Formerly Priced at \$15.

48 inches long, made of good quality tight curl silky caracul cloth, black only, with deep shawl collars; double breasted and lined throughout; sizes 14 to 18. Regular price is \$15; on sale all day to-morrow at

8.98

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1.45

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Handsomely tailored, stylish Suits or Overcoats—the season's best bargain announcement in New York.

Double-breasted knicker suits, with extra pair of pants, sizes 8 to 16 years; long overcoats, of gray melton, sizes 8 to 16 years; Russian overcoats, plain colors and mixtures, sizes 8 to 8 years. None C. O. D. and limit 2 suits or overcoats. Our \$3 garment, to-morrow, from 1 to 1 P. M. only, at—

1.69

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1.00

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Spotted and figured voile waists, made from good quality voile; pleated new long sleeves, tucked in stock; shown in black, light blue or tan. Regular price 85c; special to-morrow, 9 to 1 P. M. only, at

49c

Cork Linoleum

75c value at 19c

Genuine cork linoleum, in one floral pattern, actually worth from 50c to 75c a square yard, slightly mottled, but not affecting wearing qualities. To-morrow, all day, at, per square yard—

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Ruffled Curtain Net

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10c

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Choice of Empire, Directorate, loose or half-fitted models, some are elegantly trimmed with skinner's satin, others plain tailored, and some WITH LARGE SHAWL COLLARS OF RUSSELL'S FUR; sizes 32 to 46; values up to \$10; none under \$6. To-morrow, Sale Price.

2.75

Here's a Clever Suggestion "GUESS" From an Enthusiastic Player of the New Game :: ::

THE rules of GUESS state that every contestant should be supplied with a copy of The World Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1909. This is quite proper in the case of invited guests, as the 880-page volume makes a most acceptable souvenir. But where members of a family play the game as an evening's amusement I find it is a good scheme to take several cards or sheets of paper and write ten questions and answers on each card—the answers being selected from among the 15,000 facts and figures shown in the World Almanac, and the questions being supplied to conform thereto. In this way the game of GUESS may be played just as the game of Authors, History, Industries, &c. But of course, with The World Almanac to draw from, the game GUESS may be enlarged from evening to evening so as to cover every field of information that one may desire to investigate.

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Turn to the index of this greatest of all Ready Reference Books and decide upon some one of the hundreds of topics referred to there as the special field of knowledge to be investigated. Let each person study the information presented under this particular caption for, say, five minutes.

Now, let everybody place their copy of the World Almanac for 1909 before them, closed, of course, and—

FIRST—Let each contestant write a short essay upon the subject in question, limited in length to about 200 words, or

SECOND—Appoint one of the party as QUESTIONER, who will ask 50 or 100 questions the answers of which will, of course, be found in The World Almanac. Score should be kept and prizes awarded according to the best records made.