



PITTSBURG FIRM FAILS

FOLLOWS BANK CRASH.

James Carothers & Co., Large Brokerage Concern, Goes Under.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Pittsburgh, May 18.—With assets of \$2,000,000, most of which the firm had thought was good paper, and with debts of only \$500,000, James Carothers & Co., brokers, one of the largest firms east of the Allegheny mountains, went into voluntary bankruptcy this morning because of the failure of the Allegheny National Bank, of Pittsburgh. The firm is said to have carried an immense amount of the Allegheny National stock as assets and security, but the absolute failure of the bank has rendered this paper of no value and the firm asked for a receiver to protect itself and creditors.

The courts to-night appointed C. F. Anderson, of Pittsburgh, as receiver, and charge will be taken of the firm's office on Fourth avenue here to-morrow morning.

Next to Whitney & Stephenson, which went to the wall several months ago, James Carothers & Co. was considered the gilt edged firm of this part of the country. As brokers of the old school they had a high reputation, doing little margin work, and when they did exacting as high as 80 per cent margin on some stocks, which was almost equivalent to buying the stock outright.

Many of the rich men of Pittsburgh dealt with this firm, and the effect of the failure may be far reaching.

CITY FUNDS TIED UP.

Pittsburg May Issue Bonds Following Allegheny Failure.

Pittsburg, May 18.—With \$1,546,553.34 of its funds tied up indefinitely as a result of the suspension of the Allegheny National Bank to-day, the city of Pittsburgh finds itself confronted with the possibility of being forced to issue bonds to raise money to meet current expenses. A formal effort to withdraw the money was made by City Treasurer Steel after the announcement of suspension was made, but the check was not honored. The suspension of the bank leaves the city with practically no immediately available funds.

A number of depositors were gathered on Fifth avenue opposite the bank this morning, and when the order of suspension was posted all read it and then quickly dispersed.

While the speculations of William Montgomery, the cashier, are officially placed at \$504,000, it is said the bank's shortage is close to \$2,000,000. Montgomery did not appear before United States Commissioner Lindsay to-day when his preliminary hearing was called, his attorney, C. C. Dickler, waiting for the former cashier's rights. He was held for the federal jury in \$125,000.

Robert Lyons, a national bank examiner, has been appointed receiver of the bank.

State Treasurer John O. Sheatz and Deputy Attorney General Jesse E. B. Cunningham arrived here this morning from Harrisburg. State funds to the amount of \$523,477 were carried in the bank, and the officials will take immediate steps to recover the money. The Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland and the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company are under bond to the state for the deposit, however, in the amount of \$4,500,000.

William Stewart, president of the defunct bank; Walter Chess, one of the directors; Thomas Evans, of the Macbeth-Evans Glass Company; Robert McAfee, secretary of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and William Montgomery, the defaulting cashier, are security for the city's deposit, and each liable to the amount of \$500,000.

Explaining why the city's funds were not withdrawn as soon as the shortage was discovered, Treasurer Steel says he was told that if an attempt was made to do so it would force the closing of the bank, and that in such event the city could not be paid. He says he was also assured that the bank would weather the storm and meet all of its obligations.

AERODROME IN FLIGHT.

Carries Designer Ninety-three Yards Before Meeting Accident.

Hammondsport, N. Y., May 18.—The aerodrome White Wing made a short flight here to-day, carrying its designer, F. W. Baldwin, up into the air to a height of about ten feet. The pressure of the air on the elastic rear edge of the lower aeroplane caused it to foul the propeller, and the aerodrome was, therefore, brought down to the ground, after having traversed a distance of ninety-three yards. The damage, it was said, could be easily repaired.

The new steering gear attached to the front wheel worked satisfactorily, so that there is now no difficulty in keeping the machine on the track while running on the ground. The track was then widened by ploughing up a portion of an adjoining field and smoothing it with a roller.

Charles Oliver Jones, of Cincinnati, who for several months has been engaged here in perfecting his dirigible type of airship, announces a trial of the ship, the Boomerang, for the first time in June. At that time Mr. Jones will undertake a trip to Boston. Mr. Jones's airship has a gas bag of 18,000 cubic feet capacity, and it is so poised that the buoyancy of the gas overcomes the weight of the operator and the motor and makes the machine just equal to the weight of air. The motor and car for the operator and two passengers are suspended from a balloon frame, hanging below the cigar shaped gas bag. The motor is a 30-horsepower engine. Mr. Jones calculates his machine can make thirty-five miles an hour. With a favorable wind he expects to cover the distance between Hammondsport and Boston in about eight hours.

PLANS MILLION-DOLLAR HOTEL.

Brooklyn Lumberman Purchases Site of Old Pierpont House.

Louis Bossert, a lumberman of Brooklyn, has bought the site of the old Pierpont House, Montague and Hicks street, from Abraham Abramson, with the expectation of erecting upon it a five-story apartment hotel, at a cost of \$1,000,000. David Michel, of the Edgar Improvement Company, acting as broker, turned over the title yesterday. The site runs through over the title yesterday to Roman street and has a frontage of 78 feet on the river. It is there that the projected Woodruff Hotel was to have been built. After the collapse of that enterprise the property passed into the hands of Mr. Abramson.

The price paid by Bossert was not announced. The land cost, when turned over to the Brooklyn Realty Company in 1904, \$150,000. It was sold through foreclosure proceedings instituted a year ago by the Kings County Trust Company, for \$100,000. Helms & Huberty will prepare plans for the building.

PUNISHING MOHMANDS.

British Troops Burning Villages—The Cholera Abating.

Simla, May 18.—Major General Willcocks's operations have now brought the British punitive expedition into the heart of the Mohmand country, where it is engaged in destroying native villages and forts, in accordance with the recent government proclamation that the operations be strictly confined to the punishment of recalcitrant tribes, no occupation of territory being intended.

The latest advices received here show that the cholera is abating. The neighboring tribes remain loyal and the Amer of Afghanistan appears to be doing his best to restrain the border men. It is hoped, therefore, that, although the Mohmands as yet have shown no signs of submission, the operations may soon be terminated. Fifteen of the native Indian states recently offered military assistance to the expedition.

CHINESE TROOPS BEATEN.

Yun-Nan Rebels Advance—Appeals to Peking for Aid.

Hong Kong, May 18.—According to advices received here, the rebellion in Yun-Nan is becoming serious. The revolutionists have captured a railway and have defeated the government troops. They are advancing and urgent requests have been sent to Peking for reinforcements.

WOMAN KILLED BY FALL.

Young Guest's Body Found at Bottom of Hotel Arcareway.

A bellboy at the Abington Square Hotel, Eighth avenue and 12th street, was sent at 5 o'clock last night to the room of Miss Emma N. Crosby, of Boston, a guest who had arrived on Sunday night, taking a room for one day, for which she paid in advance, to inform her that her time was up. The bellboy got no response to his knocking, and, entering the room, he found the only window, which looked out on an arcway, open, and peering out he saw the form of a woman lying on the concrete pavement four stories below. The body was identified as that of Miss Crosby.

Whether the young woman committed suicide or fell out of the window while walking in her sleep, or while looking out, is not known. There was nothing in her room to indicate that she had intended suicide.

There were a few postal cards and letters, besides her clothes and a wicker suitcase. The police say there was no money.

Dr. Coffey, of St. Vincent's Hospital, said the young woman died from a fractured skull and that she had been dead several hours before the bellboy discovered her.

In a letter from her mother it appeared that the young woman's brother Vance had recently opened a bakery shop in Brooklyn and had written that "everything would be all right if I could have the help of Emmie." The mother advised her daughter to "go very slow about the offer (of Vance) on account of your ill health." The letter hinted that the girl had had trouble with her eyes. "No. 54 Pineapple street" was given as the address of the brother.

Coroner Acciellotti ordered the body of Miss Crosby removed to the morgue. Edward Crosby, brother of Miss Crosby, called at the morgue shortly after midnight and positively identified the body as that of his sister. He said he had seen her since her arrival from Boston two days ago, talked with her, and that she seemed happy when he left her. He could assign no reason for her committing suicide, if she did.

RANK UPSETS SINGERS.

Also Impresario When Controversy Is Prolonged.

Even Oscar Hammerstein, with his numerous female operatic stars, probably never faced a more threatening situation than that which last night confronted Ivan Abramson, the impresario of the Italian Grand Opera Company, now at the American Theatre. And Mr. Abramson does not want a repetition of it.

For about fifteen minutes before the time for the first curtain it looked behind the scenes as though the large audience would hear neither "Cavalleria Rusticana" nor "Pagliacci," which had been announced as the double bill for the night. And the cause of the interesting quarter of an hour was not a prima donna, but two tenors and incidentally a basso.

The controversy hinged on a question of precedence. Baron Domenico dell' Franci, the dramatic tenor, who traces his lineage back several centuries, was cast as Turiddu in "Cavalleria Rusticana," while Luigi Samolov, the lyric tenor, whose ancestors were Tartar princes, was billed as Camio in "Pagliacci." So it happened that they were both at the theatre last night, and so it happened, too, that each sought the principal male dressing room.

"Oh, mi caro Samolov," said Baron Franci, with all the grace of a cavalier, "the question of artistic precedence cannot enter into this question; it is one of rank and precedence."

"You have nothing on me" is about equivalent in English of what M. Samolov replied in Italian, at the same time shining verbally up and down his family tree.

Then as the argument for the possession of the dressing room increased in dramatic intensity there came a rumbling from another direction, like the first warning of an erupting volcano. It was the voice of M. Bozzano di Raffaele, the basso, who treated the question lightly, telling the other two that if it were only a question of rank he had something of a claim himself, as his grandfather was a Spanish marquis, who migrated to Italy several centuries ago.

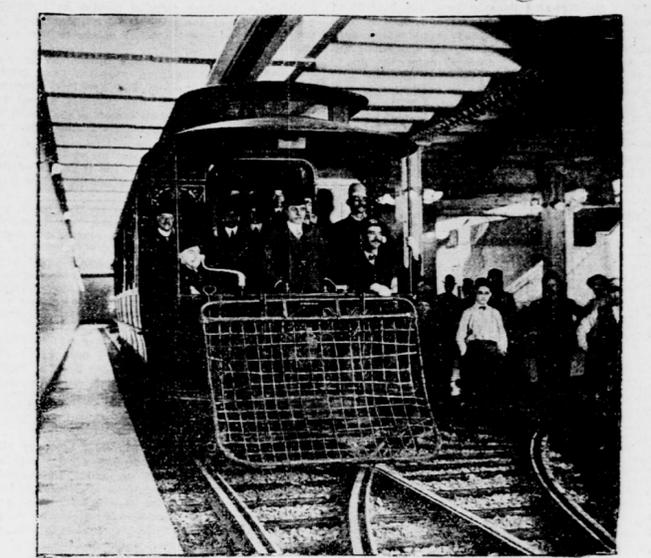
And as these claims flew back and forth the time flew, too, and in fifteen minutes more the curtain was due to rise. The three sent for Mr. Abramson, but he was not successful in figuring out by right of rank who was to get the desired dressing room. He pleaded, he fretted, he almost cried, but it didn't help.

And so it stood when there appeared an arbitrator in the person of Mme. Tina Desana, who was to sing Santuzza. She magnanimously placed her room at the disposal of one of the noblemen-tenors, just to have peace in the family. She took another room, while Baron Franci, to show that he was a high born gentleman, accepted the offer of Gatti Casazza, the new director of the Metropolitan Opera House, attended the performances of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci" at the American Theatre.

WOMAN A SUICIDE AT NIAGARA FALLS.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 18.—A stranger hurrying to a train informed the station master this evening that he had seen a woman plunge into the rapids from the Third Sister Island. The police were informed, and officers made a careful search of the island and its vicinity, but were unable to find any clue to establish the identity of the suicide, whose body must have passed over the Horseshoe Falls.

MAYOR McCLELLAN ON FIRST CAR INTO NEW DELANCEY ST. STATION.



GANG INVADES THEATRE

"Kid Twist's" Followers Seek Revenge for Leader's Death.

While "Anna Karenina" was being played by a stock company at the Gotham Theatre, in East New York, yesterday afternoon, alleged members of the gang of "Kid Twist," who, with his friend, "Cyclone Lewis," was killed by an Italian on Thursday night at Coney Island, appeared and, declaring they were there to avenge their leader's death, assaulted an inoffensive Italian outside the theatre, and then went inside and caused trouble.

Detective Frank Dougherty, of the Liberty avenue station, and Samuel Koerner, alias "English Sam," engaged in a rough and tumble fight in the cafe of the theatre. Koerner was finally arrested on the charge of assaulting an officer. Benjamin Blumenfeld, of No. 312 Sheffield avenue, was also arrested, charged with disorderly conduct. Koerner was treated by an ambulance surgeon.

"Kid Twist" and "Cyclone Lewis" lived at No. 257 Sackman street, East New York. They were well known to the police of Manhattan and Brooklyn. When they were buried on Friday two hundred thugs, most of them armed, vowed their intention of avenging the double killing. The slayer, Louis Foggi, had escaped. He and Italians in general were to suffer. Many have been beaten since. "Is there a dago in this here place?" demanded one of men loudly in the theatre. "We want to kill somebody!"

One of his companions flourished a pistol. The ushers and a special officer were afraid of the strangers. Edward Girard, manager of the theatre, and Dudley Clements, the treasurer, finally prevailed upon the men to go outside. There were many women at the matinee, and some started to leave their seats.

In the cafe the eight men in the gang bought drinks for everybody. Koerner went as he declared that "Kid Twist," his best friend, had been murdered. "Somebody has got to die for what happened to him," he said. "An English Sam's" order everybody drank a toast to the dead man. Several revolvers were drawn and things became so threatening the theatre manager called upon the police for protection, and Detectives Dougherty and Burton were sent to the scene. Intimidated, had come and hundreds of persons quickly gathered in the cafe and outside. During the fight the members of the gang scattered through the crowd, all but two getting away.

VESTA VICTORIA IN A RUNAWAY.

With Her Manager and James J. Corbett. Narrowly Escapes in Omaha.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Omaha, May 18.—James J. Corbett and Vesta Victoria, the English vaudeville actress, were in a runaway in Omaha yesterday, and both had narrow escapes from death. The manager, Mr. Flizgis, and Corbett were in a hack at the Western League baseball game. Returning, the horses became frightened and started to run. They left the street and took to the sidewalk, running between a line of telephone poles on one side and a twenty foot embankment on the other. The flight continued for three blocks before they were got under control.

MISS VANDERBILT FOUND DROWNED.

Body of Assistant Librarian at Princeton University Taken from Canal.

The body of Miss Bertha Vanderbilt, the assistant librarian at Princeton University, who had been missing since Wednesday night, was found in the Delaware and Raritan Canal, about a quarter of a mile above Kingston, yesterday. The body was identified by an uncle, Dr. W. G. Chase, who said that Miss Vanderbilt was the victim of an accident.

The police, however, cling to their first theory that she committed suicide. Coroner Moke expelled a jury, which returned a verdict of death from accidental drowning.

Miss Vanderbilt was twenty-one years old and the daughter of A. B. Vanderbilt, of Amsterdam, N. Y. She left her boarding house in Princeton on Wednesday, saying she was going for a walk. When she failed to return efforts were begun to find her body.

REGULATING "NEAR BEER" IN ATLANTA.

Atlanta, May 18.—The City Council passed an ordinance to-day placing a license tax of \$20 a year on "near beer," a beverage containing less than 2 per cent of alcohol, which was in effect since the prohibition law went into effect. The ordinance also provides that "near beer" shall not be sold on Sunday nor to minors, and prohibits the serving of free lunches with it.

WOULD HARDLY WORK IN PITTSBURG.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Boston, May 18.—Senator W. T. Krills, of South Boston, a disciple of Mark Twain, has introduced into the Massachusetts Legislature a bill preventing men from wearing any clothing except white suits and Panama hats, under heavy fines.

SWEETHEARTS DROWN TOGETHER.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Ogdensburg, N. Y., May 18.—Miss Hazel Corey and Cady Walrath, sweethearts, were drowned in Elm Creek, at Hermon, St. Lawrence County, on Saturday night. They started out for a sail and, Saturday morning, a searching party was organized. The boat was found floating upside down in the creek, and later the bodies were recovered. It is believed that they were caught in a squall and their boat capsized.

NEW TERMINAL OPENED

Mayor and Party Ride Through Delancey Street Subway Station.

The new subway terminal station for the surface cars running across the Williamsburg Bridge will be regularly used beginning this morning at 4 o'clock. The terminal station was formally opened yesterday afternoon by Mayor McClellan, Patrick F. McGowan, president of the Board of Aldermen; Borough President Shearn, Bridge Commissioner Stevenson, Chief Engineer Ingersoll of the Bridge Department and General Manager Calderwood of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system.

The Mayor and his party, escorted by mounted policemen under orders of Inspector Schmittberger, crossed the Williamsburg Bridge yesterday afternoon in automobiles. On the other side the parlor car Columbia was waiting for them, and in it the return trip was made over the bridge and over new rails into the new terminal in Delancey street, near Suffolk and Norfolk streets.

The car was in charge of Thomas Manney, motorcar, and Henry Bueschel, conductor. That the regular traffic might not be long delayed new T-rails were laid at the switch leading into the new station.

The Mayor's car took the loop furthest west, and after passing around it, headed back toward Brooklyn, stopping at one of the island landings. There are eight of these altogether, appropriately marked, both upstairs and downstairs, so that there will be no difficulty in picking out the right trolley car. All the brick and terra cotta work in the subway station is in white.

With the beginning of traffic in the new subway station to-day the old, unsightly makeshift buildings on the surface will be abandoned and taken away. Ultimately the elevated trains crossing the bridge and running to the Manhattan and Brooklyn bridges will use the new subway station, the tracks for them being immediately to the north of the trolley tracks.

The Mayor and his associates expressed satisfaction with the new station, congratulating Commissioner Stevenson on the great improvement.

"The opening of the Bridge Department will now be directed to beginning the elevated railroad service across the Williamsburg Bridge," said Commissioner Stevenson.

It is expected that the elevated trains will be running across the Williamsburg Bridge by July 1. The connection between the Broadway elevated road at the Williamsburg Plaza and the Bridge is now being made.

REPORTS A WATERSPOUT.

West India Mail Steamer Brings News of Aquatic Disturbance.

The Royal Dutch West India Mail steamer Suriname reached port yesterday afternoon, and reported a waterspout on Saturday between Somboro Light and Walling's Island, in the West Indies, which gave the steamer a perceptible lurch.

The officers had been watching with interest a procession of porpoises which appeared to be strung out for about a mile, and some of them said that the waterspout popped right up in the midst of the porpoise parade, sending a few score of the fish high in the air.

A few minutes later the cook found a fat flying fish squirting around in the galley. He believed the waterspout had sent this one hurtling through a porthole. The cook used the visitor for part of the evening meal.

In the excitement following the waterspout one of the forecastle hands let his finger linger too long near a winch, which took it off.

TO STOP WESTERN MARYLAND SALE.

Baltimore Officials Worried Over Report That Reading or P. R. R. Will Get Road.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Baltimore, May 18.—City officials are exercised over the report that the Western Maryland Railroad will be sold to the Reading or the Pennsylvania, and the Mayor has instructed the City Solicitor to determine the city's right under the terms of the city's sale of the Western Maryland to the Goulds. At the time of the sale the Reading interests would have paid \$2,000,000 more for the property than the Goulds, but the road was sold to a syndicate representing the latter to protect the city's trade interests and insure the traffic for this port. Should the Reading get the road its increasing coal traffic would go to Philadelphia and New York, instead of Baltimore. There is said to be a clause in the deed of sale which prevents the disposal of the Western Maryland to a road entering Philadelphia.

REVIVALIST SUDDENLY KILLS WIFE.

Clergyman, Asserting He Was Temporarily Insane, Immediately Surrenders.

Fairmont, W. Va., May 18.—Temporarily insane, according to his own statement, the Rev. S. A. Coffman, aged fifty years, a well known local Methodist Episcopal clergyman, killed his wife early to-day by cutting her throat.

Coffman is in charge of two or three local churches. His wife was a member of a well known local family and was thirty-three years old. During the last week or two Coffman has been conducting a series of revival services. Yesterday he finished his meeting, and about midnight, while he and his wife were discussing the services, he suddenly attacked her with a poker. Mrs. Coffman fled to a garden, where her husband overtook her and killed her.

KILLED BY PRESCRIPTION.

South American Planter Poisoned—Wife Also Ill.

From what is supposed to have been a mistaken prescription, a South American planter, who with his wife and a family party of seven was staying at the Victoria Hotel, Broadway and 27th street, was poisoned late last night and died about 2 o'clock this morning.

Eto Eraso, forty years of age, is the victim of the accident. His wife was also poisoned, but Dr. S. Wesley Smith, the hotel physician, who was called in immediately, administered a powerful antidote, which seemed to take effect on her immediately, though the husband was not benefited. He pronounced both cases those of atropine poisoning.

The doctor learned from the other members of the party that Mr. Eraso sent out to a drug store in Sixth avenue for some spartano, a vegetable heart stimulant used by South Americans. Instead of that, however, they evidently received, the doctor said, some atropine.

Coroner Acciellotti refused to give a death certificate until the police had investigated.

SMITH SENIOR KILLED.

Jumps From Runaway Carriage and Breaks Her Neck.

Northampton, Mass., May 18.—In a runaway accident to-night Miss Ethel Burroughs, of Somerville, a member of the senior class at Smith College, jumped from a carriage and was instantly killed. The accident happened at Goshen, twenty miles from here. Accompanied by a classmate, Miss Mary M. Doris, also of Somerville, and by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beckwith, of Quincy, who were visiting her, Miss Burroughs drove to Goshen to-day, and the party was on its way back to Northampton when the horses became frightened and threatened to run away. Miss Burroughs and the other young woman, who were on the back seat, sprang out of the rapidly moving vehicle, and Miss Burroughs struck on her shoulder, breaking her neck. Miss Doris was only slightly injured.

BULGE IN CORN.

Shorts Forced to Settle with Patten—Armour a Loser.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Chicago, May 18.—May corn soared to 74 cents to-day, the highest price yet recorded for May delivery. The bulge was caused by the shorts, who were forced to settle with James A. Patten, the Evanston plunger, who holds all the corn in sight in the city. The shorts vainly tried to find the corn they needed to make their contracts, but the corn was not to be had outside of Patten's hands.

J. Ogden Armour, who practically controls the wheat in Chicago elevators, is rumored to have lost heavily on corn. Some guesses place his loss at a million, but as no one but Mr. Armour's manager knows, and he won't tell, there is no means of saying just how much the packer did lose.

JAPANESE ELECTIONS.

Results Show Great Gains for the Party in Power.

Tokyo, May 19.—The results of the recent parliamentary elections held in Japan have just become known in detail, and are summarized as follows:

The Seiyukai, or Conservative party, elected 100 members, the Progressives 77, Independents 53, Daidos 32 and the Yukokai 27. The commercial interests have a largely increased representation, which with the aid of the pledged independents and Seiyukai, will command an absolute majority.

POLICE SAVE THREE BOYS IN RIVER.

Drag Them Out One at a Time and Send Them to Hospital.

Patrolmen Cooney and Steinblinck of the East 51st street station, saved three boys yesterday who had fallen into the East River off the pier at 51st street. The boys, Edward Gilmarin, fifteen years old, of No. 831 Second avenue; Michael Boylan, twelve years old, of No. 197 Second avenue, and George Jordan, twelve years old, of No. 329 East 44th street, were taken to the Flower Hospital, but will recover.

Young Gilmarin was standing on the end of the pier when he slipped, and in falling snatched his two companions, and they all tumbled into the water. Patrolman Cooney got down on the under runway of the pier up to his waist in the water, while Steinblinck held his hand. Cooney caught the boys, and one by one passed them up to his fellow patrolman. The boys were laid out on the pier and a hurry call sent for an ambulance.

CARRIED DEATH FROM HOSPITAL.

When Miss Edna Phillips, of Walling River, Long Island, was stricken with scarlet fever while in the Training School for Nurses at the State Hospital at Kings Park, Long Island, the physicians allowed her to go home to recuperate from a supposedly insignificant ailment.

Soon after her condition became more serious, and other members of the family were taken ill. She died on Sunday.

An investigation has been made, but it is said the State Board of Health will not censure the physicians in the hospital.

CONGRESSMAN BEALL'S BROTHER SHOT.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Dallas, Tex., May 18.—"Dick" Beall, aged fifty-five, a brother of Congressman "Jack" Beall, was shot and killed in East Dallas to-night by a young man named Kent, who, it is understood, has been paying attentions to Beall's daughter. Kent has been arrested.

TWO MEN SWEEP OVER FALLS.

Montreal, May 18.—James Ryan, superintendent of the Shawinigan Water, Electric and Power Company, shot to be from Boston, and Joseph Racine, a laborer, while on an inspection trip were swept over Shawinigan Falls on Saturday, falling one hundred and thirty feet. Hundreds of persons saw the accident.

TWO DEAD IN \$300,000 FIRE.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., May 18.—The paper mill and power house of the Lake Superior Corporation in the Canadian Soo were destroyed by fire early to-day. Albert F. Walsh, superintendent of the dynamo room, was shocked to death while trying to extinguish the flames, which were started by a short circuit. Edward Gray, his assistant, jumped into the canal after his clothing had caught fire and was drowned. The property loss is \$300,000.

RETIRED BUSINESS MAN A SUICIDE.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Canandaigua, N. Y., May 18.—Andrew McKechnie, a prominent retired business man, died here this evening from the effects of a self-inflicted revolver shot wound in his head. He was a relative and one of the heirs of James and Alexander McKechnie, who founded a brewery here. Despondency over losses on the stock market was the reason for the suicide.

BRYAN GETS ALABAMA

JOHNSON'S STRONG RUN.

Late Returns Cut Down the Nebraskan's Majority.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Montgomery, Ala., May 19.—Governor Johnson of Minnesota gains with the later returns. He has carried Montgomery, Conecuh, Coffee and Mobile counties. His strength is a great surprise.

Montgomery, Ala., May 18.—The majority for Bryan over Johnson in the state Democratic primary to-day is large, probably four to one. The vote was heavy.

The fight for Johnson was begun late, but made a great impression. He seems to have carried two or three of the larger counties. John Tomlinson, Bryan leader, says Bryan's majority will be 25,000.

Early reports show that a large vote was polled for Johnson in the southern part of the state, while the northern counties favored Bryan.

Johnson carried the town of Demopolis, and the first ward heard from in Birmingham gave Johnson a majority of 63. Early returns indicate Johnson's indorsement by Mobile County.

Returns received are gloomy for John A. Lusk, the administration candidate for the Supreme Court bench, for whom Governor Comer made a personal fight. The Supreme Court winners will be probably Alston and Simpson, with Mayfield close behind.

WAKING UP HARRISBURG.

Pennsylvania Democrats Are Still Guessing.

Harrisburg, Penn., May 18.—Democrats from every portion of Pennsylvania are pouring into Harrisburg to-night to attend the Democratic State Convention, which will be held on Wednesday, and the indications are that it will be one of the liveliest held in years. Headquarters have been opened by the Bryan, Gray and Johnson leagues, each having its corps of boomers and button distributors, and the city is being liberally placarded.

The Bryan people had things their own way until late to-day, when the other leagues began to send out their men, and to-night the Bryanites are endeavoring to organize a demonstration in favor of the Nebraskan.

The Bryan leaguers claimed the control of the national delegates and the convention to-day, and to-night President Jere S. Black, who just arrived from a conference with Bryan at Philadelphia, asserted that the league would fight for every point in the convention.

The Guffey men say that Bryan's followers will have less than 100 delegates.

The Gray League people insist that their candidates will develop strength and say that men claimed for Bryan are for Gray.

The Johnson boomers have refused to make any statements, but assert that they will make themselves felt in the convention.