

SUICIDE PASSED AS THE REV. DR. HALL

He Was Really Athelstane Cornforth, a London Stock Broker.

CAMBRIDGE LL. D., CARD SAID

Wife Says He Was Clergyman and Man of Letters Seeking Work Here.

A couple took rooms in a boarding house at 28 Irving place several months ago under the names of the Rev. and Mrs. Athelstane Hall. At 5:15 o'clock yesterday morning the man was found in Central Park, at 133d street and Bradhurst avenue, with a bullet wound in his mouth and a revolver lying beside him. He died a few minutes later.

In the afternoon the woman, describing herself as Mrs. Edith Hall, went to the post office and then to the Bradhurst station, where the body had been found. She identified the body as that of her husband, the Rev. Athelstane Arthur Hall. From the morgue she went to Campbell's undertaking place in West Twenty-third street, still using the name of Hall, and made arrangements for the disposition of the body. But when a man from the undertaker's went with her to the coroner's office, where she was required to sign an affidavit identifying and claiming the body, she said the dead man was the Rev. Athelstane Cornforth and that she was his wife, Edith Hall Cornforth. It appears that he was a stock broker, although he may have been in other lines.

The body was found by Policeman Thomas Coogan of the West 132d street station lying on the grass under a tree a few feet or so from the Bradhurst avenue side of the park. The body was taken to the police station.

In a pocket card case in one of the pockets were found a photograph of the man which had been torn to pieces and bits of letters and papers. The letters seemed these together and found written on the back of the photograph: "Please notify my solicitor, N. H. Aaron, 100 Broadway, London, England, and Mr. A. B. Mendelsohn, care of N. H. Aaron."

A card bearing the words "The Eccentric Club, 21 Shaftesbury avenue, Piccadilly Circus, West London," was found on the other in pencil.

The secretary of the Green Room Club, 100 Broadway, London, England, was asked to request the courtesy of Mr. Arthur Hall, who is a member of this club and residing at 100 Broadway, London, England, to be a member of the club. A letter signed "Your affectionate brother, Harold" was found in a pocket. This letter was sent from Apartment 6 at 1413 Hyde street, San Francisco. No money was found in the pockets. There were several papers, a gun metal watch and a silver cigarette case.

None of the papers was any mention made of a New York address or a wife. The only name mentioned in the papers was that of the Rev. Athelstane Arthur Hall, who is mentioned in the "Oxford" and "Year Book."

ALL PRISONERS TO BE SHOT

ORDER OF MADRIZ SEEMS TO INCLUDE AMERICANS.

Bluefields Hears Secret Instructions Have Been Given to Put Pittman to Death. The Peril at Gracias a Dios. Propose to Boycott U. S. Merchandise.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Bluefields, July 20, by wireless to Colon.—In official orders issued by President Madriz to his commanding officers he gives instructions that "all prisoners, including Americans, shall be shot without mercy." The text of the message says: "Shoot without fear or consideration the revolutionists you may capture by attack and the prisoners you may have."

On top of this order comes a report from Managua by way of Colon that Madriz has given secret instructions for the execution of William Pittman of Cambridge, Mass., who killed hundreds of Madriz soldiers by his mines when Madriz attacked Bluefields. Reports reaching here from Acopya say that Gen. Mena is well prepared for an attack on the Madriz forces there. He will strike shortly. Then the Estrada attack on Managua will follow.

Mena wires that hundreds of Nicaraguans in the western part of the republic are enlisting under the Estrada banner. Gen. Estrada left here this morning to assume active command of the operations of the revolutionary troops in the interior. In an interview he said: "My object is to inspire confidence in the hearts of the Liberals, who, on account of the predominance of the Conservative leaders, have withheld their support. I am advised that many of my countrymen await my coming. I am leaving Bluefields and shall not return unless I conquer. Acopya within eight days will be in the hands of the revolutionists."

The authorities entertain fears for the safety of the Americans and other foreigners at Cape Gracias a Dios, where anti-foreign demonstrations are being encouraged by the Madriz officials. The return of the American gunboat Tacoma, which was dispatched to that place yesterday, with news of the situation is anxiously awaited.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Thomas P. Moffat, American Consul at Bluefields, reported to the State Department to-day that the situation at Cape Gracias a Dios is critical. After a conference with Commander Harold K. Hines of the gunboat Dubouche it was decided to send the gunboat Tacoma and a force of marines there to protect the American Consul, Edwin W. Trimmer, who was said to be in danger. Mr. Moffat said he had reason to fear that Mr. Trimmer might be assaulted or even assassinated as the Madriz Governor and the other officials at Cape Gracias a Dios were constantly drunk and abusive. If conditions warrant, Mr. Moffat said, a detachment of marines will be left there to protect the Consul and American property.

Copies of Managua newspapers which have reached the State Department continue their abusive attacks upon the present policy of the State Department. On June 25 last *La Union* of Managua, which is regarded as an official organ of the Madriz faction, printed this article: "We Nicaraguans have some limited means to which we may resort as a final recourse if it comes to the point that the Yankee tries to execute his threat. Let us lay hands on all the North Americans residing in Nicaragua and let us say to Mr. Taft: For each of you hurl against us a head of one of your countrymen shall roll on the ground."

Another of the means to which we may resort in revenge for so great an insult is for this I do not believe we are less able than the Young Turks. Let us organize in the form of a powerful coalition of active propaganda, to the end that in all the Latin American countries no goods shall be purchased from the United States, making our people understand that this is the most efficacious method of combating the common enemy of our race, so proud on account of its power, so insolent on account of its pride, and so detestable on account of its insulence."

STAGE STRUCK GIRL GONE. Josephine Knoch Liked Moving Picture Shows and a Buffalo Bill Actor. Fourteen-year-old Josephine Knoch of 1326 Washington avenue has been missing since Saturday. Her mother told the police yesterday that Josephine had been frequenting moving picture shows, talking of going on the stage and posing before the mirror.

LIVING CHAIN OF GIRLS.

Nurses at Children's Home Risk Lives to Save Drowning Man, but Fall.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 20.—Nurses of the Foster Home, a Longport charity for children, risked their lives at noon to-day in a futile effort to save Daniel Gallagher, the janitor of the institution, who was caught by the offshore currents while bathing in front of the home and was drowned.

The nurses, who were in charge of children playing at the edge of the water, hurried the children ashore when they heard Gallagher's cries for help and formed a chain. One of the girls was caught in the swirl of the current, but was rescued by the others. The nurses were unable to reach the drowning man. Members of the Government life saving crew at the Longport station put out in a boat, but were too late. The crew has not yet recovered the body.

Gallagher was a native of Ireland and was 23 years old. He had been in this country for several years. H. E. Barlow of 1589 North Fifty-second street, Philadelphia, entered the water from the Adams baths some time this morning and went down without a cry or being seen by any of the big crowd of bathers or the guards. His body, bobbing up in the midst of a crowd of bathers, was dragged ashore this afternoon and was later identified through papers found in his clothes in the bathroom.

BRIAN-ROOSEVELT PARTY. Cummins of Iowa, Credited With Plan to Unite All Progressives. Des Moines, Ia., July 20.—Senator A. B. Cummins, credited here to-day with being behind a movement to form a new party which shall include the progressive leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties, including Theodore Roosevelt, William J. Bryan, Cummins, Doliver, La Follette, Beveridge, Pinchot, Garfield and a large number of other men prominent in national politics who are to-day decidedly out of touch with the Taft Administration.

Editor W. G. Hale, who wrote the proposed call, was a charter member of the Des Moines Bryan Club, but has been a loyal supporter of Senator Cummins's political ambitions. He was named by Senator Cummins as one of the delegates to the State convention of August 3 and 4 in the Senate's choice for member of the committee on resolutions.

MR. TAFT AT BAR HARBOR. Plays Golf After a Talk With Senator Hale—Kinkadee's Letter. BAR HARBOR, Me., July 20.—The Mayor and the President and Mrs. Taft and their guests aboard dropped anchor off Bar Harbor shortly before 3 o'clock to-day. The big yachts had strung out yards and yards of pennants of every color and the whistles tooted shrill welcome.

Mr. Taft didn't land until 4 o'clock. Senator Hale of Maine had come over from Ellsworth to talk to him about his visit to Bangor on Saturday and that he had written a letter to the President. There were only a few summer folks down to see the President, but lots of Maine citizens were there and they cheered right well.

First Selectman J. M. Bunker, whose position corresponds to that of Mayor in that he entertains all distinguished visitors, took Mr. Taft for a ride about Mount Desert Island, but the lure of the game was strong and before 5 o'clock Mr. Taft was on the links at the Kebo Valley Club.

He came ashore wearing a double-breasted grey serge coat, flannel trousers and a gray fedora hat, but changed to other togs at Kebo. Mrs. Taft and the others of the party went coaching. Philip Livingston of New York was host and took the coach.

WIFE AND HER FRIEND ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

Doctors Find Poison in Prunes She Left for Him on the Table in Their House—Husband Charges That She Had Frequently Threatened to Kill Him.

Mrs. Nellie Northrop of 3038 Richmond terrace, Mariners Harbor, Richmond, and John Quest, also of Richmond terrace, are locked up at Stapleton and will be arraigned this morning before Magistrate Handy on the suspicion that they have knowledge of the poisoning of William Northrop, husband of the woman prisoner. Northrop is in St. Vincent's Hospital at Livingston, Richmond, so badly off from the effects of strychnine poisoning that the doctors do not think he will recover. Mrs. Northrop was arrested by a detective from Richmond on a pier at the Erie Basin in Brooklyn. Quest was arrested at the foot of Whitehall street in Manhattan after he had left a Richmond ferryboat and was apparently about to board a South Brooklyn boat.

For a month past Northrop, who is a boat builder, 31 years of age, and his wife, who is about twenty years his junior, have been living on a houseboat at the foot of Harbor road, Mariners Harbor. Northrop was away from home on Tuesday night. His wife was at home all night, and also that Quest visited the houseboat and spent the early part of the evening. Northrop returned home about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. His wife had gone away. She had prepared and left his breakfast for him. It consisted of oatmeal, prunes and coffee. Northrop ate of the two dishes and of bread and drank the coffee. He was clearing up the breakfast dishes when he was taken violently ill and called a neighbor.

Doctors were sent for and he was treated for acute poisoning. An ambulance took him to St. Vincent's Hospital. He was unconscious when he got there. He revived later on and at intervals the detectives who were detailed to the case were able to question him.

Dr. Conway of St. Vincent's says that without a doubt the prunes remaining uneaten contained strychnine. He told the police the quantity must have been considerable, judging from the effects of what Northrop had eaten. The police say that neighbors of the Northrops told them that Mrs. Northrop had within the last few months made threats to get rid of her husband and that the couple had frequent violent quarrels on account of Quest's attentions to Mrs. Northrop. Northrop, questioned at the hospital, told the detectives they say much the same story. He said that his wife had threatened on a number of occasions to kill him.

TO BUILD CHURCH TENEMENT. St. George's Plans to Erect a Model Building on the East Side. St. George's Church is to erect a model tenement to cost \$150,000. The money to construct it will be raised by the sale of stock to the parishioners of the church. A site will be selected on the East Side between Ninth and Twentieth streets and the building will be ready for occupancy by November, 1911. The church will celebrate its 100th anniversary at the same time.

To secure the funds for the building of the tenement every person whose name appears on the records of St. George's is expected to buy at least one share of stock to cost \$10. Among those who have subscribed to one share of stock are J. Pierpont Morgan, senior warder; Seth Low, Joseph W. Hartman, William E. Curtis and William Fouke. In the renting of the apartments in the new tenement communicants of the parish will have the first chance.

BURNED BY SUBWAY FLASH. Three Men Hurt and Traffic Stopped When Fuse Blew Out. The burning out of a fuse in a West Farms subway express yesterday afternoon injured three employees and tied up the Bronx division for about half an hour. The train had just pulled out of the Jackson avenue station when the accident happened. Max Blausung, the guard on the last car, had stepped in from the platform and was talking to Charles and William Read, brothers, employed on the subway. They were seated in the vestibule which is used by the motorman when the car is in the front of a train.

Suddenly there was a report and a flash. The three men were thrown to the floor of the car. The motorman managed to back the train into the station and the three men were carried to the platform. Charles Read was the most seriously injured. He was taken to Lebanon Hospital. His brother and Blausung, the guard, were sent home after their burns were dressed.

It was the main fuse which had blown out. It had to be replaced before the train could go on.

FISH'S STING KILLS BOY.

Spike on Tail Pierces Jugular Vein While Youngster is Swimming.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., July 20.—While swimming in Lake Worth to-day the jugular vein of Lawrence Baker, the fourteen-year-old son of a merchant of Jacksonville, was pierced by the tail of a giant stingaree. Death resulted in a few minutes. Young Baker and two companions were diving from a boat into the lake. Unknown to the boys a huge stingaree was near the boat. The last dive of Baker disturbed the fish and it lashed out with its tail, which carries a number of needle-like spikes.

Two of these spikes pierced the boy's throat and cut the jugular vein. The boy rose to the surface crying for help. His companions seized him, but he died on its bank before they could pull him into the boat. The stingaree is a large flat bodied fish which frequents warm waters. The stingaree's spike is very poisonous.

BIG TIM'S LATEST HONOR. Has Been Elected a Life Member of the Albany Burgesses Corps. ALBANY, July 20.—Big Tim Sullivan has been elected a life member of the Albany Burgesses Corps, "without fee or service," as a formal notice reads. This means that Big Tim will not have to give up, carry a musket or be a brigadier on the burgess staff. King George, President Taft, Theodore Roosevelt and a whole battalion of other celebrities of the world at large have previously been honored with life memberships in the corps.

It is announced that Big Tim has been elected to fill a vacancy caused by the death of John Boyd Thacher. The life membership gives Big Tim the right to don a uniform with enough gold braid on it to sink a ship and to carry a salute at his side.

MRS. CATLIN GETS DIVORCE. Reno Court Accepts Her Plea of Desertion—Gets Custody of Daughters. RENO, Nev., July 20.—When I was the mother of a three-weeks-old baby and I was not able to care for myself or leave the house my husband cruelly left our home in East Orange, N. J., and deserted me and has never since lived with me nor given me a single cent for the support of myself or our two little girls. Thus began the testimony of Mrs. Marion B. Catlin to-day in Judge Pike's court, in support of her suit for divorce against George L. Catlin, son of the late George S. Catlin, poet, novelist and journalist of Staten Island, N. Y., who died fourteen years ago.

She told a story of marriage at the age of 18 years, on November 20, 1900, in Jersey City, and six years later of his desertion in August, 1906, in East Orange. She was formerly Miss Marion Briggs. She got a decree and the custody of her two daughters.

WOMAN SPOTTED A FIRE. Flames in New Riverside Drive House but Watchman Didn't Know It. A woman in an apartment house at 40 Riverside Drive saw smoke pouring out of a window on the fourth floor of the Paterno, an unfinished apartment house at 118th street and Riverside Drive, at 10:30 o'clock last night. The woman telephoned to the office of her house and in due time the firemen arrived at the Paterno to find the watchman smoking his pipe, unaware of any fire.

They found flames in a rubbish heap in a servant's room and put them out with a hand extinguisher. They thought a lighted cigarette might have been left by a workman.

NO CUBAN MONTE CARLO YET. Senate Fails to Pass the Bill Before Adjournment to November. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, July 21.—Congress adjourned at midnight. The Senate, in which was pending the House bill providing for the granting of a concession for the establishment of a Monte Carlo here, remained in session until that hour.

RAILWAY PRESIDENT KILLED IN HIS HOME

Ira G. Rawn's Family Say He Was the Victim of a Burglar's Bullet.

CHICAGO, July 20.—Ira G. Rawn, president of the Monon railroad, was shot to death in his summer home in Winnetka at half past 1 o'clock this morning. Members of his family say he was murdered by a burglar. Others who accept the burglar theory believe that Mr. Rawn may have started downstairs to meet a man supposed to be in the house, but that instead of being shot by the burglar he tripped in his night robe and accidentally pulled the trigger of his own revolver as he was falling.

A third theory, which is resented by members of the family and by subordinate officials of the Monon, is that Mr. Rawn took his own life, being prompted by worry and sleeplessness over the scandals which have developed in the affairs of the Western Indiana road, of which Mr. Rawn was a director, and those of the Illinois Central, of which he was vice-president, in charge of operation until last fall.

To prove that Mr. Rawn was not in a frame of mind for self-destruction his chief clerk to-day exhibited a letter he had written late last night to W. A. Gardner, vice-president of the Chicago and Northwestern road, in which he told Mr. Gardner that he wanted to take his family to Cisco Lake, leaving Saturday evening, and asked if arrangements could be made to attach the Rawn private car to a Northwestern train. In this letter Mr. Rawn said he hoped to return Monday.

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Mrs. Rawn says she was awakened shortly after 1 o'clock this morning by a noise as of some one at a door downstairs. She told Mr. Rawn of the noise and he took his revolver, against her protest, and started quietly down the front stairway in his night dress. Mrs. Rawn followed to the head of the stairs. Two shots were fired, she said, and her husband fell moaning down the stairs.

Ralph G. Colburn, son-in-law of Mr. Rawn, who was asleep upstairs, said he also heard two shots. When he reached the side of the dying man below Mrs. Rawn was holding her husband's head in her lap and crying hysterically for aid. Neither Mrs. Rawn nor Mr. Colburn saw the burglar who was supposed to have fired one of the shots.

Mr. Rawn lived only a few minutes and was unable to explain how he had been shot. An examination of the revolver he carried disclosed that it contained one empty cartridge. No bullet was found to substantiate the firing of a second shot.

Members of the family explain this by suggesting that the burglar also was shot, but not in a vital place. In support of this theory they pointed to spots on a cement walk leading from the house. Close examination of these spots later revealed that they were in all probability paint.

The screen doors were turned out as if they had been forced open with a jimmy. Detectives who examined these doors and others through which the burglar was supposed to have passed said they might have been forced, but if so the man who did the job was a novice in the burglary business. The burglary clue therefore is being pursued on the theory that no practised night prowler is the guilty man.

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YOUNG PIANIST KILLED.

Finmer, a Young American, Was Bicycling Down Hill Near Ischl.

VIENNA, July 20.—Rafael Reich Finmer, a young American pupil of the famous Viennese pianist Leschetitzky, went to Ischl two days ago to congratulate Leschetitzky on his eightieth birthday. Thence he accompanied a party of friends on an excursion to the Wolfgang See.

He was bicycling at a furious rate down a mountain road when he was thrown and struck a rock. He was instantly killed. Consul Demby has arranged to send the body to New York.

TO RELIEVE HEADACHE AND INSOMNIA. Causes are summer heat, overindulgence or impaired digestion, take Burford's Acid Phosphate.—Ad.