

FRANK H. HOSFORD COMMITS SUICIDE

Well-known Newspaper Man Cuts His Throat.

ILL AND DESPONDENT

Dies in Ambulance on Way to the Hospital.

Steps from Street into Vestibule to Take His Life with a Vegetable Knife—Found by Woman in House. Over Twenty Years a Washington Correspondent—Prominent in Masonic and Pythian Fraternities.

Frank H. Hosford, a well-known newspaper man, for over twenty years a Washington correspondent, a prominent member of the Gridiron Club, and its thirteenth president, also prominent in Masonic and Pythian fraternities, killed himself yesterday afternoon. Mr. Hosford, who was forty-five years of age, was despondent because of ill health. It is understood.

Mr. Hosford was seen to step from the street into the vestibule of 1009 E street northwest about 2:15 o'clock. He was found a moment later in a dying condition, with his throat cut. He was hurried in the ambulance to the Emergency Hospital, but was dead before arrival.

Hosford had used a large vegetable knife to slash his throat, the cut beginning in front of the left ear and extending nearly to the right ear. There were several wounds also upon the chest of the dead man, believed to have been inflicted with an ink eraser.

Mr. Hosford is survived by his wife, two daughters—Margaret Anna, seventeen years old, and Florence Helen, eleven years old—and one son—Francis H. Hosford, a clerk in the Adjutant General's Office of the War Department.

The funeral probably will be held Monday and will be conducted with Masonic rites.

Left Home for Capitol.

Hosford left his home, 141 Massachusetts avenue northeast, between 2 and 3 o'clock. He presumably was bound for the Capitol.

At a few minutes before 3:30 o'clock he was seen to enter the vestibule at 1009 E street by John D. Williams, an electrician, and Harry Haight, proprietor of a hotel opposite, at 1010 E street.

He opened his coat, vest and shirt, took off his collar and undid his underclothing. This he was observed to do by Haight.

It is presumed that Hosford then drew the knife from his overcoat pocket and inflicted the wound which caused his death.

Mrs. Mary L. Iffts, who lives on the second floor of 1009 E street, heard Hosford fall groaning to the floor. She hurried to the vestibule and found Hosford speechless and prostrate.

Washington O. Berry, proprietor of a tin shop next door, and an employe, George R. Payne, heard the noise and went to the vestibule. Berry telephoned to the Emergency Hospital.

Dies on Way to Hospital.

Dr. J. W. Warring arrived with the ambulance within a few minutes, and after bandaging Hosford's throat, put him in the vehicle, and all haste was made to reach the hospital. The injured man died before the institution was reached.

Capt. Boardman, chief of the detective bureau, detailed Central Office Detective Charles Evans to make an investigation. There were suspicions of murder when Hosford's body was first found.

The detective interviewed Harry Haight, proprietor of the hotel across the street from the scene of the tragedy.

Haight said he saw Hosford enter the vestibule. His attention was fixed by the man's actions in removing his collar and unbuttoning his clothing. He was sure no one entered the vestibule with him.

No One With Him.

John D. Williams, an electrician, living at 719 Sixth street, was working on a conduit in front of the Elks' Club and saw Hosford enter the vestibule. He was positive no one accompanied him.

Berry and Payne told practically the same story.

Mrs. Iffts said she was sewing on the second floor, when she heard some one enter the vestibule. She heard mysterious sounds. Thinking children were making the noises she paid no attention, until she heard the sound of a falling body and loud groans.

She then rushed downstairs, and was the first to find Hosford, with throat cut from ear to ear.

Wounds Also in Chest.

Dr. Warring said he found six or seven cuts in Hosford's throat and one deep gash. The arteries were severed. Loss of blood caused his death. Seven or eight stab wounds were in the man's chest.

After his investigation Detective Evans reported to Capt. Boardman that the case was undoubtedly suicide. He said an ink eraser, with the blade broken at the handle, was found in the vestibule. It is believed Hosford inflicted wounds found on his chest with this instrument.

Prominent in Gridiron Club.

Mr. Hosford had been a member of the Gridiron Club for many years. He served as vice president of the club in 1887 and the following year succeeded to the office of president.

At banquets and other functions of the club his humor showed itself at all times to such a degree as to mark him as one of the wits of the organization. He was particularly clever at repartee. His caustic remarks across the table always caused laughter.

Mr. Hosford had been an intimate friend of William Jennings Bryan for years, having met the Presidential candidate when he was a member of Congress.

TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.



FRANK H. HOSFORD. Over twenty years a well-known correspondent in Washington.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Fair to-day and to-morrow; warmer to-morrow; light northerly winds, becoming southerly.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

- TELEGRAPHIC. 1-Rome Admits Abruzzi's Engagement. 1-Henry Reuter dahl in New York. 1-Man Slain Who Killed Dog. 1-Gov. Guild Expected to Die. 1-Half Is Quoted Down. 1-Huge Sugar Trust Suit Is Dismissed. 1-Hoosiers at Banquet in New York. 3-Big Chicago Hotel Ablaze. 3-Senator Gore Names Bryan. 3-Attorney General Jackson to Fight. 3-Last Honors to Senator Whyte. LOCAL. 1-Frank H. Hosford Kills Himself. 2-Atlantic Fleet to Visit Japan. 2-Hitchcock Makes Claims for Taft. 2-Bieber's Resignation Demanded. 2-Death of Mrs. Sumner by Suicide. 4-News of the Day in Congress. 12-Washington Press Club Formed. 12-School Protection Before Congress.

GOVERNOR GUILD NEAR DEATH

Members of Executive's Family Summoned to His Bedside.

Deepest Gloom Prevails About Statehouse—President Sends Telegram.

DOCTOR TAKES OWN LIFE.

Evansville Man Dead—One Woman Dying, Other Crazy.

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED.

Boston and Maine Freight Cars Come Together with Crash.

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Senator Lodge Says Government Has Absolute Power.

NO WAR WITH JAPAN.

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APACHES ON RAMPAGE.

Notorious Apache Kid, Long Bearded Dead, Reported at Head. Mexico City, March 20.—A band of renegade Apache Indians have been committing raids upon Mexican settlements and mining camps in the state of Sonora, according to advices received by the war department.

It is stated that the Indians killed two Mexicans near Aputo and in that vicinity sacked mining camps of all goods that could be carried off on pack animals.

The prefect of Moctezuma sent out runners to all parts of his district. An organized campaign has been started to exterminate the Indians.

It is positively stated by some of the residents of Sonora that the notorious Apache Kid, supposed to have been killed about six years ago, is at the head of this renegade band.

These Indians formerly belonged to Geronimo's band. When that chief was rounded up in Arizona, about twenty years ago, they made their escape into Mexico, where they have lived ever since.

NAVY'S CRITIC TALKS

Reuter dahl Stands by Attack on Battle Ships.

INSISTS NATION IS BEHIND

Declares the Capps-Converse Report Does Not Alter Situation, and that Department Should Accept Advice of Seagoing Officers—Does Not Mean We Would Lose in Battles.

New York, March 20.—Henry Reuter dahl, the artist, whose attack on the construction of United States naval vessels, published in a magazine, created a sensation in navy circles, returned to New York to-day. In an interview to-night he said:

"Yes, I'm back, and I find myself the subject of much abuse and some epithets which are not described as polite. I am styled a muckraker and generally I have been the goat while going outside my profession to preach naval reform.

"The situation has been an interesting one. For years and years our officers themselves have realized that our ships were not what they ought to be and that there were several constructive features which should have been corrected. The pigeons in Washington are full of suggestions.

Reams Written on Subject.

"Reams of paper have been written advocating the isolation of the turret, the raising of the armor belts, and the general adding to the efficiency of our ships. Some officers have risked their commands and hours of weary toil have been spent hammering typewriters for naval reform.

"For more than a year the new service paper, the Navy, has month after month, told our people that we are not 'all right.' My article in a magazine only repeated what has been known to every one.

"What do I think of the Capps-Converse report?"

"Well, I haven't studied it with great care, but from what I have seen, it is one of the most interesting official documents ever printed—almost as interesting as the priceless document which contains the reports of the Spanish war. The gentlemen who signed this report are very able, and it's a great pity that they did not go into politics, for they possess a wonderful ability of making black appear white.

Reaffirms Former Charge.

"I reaffirm what I said in my article. There is nothing which I am willing to take back.

"Had we years ago admitted our mistakes and accepted the suggestions of our seagoing officers, we would to-day have a fleet of Dreadnoughts.

"As a whole, in spite of the weather-worn statement that ship for ship we are better than anybody else, we are behind."

"Do you mean that we wouldn't win in battle?"

"No, I don't mean that at all. I know of no finer men than those of our navy. But we are not training officers, or gun pointers, to have them killed in the first act of the Spanish war. If there is any method of helping them to win, we must adopt it."

DOCTOR TAKES OWN LIFE.

Evansville Man Dead—One Woman Dying, Other Crazy.

Evansville, Ind., March 20.—Late last night Mrs. Jennie Farmer was found unconscious in her buggy on Main street, and examination showed she had been stabbed in the breast. Inquiry started by the police showed that Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Nancy Davenport had met in the office of Dr. Henry Jorgenson, a young physician, had quarreled, and Mrs. Farmer had left the office hastily and got into her buggy. Jorgenson and Mrs. Davenport denied any knowledge of the wound, but Mrs. Davenport was held, pending further investigation.

Dr. Jorgenson later committed suicide by taking prussic acid.

Mrs. Farmer, who was stabbed by Mrs. Davenport, in his office, is dying, and Mrs. Davenport is a raving maniac in a jail cell.

Mrs. Farmer is the wife of a retired cigar manufacturer, and Mrs. Davenport is the wife of a prominent man.

Mrs. Davenport tried to hang herself in her cell to-night, but was discovered in the act and was placed in irons.

CAN REGULATE ALIEN TIDE.

Senator Lodge Says Government Has Absolute Power.

Boston, March 20.—In discussing "Immigration" before the City Club to-night, Senator Lodge mentioned the Japanese and Chinese questions. He said:

"The power of the American people to determine who shall come into this country and on what terms is absolute. No one has a right to come into the United States, or become part of its citizenship, except by permission of the people of the United States.

"We have heard a great deal lately about Japanese immigration, but it is not a subject which ought to lead, or which will lead, to any ill feeling between the two countries."

MITCHELL QUILTS MINERS.

President of Union Makes Last Speech to Delegates. Indianapolis, March 20.—At the closing session of the national convention of United Mine Workers, to-day, a motion was adopted to continue the effort to place members of the organization in Congress and State legislatures, with a view to obtaining legislation in which organized labor is interested. The action of President Mitchell in sending two representatives of the miners' union to Washington to assist in the effort to repeal the Sherman anti-trust law, was also approved.

After formally ratifying the report of the scale committee, whereby wage settlements are to be made with operators instead of by competitive districts, President Mitchell made a formal farewell to the organization as its leader.

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HOOSIERS AT FEAST

Author of "Sassafras" Galantly Comes to Front.

LANDIS AMONG THOSE PRESENT

David Graham Phillips Presses Representative Hard for First Honors at Waldorf-Astoria Banquet—Finley Peter Dunne Not There, and Harry von Tilzer Stays Away.

New York, March 20.—It goes without saying that there were so many star features at the dinner of the Indiana Society at the Waldorf-Astoria this evening that it is pretty hard to name the headliner, but, since it must be done, in all probability the speech of Representative Charles E. Landis was the one stirring noise of the evening. The grave and reverend mien of David Graham Phillips pressed Mr. Landis' speech hard for first honors, but Mr. Landis, observing his predicament, let out the now-war-with-Japan stop and galloped under the wire a winner. Maybe this is mixing metaphors, but the meaning is perfectly clear.

James B. Curtis presided over the contest between the Landis speech and the Phillips aspect, and among those who witnessed the affair were: Horace B. Ford, S. S. McClure, C. A. Rawlings, Rev. Gustav Carlstrom, William B. Hale, Joseph A. Kealey, C. G. Dubois, W. J. Overstreet, D. G. O'Reilly, Dr. A. T. Haight, Charles A. Bates, W. H. Peddie, Charles H. Sherrill, G. George H. Middleton, W. J. Reed, George S. Coleman, Oliver H. Bogue, and Scott C. Bone.

Finley Peter Dunne was scheduled to appear, but was detained at a party given by "Mr. Dooley." Harry von Tilzer is a Hoosier, but he didn't show up, and the rumor went around that he stayed away out of pique because he knew that all hands were going to join in singing "On the Banks of the Wabash," which is not by Harry von Tilzer.

Poem by Bard of Alamo.

James Byron Elmore, the Bard of Alamo, was inspired to send a poetical contribution that will take high rank among his collected works. To be sure, it scarcely reaches the heights of his—

Sassafras, O Sassafras, Thou art the stuff for me; And in the spring I love to sing: Sweet Sassafras, of thee.

All the same, the Bard's latest outgiving was much to the point, as these verses, thoughtfully culled from the sixty-seven or sixty-eight others, will amply show:

The Hoosier loves his fellow-men, His love is true and true to me; Though distant o'er the sea, As needed, woe his mother's wing. They live in joy and peace; Though they may live in stately halls, They have no care of grace.

Mr. Curtis' thing got immediately after all hands had sung that ballad about Moonshine and the Wabash banks. He at once emphasized the atmosphere of geniality already prevailing by reading a letter of exceedingly great regret from that prince of good fellows, Vice President Fairbanks. He spoke of the dear old State and what a pleasure it always was to meet the Hoosier boys no matter in what State.

Soon Gets Going.

Mr. Landis got going by saying that he wanted it understood that he wasn't the Landis that fined the Standard Oil Company that assorted collection of millions.

He said: "I am a natural born farmer, and I never really feel at home in New York. For one thing they always want to wait on you all the time you're here. Then they are always brushing you off. I had hardly got into my room at the hotel, when the boy that brought me the ice water insisted on brushing me. When I went out the man at the door brushed me off, too. I went into a barber shop to get shaved and they brushed me off there. I got my shoes shined and the bootblack brushed me some more. I want to say to you that I'll return to Washington, the best brushed man in Congress."

Mr. Landis switched to the glories of Indiana and aroused great enthusiasm by saying that in proportion to the State's wealth it has fewer millionaires than any other State. Out in Indiana they had the best schools; the best roads; the best hotels; the—but what's the use. It was a grand catalogue of virtue. The speaker wanted to predict that in a very short time the country's prosperity would be as great as it had been before the recent financial unpleasantness. He believed that there had never been such an exhibition of national patience as the American people had shown with reference to the panic.

No War with Japan.

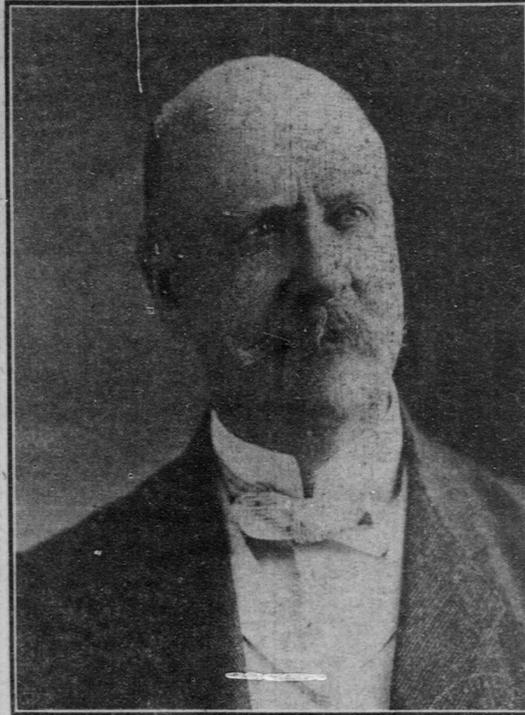
"I was asked before this dinner began," he went on, "whether I thought there was any likelihood of a war with Japan. War with Japan? No; nor with any other country. The cruise of the fleet makes for the world's peace. There will never be a war with Japan, in my judgment. I believe that one of the best things that came out of the Spanish war was the strengthening of the good feeling between this country and Great Britain. That alone repaid us immeasurably for the war."

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Baltimore and Ohio Shortest Route To Pittsburg. Trains leave Washington every morning, noon, and night—9:10 a. m., 1:25 noon, 3:10 and 11:30 night.

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IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



SENATOR BACON, OF GEORGIA. Champion of an increase in salaries for government clerks.

BIG SUGAR SUIT OFF

Sherman Anti-trust Measure Does Not Apply.

COURT DISMISSES THE CASE

United States Circuit Court Refuses to Try \$30,000,000 Damage Claim Against Sugar Trust for Closing Pennsylvania Sugar Refinery—Act Not Good Basis. No Restraint of Interstate Commerce.

New York, March 20.—The \$30,000,000 suit brought by the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company against the American Sugar Refining Company was dismissed this afternoon by Judge Holt, of the United States Circuit court.

Nearly a fortnight ago Henry W. Taft, counsel for the defendant, moved to dismiss the complaint. Ex-Gov. Frank S. Black argued in opposition to the motion, and John C. Johnson, of Philadelphia, in favor of it.

The suit was instituted to recover \$30,000,000 as three-fold damages sustained through the closing of the complainant's refinery in Philadelphia, which act, the complainant declared, was in violation of section 7 of the Sherman anti-trust law. The defendant contended that there could have been no restraint of trade, as the plaintiff's refinery had never been in operation.

In dismissing the complaint Judge Holt cited the opinion of the United States Supreme Court in the case of the United States vs. E. C. Knight Company, a sugar-refining corporation of Philadelphia, in which the court held that the American Sugar Refining Company, one of the defendants, in purchasing the Knight company and others, did not operate in restraint of trade, declaring that "manufacture was not trade or commerce"; that the action of the American Sugar Refining Company in stopping the manufacture of sugar by the Philadelphia refinery only incidentally affected the sale of the product; that Congress had no jurisdiction to pass laws to remedy injuries caused by such action, and that the States alone had power to pass such laws.

"This suit," says Judge Holt, referring to the present case, "is obviously brought upon the Sherman anti-trust act. The plaintiff's counsel admitted that in the present state of the pleadings, the plaintiff must recover upon that act, and could not recover upon any other theory of liability. In my opinion, no amendment can be made to the complaint which will make it good so long as it is based on the Sherman anti-trust act.

"If, in fact, this court has jurisdiction of this case on the ground of the diverse citizenship of the parties, the plaintiff may desire to amend the complaint and proceed upon some theory of equitable liability, in which case the plaintiff should have the usual leave to amend."

LEAVES STORE TO CLERKS.

New Rochelle Druggist Rewards Two Faithful Employes.

New York, March 20.—Two faithful clerks in the employ of James L. Coutant, an aged druggist of New Rochelle, who died on Monday last, were most generously remembered by him in his will, the contents of which became known to-day.

He died at the age of eighty-four years, leaving an estate valued at about \$400,000, and consisting of real estate in New Rochelle and Larchmont, and personal property.

Mr. Coutant had had a drug store in New Rochelle for more than half a century, and the business is estimated to be worth more than \$50,000. This he leaves to his wife, Mrs. Francis C. Bone, and William R. Carter, for "faithful and conscientious services."

HUMMEL SAILS TO-DAY.

Lawyer to Be Accompanied Abroad by Nephew.

New York, March 20.—Abe Kaffenburgh, nephew of Abe Hummel, is booked to sail to-morrow for Liverpool aboard the Cunarder Lusitania. Hummel, who was released from the Blackwells Island penitentiary on Thursday, will sail with his nephew, although his name did not appear on the latest proof of the passenger list, issued this afternoon.

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BELIEVES ABRUZZI WILL GET BRIDE

Official Journal of Rome Confirms Report.

IS TO WED MISS ELKINS

Cardinal Gibbons May Likely Perform the Ceremony.

Cable to New York Newspaper Says that King Will Give Senator a Title of Nobility So as to Make the Marriage Possible—Bride May Become a Catholic—King May Dispense with Two Months' Notice.

New York, March 20.—According to a copyrighted cable from Rome to The World, the official journal to-day for the first time admits that the Duke of the Abruzzi, cousin of the King, and Miss Katherine Elkins are engaged.

It says that the King might have preferred a more elevated marriage, but that he offers no opposition to it.

Senator Elkins will be ennobled and the duke will be promoted to vice admiral, with his residence in the royal palace in Venice.

Will Become Catholic.

Miss Elkins probably will become a Catholic. Cardinal Gibbons will perform the ceremony. Two months' notice is necessary in the case of a royal marriage, but the King has power to dispense with this formality.

The Italian public is against the match. The duke probably will return to Rome before the ceremony.

Pays for Dispensation.

It is reported that at the special request of the Italian King, the Pope has granted a special dispensation for the marriage.

While, however, in America such dispensations are generally given free of charge, here they are very costly, and it is reckoned that the duke will have to pay at least \$1,000 in fees for his privilege.

Obtaining a dispensation at the Vatican does not necessarily imply that the marriage will take place here, as the duke now can be married in any diocese of the world.

The rule of the church, however, is that the bride's parish shall be the proper place for the marriage ceremony, and because of this, it is very probable that the marriage will take place in the United States.

COURSE OF LOVE IS ROUGH.

Obstacles Upon All Sides to Match, is Gossip.

The Duke d'Abruzzi left Washington yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, accompanied by only his valet. He will sail to-day on the outgoing Cunarder, bound for Europe.

Washington is disappointed that the duke has gone without a formal announcement of the engagement existing between him and Miss Katherine Elkins, or without any statement concerning the much mooted match.

There has been very lively cabling between Rome and Washington in cipher. The King is very partial to his youngest cousin, the Duke d'Abruzzi, who has attained fame by his own deeds in exploration and in climbing the highest peaks, and it is believed that he bade the duke Goodspeed on his journey here to win the hand of the girl of his choice.

All that could be learned at the Italian Embassy yesterday morning was that the duke, in the best of spirits and in a gay mood, had gone. Thanking his host and hostess, the ambassador and the Baroness Mayer des Planches, he left in the ambassador's big touring car for the station, maintaining the same happy frame of mind apparently that he bore when he came to Washington last Tuesday.

Ambassador Has No Information.

As he in no way intimated to his host and hostess his plans for the future they can say nothing on the subject.

A hint was thrown out that if the duke informs the Ambassador by cable that an engagement does exist between him and the Senator's daughter, the Ambassador will then be authorized to announce that fact.

Senator Elkins left Washington for New York yesterday, but whether his visit has any relation to the duke's courtship cannot be learned. The Senator did not stop in Baltimore, although it was rumored yesterday that he had gone there to see his warm personal friend, Cardinal Gibbons.

Through an intimate friend of Miss Elkins, a bit of gossip has leaked out that before the arrival of the duke and Miss Elkins in Washington the first of the week, the matter had been all arranged between the principals, and that the date set for the wedding was the second week in April.

Now, however, it would seem to an outsider that some hitch has arisen.

Of all the gossip that has been heard in Washington regarding the visit of the duke and his wooing of Miss Elkins, one of the most interesting bits is this: It has been said that Miss Elkins wished to have it made quite clear that her marriage would be in no sense monogamous, but that she will be the recognized wife and duchess of her husband with an established position at court and in society equal to that of any other woman in Italy.