

FORMER PRINCIPAL STRANGELY MISSING

Wrote He Was Husband of Abbie Country, Teacher.

TOLD HER FATHER OF DEATH

Stated in Letter He Had Been Married to the Young Woman Secretly Outside the District—May Have Gone to Home of Mother in Northumberland, Pa., to Consult Her.

Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of Horton Simpson, former principal of Hubbard School, who is wanted as a witness at an inquest to-morrow morning to determine the cause of the death of Abbie M. Country, a young school-teacher, who died a week ago following a surgical operation in the office of Dr. Albert L. Lawrence.

The police, coroner, relatives, or friends of the missing man have not the least inkling of his whereabouts, and it is feared he may have harmed himself. Dr. John Crayke Simpson, of 161 Massachusetts avenue northwest, brother of the former school principal, left Washington last night in quest of the missing man. His mother, who is eighty-four years old, lives in Northumberland, Pa., and it is thought Horton Simpson may have sought her in his trouble.

The inquest is set for 11 o'clock, and will not be postponed unless the coroner receives word that Simpson has been located and will return to Washington to testify. No arrests have been made. The police say no one will be arrested unless the outcome of the inquest makes such action necessary.

Simpson Departed Saturday, a few minutes after sending a special delivery letter to the father of Abbie Country, Lavell P. Country, of 3315 Holmead place northwest, a clerk in the House of Representatives. The letter was marked 5:30 p. m., and it is thought Simpson left Washington before 6 o'clock.

This belief is corroborated in the letter, part of which reads as follows: "I know I have made a grave mistake. We should have told you of our marriage. Now it is too late, so I am going away. In a few minutes I shall be on my way to the station. I am going to get on a train and go somewhere far away. I don't know where it will be."

Both Horton Simpson and Abbie Country were well known in Washington, and Simpson's disappearance after Miss Country's death has caused surprise and comment. Simpson was formerly principal at Hubbard School, where Miss Country taught, but he was recently transferred to a Takoma Park school. Dr. Simpson, his brother, was appointed a member of the District jail commission by President Roosevelt. Horton Simpson lived in the Fortner apartments.

Miss Country came to Washington from Cincinnati some years ago with her family when her father received an appointment as clerk in the House of Representatives. She was educated in the public and normal schools of Washington, and after being graduated began teaching. She taught several years.

Planned a Visit. From the time Miss Country left home, saying she intended visiting a friend, until her father discovered her body prepared for burial in an undertaking establishment on Saturday night, her parents did not know her whereabouts. The identity of the girl was unknown to a physician whom she consulted. She gave the name of Mrs. Alice M. Clark, and her address as the Fortner apartments.

Dr. Albert Lawrence said the woman came to him for treatment on January 13, and again on January 22. "Three days later I saw an operation was necessary," said Dr. Lawrence, "and she consented to come to see me on the following day. Dr. Howard Wrenn consented to administer the anesthetic. Miss Country appeared on January 23, happy and cheerful over the prospect of recovering from her illness. She carried a bag of wearing apparel, as I had explained it would be a week or two before she could go out. I telephoned to Dr. Harrison Crook, and he arrived while the operation was in progress. I discovered the real cause of the young woman's illness."

"To all appearances the operation was successful," but after Dr. Crook and Mr. Wrenn departed, she became worse. I telephoned for my colleagues and arrangements were made for the admission of the patient to Providence Hospital. She died before her removal to Cincinnati, where it will be interred to-day in the family vault. George Country, a brother of the young woman, accompanied the body. He will be met by another brother, Walter Country, of Chicago.

No Record of Marriage. Efforts by the police to obtain a record of Simpson's marriage to Miss Country have proved futile. In his letter to Lavell Country, Horton Simpson said: "Your daughter and my beloved wife is critically ill as the result of an operation which I advised against."

Simpson described the operation in detail. He said he had been secretly married to Miss Country last fall, but that it had been decided to keep the ceremony a secret, as Miss Country wished to teach until the end of the present school year. The marriage, he said, had been performed outside of the District.

"I know I have violated the rules of the board of education in allowing a married woman to teach in public schools," wrote Simpson, "and I know I would have been discharged and could never explain matters, so I decided to leave Washington."

He told of his love for his wife and regret for what had occurred. Simpson asked permission to defray funeral expenses in the event Miss Country died.

Any One "BROMO QUININE," that's Lexative Bromo Quinine Cures Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days

TO THE OPTIMISTS!

By THE OPTIMIST.

Wednesday has rolled around again, and to-day at noon closes the friendly contest in optimism whose text was Kindness. It has been, thanks to you, fellow-optimists, as highly successful as all our contests have been, and I am sure that all of you will be glad to see the page of optimistic thoughts on Kindness next Sunday. There is many a word spoken there that will be of great help to all of us, and it is glorious to be able to send abroad, through the medium of The Washington Herald, these messages of inspiration and gentleness. Be sure and don't miss it.

The contest closes at noon to-day. Already I have received a vast number of contributions, but I am sure that many more are coming in the morning's mail. Then we shall select the prize winners and those receiving honorable mention with which to make up the page. Some, of course, will not be printed—simply for lack of space. But to the rejected I would say: I thank you most heartily on behalf of all the optimists for your kind thought, and I pray that you will not fail to contribute again.

I now announce another contest, and this I want to be on the subject of Duty. You remember what Wordsworth says:

Passions vanish and opinions change, And passions hold a fluctuating seat; But, by the storm of circumstance unshaken, And subject neither to eclipse nor wane, Duty exists.

Duty has been a theme for many philosophers and many poets—those interpreters to the soul of man. There is the thought, for instance, that many of the things we do that are good and wholesome call for some reward—some immediate, tangible reward. We forget what Fielding said:

When I'm not thanked at all, I'm thanked enough; I've done my duty, and I've done no more.

"Duty has pleasures that know no satiety," wrote Bulwer-Lytton; and what I want is a word from you fellow-optimists on the pleasures you have derived from duty well done, or a thought that will help your brothers to realize that one of the best of prayers is that of Ovea Meredith:

God help us do our duty, and not shrink, And trust in heaven humbly for the rest.

Optimism means happiness, and it is our duty to search out means of true and lasting happiness, and this we may do, if we remember Sir Walter Scott's dictum, that "No good man can ever be happy when he is unaided for the career of simple and commonplace duty."

Will you not, then, fellow-optimists, send me some thoughts on Duty, that I may send them out into the world to sweeten it and prove a guidepost and a help to those that need it? As in previous contests, I should like both prose and verse contributions, both original and quoted.

As an added incentive I propose to award prizes as follows:

For the best essay.....\$5.00 For the third.....\$2.00 For the second.....3.00 For the next five, each.....1.00

Other contributions received will be printed and will be given an award of honorable mention.

Contributions need not be typewritten, though they would be much better so. It is advisable that contributions be on a single sheet of paper, if possible, with the name and address of the contributor plainly written at the bottom.

Duty! It is an inspiring theme! It is a battle-cry to which all true optimists may rally. I hope to get more contributions on this subject than I have ever before received.

TREASURY PORTFOLIO OPEN

Chicago Banker Believed to Have Best Chance for Place.

George Reynolds, President of Continental Bank, Thought to Have Been Considered by Taft.

From trustworthy sources it is learned that President-elect Taft has not made a definite selection of the next Secretary of the Treasury.

When Mr. Taft went to Panama, he took with him a tentative Cabinet list, and the understanding was among the few who knew of this that upon his return to the United States he would have made up his mind as to his selections.

Several of the Cabinet officers had been decided on before Mr. Taft went away, but he was still in a state of uncertainty as to whom he would offer the Treasury portfolio. These facts should be taken into consideration with reference to the reports that George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental Bank, of Chicago, and president of the National Bankers' Association, is to succeed Secretary Cortelyou.

Mr. Reynolds heads the list of those on the tentative Treasury list, and while it would be going beyond the fact to say that he had been chosen definitely, it is probable that the place will be offered to him.

It is explained that President-elect Taft has followed the same policy with Mr. Reynolds that he has pursued with several other of the tentative appointments to his official family.

He asked a close personal friend of Mr. Reynolds to sound him on the question, and that is as far as the negotiations have proceeded.

HOMEOPATHISTS MEET.

New Officers Installed for Coming Year.

The Washington Homeopathic Medical Society met in the Hotel Shoreham last evening and installed officers for the year. The new president is Dr. Edwin S. Lohrop; vice president, Dr. Marvin A. Cuetis; secretary, Dr. John R. Sharp; treasurer, Dr. J. H. Branson; assistant treasurer, Dr. G. C. Birdsall; historian, Dr. Julia N. Green. The valedictory address by the retiring president, Dr. Ira W. Dennison, was entitled "The Necessity for Co-operation in the Profession."

Music at Y. M. C. A.

Members and friends of the Young Men's Christian Association gathered in the music room of the Association last night to hear "An evening of music," which was given by local performers. Those who took part were: Eric Shilling, Robert Stearns, Frank Boteler, Albert Chesley, Dr. William Hamilton and a quartet consisting of: A. E. Bobat, C. H. Irina, R. L. Mathews, B. S. Levin, and H. A. Treat, accompanist.

Will Investigate Death.

The American consul at Riga, Russia, has been instructed to investigate, and make a report on the circumstances of the death of Frederick Strombach, former soldier in the American army, who is said to have been killed by the Russian authorities. Action was taken at the request of the German Trades Union of Philadelphia.

FARMER USES BOY TO STOP ATTACK

Squabble Over Broken Fence Results Seriously.

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The quarrel, which culminated in a fight, occurred before Smith's home, near Fox Hill road, Harlem, D. C., about 8:45 o'clock Monday night. According to the police, a negro driving a load of coal to Southern's home, in Fox Hill road, ran into a fence surrounding Smith's home, and a wagon wheel knocked down part of the fence.

Southern, it is said, went to Smith's home, and told Smith the damaged property would be paid for. Smith did not agree with Southern, and during the affair peacefully, and went into the house. When he reappeared, the story is, he held a shotgun in his hands. George Smith, twenty-one years old, a son, was near, and ran to the defense of his aged father.

Used Gun as Shield. The butcher was bearing down on Southern with his gun held above his head, it is said, when Southern caught young Smith before him as a shield. The elder Smith, seeing he could not fire or hit Southern with the gun without injuring his own son, stood still. Southern, pushing George Smith before him, advanced on Harry Smith. The butcher did not retreat. Dr. M. J. Ready, of 225 N. street northwest, treated the aged butcher at his home and the police were informed of the fight.

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BIEBER'S PENSION IS LOST

Court of Appeals Decides Against Former Fire Marshal.

New Trial Ordered in Case of Pickford Against Hudson for Malicious Prosecution.

By action of the District Court of Appeals, expressed in an opinion of Justice Van Orsdal yesterday, Sidney Bieber, former fire marshal of the District, loses his pension of \$50 a month.

The opinion reversed the action of Chief Justice Claiborne, of the District Supreme Court, and directed that the writ of mandamus be discharged, and that Mr. Bieber's petition be dismissed.

The case arose from Mr. Bieber's refusal to appear for examination as to his physical condition when summoned to do so by the Commissioners, under an act of Congress authorizing them to discontinue or reduce pensions as a result of their findings. Mr. Bieber filed a petition for a writ of mandamus on the ground that he had a vested right to the pension, which could not be disturbed by the Commissioners. The Commissioners appealed.

The Appellate Court held that the rights of the petitioner did not differ from those of a pensioner under the general pension laws of the United States.

In an opinion rendered by Chief Justice Shepard the court affirmed the judgment of \$2,100 rendered by the lower court in favor of Miss Mary Lukens against the Washington, Alexandria, and Mount Vernon Railway Company, thereby sustaining the right to recover for disease contracted from exposure by the interruption of passage while in transit.

In an opinion rendered by Justice Van Orsdal, a new trial was ordered in the case of Thomas Pickford, appellant, against James Hudson, in which the latter filed suit for \$20,000 damages for alleged malicious prosecution on a charge of conspiracy to defraud Pickford of \$11,000. A verdict was rendered in favor of Hudson for \$5,000 damages in the lower court.

Eloping Couple Married.

Miss Etta Waltz, a young Baltimore woman, and Walter E. Collier, of Hampton, Va., employed for some time by J. H. Wheelwright, vice president of the Consolidation Coal Company, of Baltimore, as a chauffeur, were married in this city yesterday morning. They eloped from Baltimore in an automobile. Rev. Jacob W. Waltz, of Eocla, Pa., brother of the bride, performed the ceremony.

The Question of Interest

As well as protection, should be considered by prospective depositors. The banking department of UNION TRUST CO., 15th and H sts., in addition to giving absolute protection, pays interest on ALL accounts, subject to check. U. S. Treasury supervision.

Judge Taken Ill on Bench.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 2.—Judge William I. Clifton, of the corporation court of Manchester, was stricken on the bench this morning with what at first was thought to be paralysis, but which was later diagnosed as acute indigestion.

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INSPECTED THE G. P. Q.

Washington Society of Engineers Guests of the Public Printer.

Members of the Washington Society of Engineers made an inspection of the Government Printing Office last night as guests of Public Printer Donnelly.

It was the largest delegation that has visited the big printers in years. The visitors spent more than two hours watching the printers making up the Congressional Record.

The use of each machine and the various kinds of labor necessary to make up the mass of pamphlets, books, and padams which the government uses were explained in detail.

GIVES ADDRESS IN GAELIC.

J. O'Brien, of New York, Makes Address, Followed by Entertainment.

Following a business meeting of the Gaelic Society, in Carroll Institute Hall last night, an address was made by J. O'Brien, of New York, in the Gaelic language.

MAGOO IN THE CITY.

Makes Report of Conditions in Cuba to Secretary Wright.

Charles E. Magoon, former governor general of Cuba, came to the Capital yesterday, and placed his report on conditions in the island republic in the hands of Secretary of War Wright.

Mr. Magoon is at the Shoreham, and is accompanied by his military aide, Capt. A. A. Ryan. It is believed he will visit the White House this morning. He has expressed the opinion that the new Cuban administration has been given an excellent start under President Gomez.

FUNERAL OF O. B. SIPOS.

Barial at Mount Olivet After Services at St. Patrick's.

The funeral of Otto B. Sipos, well-known and popular young man, for many years connected with Ogram's drug store, will take place this morning. Services will be held in St. Patrick's Church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Sipos is survived by his mother and brother, Victor L. Sipos. The deceased young man was born in Washington in 1872, and had lived here all his life.

Waters Wins Sprinting Heats.

Clark Waters won two fifty-yard sprinting heats yesterday from Dr. William Carr, in McPherson Square, getting the 50 prize. The winner's time was 4-4 seconds.

Suicide by Native of Boyds.

Boyd, Md., Feb. 2.—Thomas Augustus Johnson, whose death is announced here to-night as the result of suicide by gas in Washington, was a native of this vicinity, and was a much esteemed young man. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson, reside near Boyds. Young Johnson was a member of the Boyds Presbyterian Church here.

GROUND HOG SAW SHADOW.

The question is, Was the sun shining at noon yesterday or wasn't it?

It's an important matter, because if the sun was shining the ground hog saw its shadow, and if the ground hog saw its shadow it's all up with any chance of good weather for the next six weeks.

The weight of evidence seems to be that the sun was on the job. Dependent with that exception, however, some of the local news is shadowy, and the local authorities on trailfinders, and reluctantly went back again. There was nothing to it but that for the hog. He had to. His ancestors for generations have been doing that out-of-the-hole-on-the-second-of-February stunt, and they have written it down in the family album that if the shadow can be seen on the ground, it's a case of back to the burrow.

It's all up now for the next six weeks.

ORDAINED BY BISHOP HARDING

Rev. W. N. Pierson Becomes Priest in the Episcopal Church.

For More Than a Year He Has Been a Lay Preacher in Church of the Good Shepherd.

Rev. W. N. Pierson, in the presence of a distinguished gathering of churchmen, was yesterday morning ordained as a priest of the Episcopal Church at the Church of the Good Shepherd, where for more than a year he has officiated as lay reader.

The ordination services were conducted by the Bishop of Washington, assisted by Rev. Mr. Stetson, formerly priest of the parish; Rev. Henry Parkman, founder of the church; Rev. Dr. Wallace, president of the Episcopal Seminary of Alexandria; Rev. Dr. De Vries, and other church dignitaries.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the long line of clergymen formed near the parish house and to the music of processional hymns marched to the church, which was beautifully decorated.

The sermon preached by Bishop Harding was on the need of young men in the priesthood. He outlined the growth of religion among the people of Washington, and said that men who become ministers of the church make many sacrifices.

Shortly after the bishop's sermon, Rev. Mr. Pierson was escorted to the reading desk, where he was presented as a candidate for priest's orders.

Communion services followed the presentation of the candidate, after which Rev. Mr. Pierson was examined by Bishop Harding. At that conclusion of the ceremony, and while the congregation stood, Bishop Harding ordained the candidate.

A little more than a year ago Rev. Mr. Pierson took charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Among the clergymen present were Rev. E. M. Mott, Rev. E. H. Ingel, Rev. Walter Williams, Rev. W. T. Snyder, Rev. C. E. Buck, Rev. G. E. England, Rev. G. C. Tertan, Rev. W. M. Pettib, Rev. Mr. Hicknell, Rev. P. M. Prescott, Rev. C. H. Holmsad, Rev. George T. Ludland, Rev. W. J. Williams, and Rev. Henry Thomas.

DISCUSS WAGE SCHEDULE

Officials of Southern Railway and Employees in Conference.

That the object of the conference, the opening session of which began yesterday at the offices of the Southern Railway Company, between representatives of the shophmen and firemen and the officers of the company, is chiefly to discuss a request of the men for a continuance of the wage scale is the statement given out by officials of the company.

C. H. Ackert explained that the schedule expired January 1. While a portion of yesterday's session, he said, was devoted to consideration of minor grievances of the employees, no considerable difference of opinion developed, and none was anticipated. It is possible that the matter of reducing the working day of certain of the men from ten hours to nine hours will be taken up.

SELLING QUAKE BUTTONS.

They May Be Purchased in Washington to Aid Sufferers.

Anticipating great results in his campaign of selling memorial buttons for the relief of the earthquake sufferers of Italy, R. Francione, of Richmond, Va., arrived in Washington yesterday. The idea had its conception in Richmond, and those who are financing the movement plan to have the campaign extended to other cities.

In its design the memorial emblem is unique. The American and Italian flags entwined, are surrounded by a border of black in which are inscribed the words "In Memoriam."

WOMAN SWALLOWS LINIMENT.

When She Is Revived She Denies Having Taken Poison.

Suffering from melancholia, supposed to have been caused by marital troubles, Mrs. Francis R. Walls, thirty years old, of 730 Seventh street southeast, attempted to end her life yesterday afternoon by swallowing chloroform liniment.

TO-DAY 25c Collars, 13c 2 for 25c. THE PALAIS ROYAL.

The name of the brand, "Blackstone," is a guarantee of perfection of style and quality. Please—please do not let to-day's special sale quotation—2 for 25c—create a precedent when the regular price is later asked. Feel assured it is for a better collar than any rival at the price.

Consult Mme. La Cross, the Corset Expert.

The famous expert has been brought from New York expressly to initiate our patrons in the art of wearing corsets. What to do and what not to do are problems Mme. La Cross solves for you.

Not only will the new Corsets be fitted, but French models are to be \$2.29 instead of \$3.00, and \$3.59 instead of \$5.00.

The Palais Royal, G St., 11th St.

DR. SIMON STAYS IN CAPITAL CITY

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city, in which we live and work, a wholly underestimated and misunderstood man. It was fashionable to laugh at him, even to flout and to scorn him. Even the Cabinet which he chose thought but little of his abilities, and fancied that upon them would fall the real responsibility for guiding the ship of State.

His magnificent work is hallowed in the minds of the American people, and his name is one to conjure with. But there is much to-day in this nation in need of the Lincolnian spirit. Some conditions have developed are so shocking that one can hardly believe they exist in a nation which reared a Lincoln.

His Teaching Needed. "We need a Lincoln to teach our young people to spurn this universal tendency toward short cuts and short methods. Apparently the contagion of a 'soft berth' is widespread; this desire for something easy, this striving to enjoy something which has not been earned. It is all a product of the age in which we live.

"Apparently we are making progress in social reform swiftly. But is it not true to the calm, dispassionate observer that we take two steps backward to every three steps forward? We are often deceived into thinking we have cured this or that evil, or put this or that temptation behind us for all time. When a true balance is struck, we find the clamor and the rush have deluded us; that sane measurement of the reform we have made falls far short of what we anticipated.

"For every hospital that is built a new broom is opened; for every penitentiary opened, a new kindergarten is established. Where there is such moral and financial support of social reform as we have at present there need be no fear that we are making time. But more work and greater work is needed.

"If Lincoln were alive to-day he would speak confidence in the courts, whether it be a local, a Federal, or the Supreme Court of the United States. There are many perils besetting the American people, and one of the greatest of these is to undermine the standing of the judiciary in the public mind."

Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read by H. C. Gauss. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Optimist Club of the Church of Our Father, and the audience tested the capacity of the church.

CHURCH BENEFIT GIVEN.

German Supper and Entertainment at National Rifles' Armory.

An elaborate German supper, an entertainment, and a dance were given at National Rifles' Hall last night by members of St. Joseph's Church. The proceeds will be used to lessen the church debt.

Those taking part were L. H. Herman, Al. Fennell, T. J. Trodden, Caspar Herbert, Master Harry Wells, B. A. Ehrmann, Traut, Beasle Settlers, Harry Maxwell, and Richard Cox.

The singing of Bessie Settlers was a feature. Mr. Cox, who claims the title of champion club swinger of the South, did excellent work.

The executive committee is composed of Gus. Braher, Thomas Quill, Michael D. Schaffer, Bernard Collins, George Fulton, Charles Lehman, Richard Curtin, John Curtin, Ed. Poy, Joseph Howard, Edward Kammerer, Mrs. Braher, Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Keame, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Dwyer, Mrs. Getz, and Mrs. Caspar.

DR. FAUST PASSES AWAY.

Was Well-known Scholar and Professor at Georgetown.

Dr. Ambrose Faust, one of the old residents of Washington, died Monday at his family apartment in the Fortner. He was seventy-six years of age.

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