

# STRANGE DEATH OF TWIN BOYS

### Paralyzed at the Same Time in Early Boyhood, the Disease Makes the Same Progress in Both and the Twins Contract Pneumonia

Stephen Yalinek, paralytic son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Yalinek of West Springfield, Mass., was taken fatally ill yesterday noon just as the mourners were assembling at his home for the last rites of his twin brother, Emil, with whom he had shared nine years of sickness. The twins had gone through life almost as one, each reflecting the other, even in mere whims of temperament. There seems to have been one lone defiance of natural laws, for their long sickness has baffled noted men of medicine. The marriages of the mourners were turned away just as the service for Emil was to begin, and the body of his twin brother was carried upstairs to be placed in the coffin, where he might share the masses of flowers which had been sent by the deep sympathizers of the parents.

Seven or eight years ago after tomorrow, Emil and Stephen were strong children and continued in good health until about their seventh year. Almost imperceptibly they began to weaken till strength slowly left their legs. They were so much alike that one always wore ribbon so as to make it possible even for their brothers and sisters to distinguish one from the other. When eight years ago they entered the first grade of the Meadow street school, and were able to walk the short distance from the school, though with some difficulty. Slowly, as though life was being gradually drained off, they lost strength in their legs till finally they could go to school only by being drawn by one of their brothers in a light express wagon. But the year was too hard, and after six months they gave up school and were given expert treatment in a well known Springfield hospital. The most expert medical attention of the city, however, could not stop the disease, and when the twins were returned to their home the disease had mounted till the lower part of their bodies was entirely paralyzed. Slowly the helplessness crept up until they had the use of their forearms only.

And so for nearly nine years the twins have lived together, their bodies practically lifeless. Every day they were dressed, placed in a pair of wheel-chairs, and taken out by their family into the fresh air, and every day in the neighborhood felt not only a deep sympathy but a real love for them. Their minds were not in the least affected, and they were always gay and cheery, almost never complaining of their pitiful state. Occasionally they became aware of each other, but would be able to express their feelings in action only by bumping each other with their heads, after which the stronger would usually wash. Those who passed the house almost always stopped for a word with them, and were apt to receive more than they expected in their repartee. At night each slept with another of the brothers, who would wake several times during the night and move the twin into another position so that he would not become wearied and sore.

About six months ago the family called in a medical chemist, who gave them an external treatment on the theory of absorption for a congestion of circulation in the spinal cord, which prevented nutrition from circulating through the nerve centers, and the boys were made to wear a special corset a week ago Tuesday, however, Emil contracted pneumonia, and Stephen came down with it on the next day. Emil, who was considerably the weaker, sank rapidly, and passed away, but Stephen was not considered fatally sick. Though not showing any symptoms, he grieved deeply for his twin. But he insisted on leaving his bed, as he felt a keen desire to live.

At 1 o'clock next day when the friends were arriving for the funeral services of his twin, Stephen seemed well. He had asked to go to the cemetery to die as Emil had, and he had expressed a fear of death. Suddenly, as the carriages were stopping at the door, he asked one of his brothers for some water and then begged them to fan him. Suddenly seized with a violent illness, he died in five minutes he was dead. His body was taken upstairs beside that of his brother, and the mourners were met at the door with the sad news of a second death. The double funeral will be held at the home tomorrow at a traditional burial following in the White church cemetery.

### POINTS OF INTEREST.

Attention of All.  
Some big bargains in high grade pianos for Saturday at Wm. A. Tinsley, Piano Parlors, 15 Fairfield ave., Sagal Building, Step in and see them. Will hold till noon.

Ralph E. B. Smith's Christmas Sale of goods suitable for Christmas presents will be held Saturday. Mr. Smith says that he has sold lots of dolls, toys, and fancy goods already, but that the complete line of goods has not been shown until now, so go there to-morrow if in need of any holiday gifts or presents in goods to wear or in fancy goods. No one will be disappointed in either the prices or the quality.

Reminder.  
With your Christmas shopping, order one dozen of Miles' ale. This ale has set the standard of quality for years. It adds zest, and relish to meals, and is enjoyed by everyone everywhere. Also some lager which is recommended by the medical profession as an excellent tonic for getting down system; you will find it an excellent appetizer. If you use a beverage use only the best and purest the market affords. Order from M. J. Maloney, 86 Jones avenue. His wines and liquors are of the best quality, also his sodas and mineral waters. All orders promptly delivered. Some Practical Useful Gifts Suggested by Caesar Misch, Inc.

The Big Credit Clothing Department Store of Caesar Misch, Inc., are strong believers in the S. E. credit society for Xmas shopping and have arranged a particularly attractive assortment of practical gifts for Saturday's shoppers. Dainty wearing apparel for women, smart, snappy apparel and furnishings for men, all will be on display marked at attractive prices on Saturday morning. Cheerful Credit goes hand in hand with these great articles, so that who wish, may buy their loved ones and friends gifts, paying no money at the time of purchase and payments in small weekly amounts need not commence until after Christmas is all over. This does away with all the worry of not being able to make the change a help in breaking the rush of a hard day. Beginning Monday, Dec. 16, the lunches will be served at noon and at night as well.

New Haven—Dr. Fayette Hall, attorney of the book, "The Real Abraham Lincoln," a severe criticism of the dead President, is dead at a local hospital, in his 86th year.



Mr. Dooley says: "The only way to take the weather is to face it and enjoy it. An' the only way to enjoy bad weather is to make the most of it."

### You need one of these overcoats to practice this philosophy!

Here's a long, single-breasted wide collar, fleecy garment at \$20, or a double-breasted convertible or shawl collar chincilla, belted back, at \$20 to \$28.

Every other kind that fashion and common sense suggest.

Furnishings for the Holidays.

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### DEATH AND BLINDNESS FROM WOOD-ALCOHOL POISONING.

Thirty years ago poisoning from wood alcohol, methyl alcohol, wood spirit, methylated spirits, etc., was almost unknown. The disgusting odor and vile taste of this product were so repugnant that one would about as readily drink crude petroleum. About 1890, however, a comparatively cheap method of "deodorizing" this ill-smelling and vile-tasting liquid was discovered, and since that time, such as "Columbian Spirits," "Purified Wood Alcohol," "Colonial Spirits," "Standard Wood Spirits," "Sage Spirits," "Union Spirits," "Bagie Spirits," "Green Wood Spirits," etc., this violent poison was put on sale. It was widely and surreptitiously advertised as a fuel in lamps and stoves, but also at first its poisonous character was denied. This last claim led to its use not only for these purposes, but also in the manufacture of Jamaica ginger, essence of lemon, liniments, alcoholic tinctures, cheap whiskey and proprietary "remedies."

Soon, however, stories of sudden death as well as of total and incurable blindness began to appear, not only in medical journals but in the public press. It was not until a wholesale drug firm in Baltimore had been mulcted for heavy damages for attempting to "turn an honest penny" by the use of "deodorized" wood spirit as a substitute for the four-times-as-expensive grain alcohol in the manner of Jamaica ginger that the general public began to sit up and take notice.

Later, examples of wholesale poisoning began to be reported. Parties of all classes of people, workmen, mechanics, bar-room habitués, Indians, etc.—including in cheap whiskey and its substitutes died or became blind. Still later it was found that certain painters, especially shellcoaters of beer-vats, working in confined and unventilated places were stricken with blindness, and on investigation it was conclusively proved that cheap grain alcohol made with "Columbian Spirit" costed about 50 cents a gallon, while pure alcohol is about \$2.40 a gallon, had done its deadly work.

In 1904, 275 instances of death or blindness (sometimes both) directly traceable to drinking, or inhaling the fumes of "Columbian Spirits" or some other form of "deodorized" wood alcohol were reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association. As a result of these accidents, a widespread agitation against the unrestrained sale of this poison was begun. Several bills were introduced into Congress providing for a cheap commercial grain alcohol which would render unnecessary and drive out of business the dangerous form of "deodorized" wood spirit. The success of the movement was largely due to a committee of manufacturers formed to assist in securing cheaper alcohol for industrial purposes, headed by Mr. Henry Dally of New York. After considerable discussion of the project by a congressional committee, and the hearing of much evidence, especially that furnished by a number of workmen blinded by using "Columbian Spirit" in their ordinary occupations, the bill introduced by the Hon. S. W. Payne was passed by Congress, June 7, 1906.

At present the only legislative act which is known as "denatured alcohol," a harmless grain or ethyl alcohol, is an act which provides for the use of an admixture of various ingredients that do not destroy its value for domestic consumption and its use for medicinal purposes.

Denatured alcohol is as cheap as or cheaper than Columbian Spirits or any other form of "deodorized" wood alcohol and can be bought at drug-stores wherever the "deodorized" poisons are or have been on sale. Not only is there no longer a legal excuse for the sale of "deodorized" wood spirits, but its manufacture should be prohibited by law, because it serves no purpose that "denatured" alcohol will not serve and because its existence is everywhere and at all times a menace to the public health. It looks small and tastes so much like grain alcohol that its very existence must ever be a challenge to life and limb.

Although for half a century Great Britain, Germany and other European countries have yearly consumed millions of gallons of grain alcohol "denatured" by process similar to ours, yet not a single instance of death or blindness has been reported from its occasional ingestion.

Y. W. C. A.

The Misses Peet will hold their usual Christmas sale at the Y. W. C. A. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14. They will display all kinds of Xmas novelties, neckwear, bags, belts, useful articles and fancy things. There is a splendid opportunity to secure simple gifts for giving. Call at 1087 Broad street and see the display. The small weekly amounts need not commence until after Christmas is all over. This does away with all the worry of not being able to make the change a help in breaking the rush of a hard day. Beginning Monday, Dec. 16, the lunches will be served at noon and at night as well.



# Useful Christmas Gifts For the Home

Give FURNITURE—an article for the home that will be appreciated, the most practical and permanently pleasing of all gifts. This large DAYLIGHT STORE is brimful of bargains, especially selected with reference to YOUR HOLIDAY NEEDS. Whether you wish to spend \$5.00 or \$500 you will find here the greatest furniture values ever offered. Come and look over our assortment of furniture study our prices and you will know why this is the largest and busiest furniture store in the STATE.

## Gift Hints from a Great Holiday Stock

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- REED CHAIRS
- CURIO CABINETS
- CRYSTAL CLOSETS
- BOOKCASES
- TURKISH ROCKERS
- EASY CHAIRS
- LEATHER CHAIRS
- LIBRARY TABLES
- LIBRARY DESKS
- DESK CHAIRS
- SHAVING STANDS
- DAVENPORTS
- CHEVAL MIRRORS
- PARLOR ROCKERS
- ART DOMES
- LADIES' DESKS
- WRITING TABLES
- MUSIC CABINETS
- TOILET TABLES
- CHINA CLOSETS
- DINING TABLES
- BUFFETS
- MEDICINE CABINETS
- LOW BOYS
- CHIFFONIERS
- MORRIS CHAIRS
- FANCY ROCKERS
- RECEPTION CHAIRS
- SEWING TABLES
- PARLOR TABLES
- COUCHES

**DOLLS' BEDS**  
In good assortment and ranging in price from **50c to \$3.50**

**DOLLS' CARRIAGES**  
With Adjustable Hood, 50 Styles to Select from. Many Prices **\$1.00 to \$15.00**

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**BIG MORRIS CHAIR STOCK**  
We direct buyers' attention to our very comprehensive stock of Morris Chairs. It is the biggest we've ever carried and contains the Chair that will make someone a delightful gift. Look them over.

**MISSION LIBRARY FURNITURE**  
Make ideal Xmas remembrances and brings years of comfort to the recipient. We are showing it in the wide assortment and in a great range of prices. Why don't you see what this line suggests to you?

# GEORGE B. CLARK & CO.

1057-1073 Broad Street, Opp Post Office  
Open Evenings Until Xmas  
See Xmas Window Exhibits

## 150 GARMENT WORKERS LOCKED OUT; POLICE DETAIL GUARDS FACTORY

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crators were in evidence. Strong locks have been placed upon all the doors leading to the offices. A special detail of police was requested to guard the building. Detectives Hackett and Simons were stationed in the building last night and today, while under guard, they were ordered to remain in the building. The police were stationed outside.

During the morning no organized picket lines were established although observation of the ground was made by leaders and laborers from adjoining saloons and individual pickets who walked up and down past the building. It was later announced at Mohican hall that no picketing would be authorized by the organizers and peaceable methods would be pursued. It was asserted that while the present picket line is a lock-out, if the factory people persisted in violating their agreements with the Union, a general strike of the garment workers here would be called.

Seated in groups about Mohican hall were women crying piteously that they were grossly deceived in having been brought to Bridgeport under the belief that they would be given better employment than they formerly had in New York, Springfield and elsewhere. Young girls were relating their experiences with foremen of the shop and loudly deprecating the moral conditions to which they had been submitted.

When asked about facts, Organizer Samuel Martin said: "Whole families were induced to sell their furniture in New York, and advance payment was given them by the company to change their place of abode. These people are far from being the 'human gorillas' they are called. It is true that some of them are not the strictest union disciples we have, but they are of the highest averaging from \$25 to \$40 per week, the elimination of this undesirable element from our shops will mean a boon to Bridgeport."

## FATHER ADRIAN'S POOR BOX GIFT

Priest With Trembling Fingers Takes Out Five Crisp Thousand Dollar Bank Notes

New York, Dec. 12—With trembling fingers and an expression of profound astonishment, Father Adrian, the Spanish priest who presides over the little chapel adjoining the Spanish Museum on 15th street, today took five crisp bank notes from the "poor box" where \$1,320 had been the greatest previous sum ever disclosed.

Moving with shaking step into the light, near the great golden lamp given to the chapel by King Alfonso, Father Adrian stared at the money. His knowledge of American affairs is limited and at first he believed they were ten dollar bills. Then he decided they must be hundreds. On closer inspection he was convinced that they were thousands.

Heardly he wrote to a bank to verify their denomination. Then he called up several of his friends to tell them of the discovery of the treasure.

"No, I can't talk about it," said Father Adrian, with a strong Spanish accent, today. "It is a matter for the church, not for the newspapers."

He would not confirm the statement that the notes were thousand dollar bills but persons to whom he had previously talked gave that information. Father Adrian says that it is of the people of great fame and it is not known who made the gift.

## PEACE CONFERENCE PUT OVER AS TURKISH ENVOYS ARRIVE LATE

London, Dec. 12—Because of the delayed arrival of the Turkish envoys, the Turko-Balkan peace conference did not begin, today, as agreed in the Bagtech protocol. It was said at the foreign office that the initial session would not be held before Monday. The Bulgarians arrived early today

## LEG, BROKEN IN FOOTBALL PRACTICE

During a football scrimmage between opposing teams of the Union Typewriter Company, in the yard at Railroad and Howard avenues this noon, Herbert Haviland, 17 years old, living with his mother at 55 California street received a broken leg. Treatment was rendered upon the spot by Emergency Surgeon H. R. Bennett after which the victim was taken in splints to St. Vincent's hospital.

New York, Dec. 12—After hearing the testimony of E. H. Fitzhugh, vice president of the Grand Trunk Railroad and president of the Central Railroad of Vermont, John E. Murdock, vice president of the South New England Railroad, and W. C. Crabby, auditor of the Central Railroad of Vermont, the federal grand jury this afternoon adjourned the inquiry into the New Haven road monopoly until Monday.

It was explained at the office of the United States district attorney that the visit of Attorney General Wickham to this city today was for the purpose of attending a banquet and had no connection with the investigation of the New Haven situation.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
A Christmas party will be given at the Art League, Monday, Dec. 16 at 3. Music and refreshments. Members will please bring a ten cent gift for exchange.

## LOCAL WOMAN IS HELD IN NEW YORK FOR BLACKMAIL

She's Under Bonds For Appearance Here For Alleged Arson

Fannie Dio, formerly of Bridgeport, residing upon Franklin Avenue until fire in her house on August 2 caused her apprehension by the authorities upon charges of arson is again under arrest. She is charged by the New York authorities of being one of the most clever woman blackmailers who have operated in New York in some years. She will be placed upon trial in New York tomorrow when it is hinted that letters of a sensational character demanding money from prominent residents of that city will be offered in evidence.

Detective Louis Lustig, connected with District Attorney Whitman's office arrived in Bridgeport last night seeking such information and records as were available in the arson case here. The case which was tried in City Court, in September, was continued for further hearing before the superior court, the Dio woman being held under bonds of \$700 to insure her appearance.

Naples, Dec. 12—A terrific explosion, the cause of which at first could not be learned, today, caused the destruction of upwards of 100 small vessels in the harbor here and it was feared that many persons were killed.

Middletown—State Forester Filly suggests the planting of maple trees to take the place of chestnut trees that have died.