

CLOUD OF GRIEF CAST OVER CITY BY SUDDEN LOSS OF POLICE CHIEF

Flags at Half Staff on All Public Buildings and Many of Private Ownership—Mourning Adopted By Acquaintances of Late Superintendent.

Preparations Instituted For Funeral—Labor Organizations, Societies, G. A. R. and Other Bodies To Adopt Resolutions of Regret.

A pall of grief spread over the city today, caused by the death, Saturday night of Superintendent of Police Eugene Birmingham, testified to the far-reaching influence of the officer's friendship.

Those who had worked under him, city officials, business men and others who had come in contact with him, mourned him. Men, women and children, who had never seen the Bridgeport superintendent, but who had heard of his kindly acts and felt as if they knew him, expressed their sorrow.

Flags were at half mast on public buildings, the banks and other institutions. Mourning is being worn by close acquaintances of the superintendent.

Preparations were instituted today for his funeral. It will be one of the greatest testimonials by genuinely sorrowing persons the city has ever seen.

Headed by six platoons of police and officers, 24 members of the police department, followed by barouches occupied by city officials, including Mayor Wilson and police commissioners, a platoon of firemen and platoon of guards of the Remington Arms and Ammunition Co., followed by the Wheeler & Wilson band, the body will be escorted to its last resting place in the family plot at St. Michael's cemetery.

A delegation of 50 Italian citizens, headed by Louis J. Richards, will follow the funeral procession. The Wheeler & Wilson band will be composed of 25 men, all in contact with him and all will wear black crepe on their left sleeves. In the march from the home of the deceased to St. Augustine's church at 5 o'clock a funeral dirge will be rendered. The first dirge is being borne from the church the augmented band will play Chopin's funeral march.

The procession will be headed by Motorcycle Policemen Clifford N. Gagar and Herbert Higgins in the foreground on their motorcycles. Following them will be the two flag-bearers, Doorman Charles N. Campina and Policeman Edward C. Wheeler.

Following the flag-bearers will be the long procession under the command of Acting Superintendent William H. Brown, with Sergeant James C. Walker as aide. The first platoon of police, 12 men, will be headed by Captain John H. Redgate. The second platoon will be led by Captain John H. Brown, the third platoon by Sergeant John M. O'Connell, the fourth by Sergeant James O'Neil, the fifth by Sergeant Thomas Flood and the sixth by Sergeant Edward C. Wagner.

In the six platoons of police will be: Policemen Andrew Coughlin, Hugo Fischer, Barney Glennon, William Halpin, Robert Simmons, Thomas Walker, Frank W. Jones, Joseph P. Collins, Martin Kelly, John E. Barton, Martin Kane, John Dunn, Otto Kraft, Joseph T. Coughlin, John P. Curry, Albert E. Langham, Patrick Boland, George A. Washburn, Patrick Burns, Joseph Kelly, John A. Burns, Edward Daley, Simon McCullough, Thomas Griffin, Samuel Gregory, Edward Cole, Harold Sherwood, Bartholomew Sheridan, James Hanlon, Harold Beardsworth, John Cassidy, Robert Tate, Charles Meyers, James Sheehan, Terrence Egan, George Simpson, Anton Herby, Edward J. McCarthy, Fred C. Schultz, Thomas Smallwood, John P. Keane, Thomas Walsh, Jeremiah Lavio, Thomas Malone, Edwin G. Bullock, William J. Conroy, George Tobin, A. E. Watts, Dennis J. Sullivan, Edward Bolger, Orasmus F. Bagley, Robert Egan, Harry Howell, William Lusk, George Thomas Ryan, William Dailly, John Flynn, Alexander P. Hatch, Peter Campana, John McGovern, Patrick Flanagan, C. O. Nyquist, Dennis Kehoe, James Burns, Timothy Shen, John McGuire, James Glennon, Jacob Grossman, John McFadden, Daniel Ryan and Harry Green.

The policemen, firemen and Remington Arms guards will assemble at police headquarters at 11:30 and march from there to the home of the deceased superintendent. After the requiem services are concluded in St. Augustine the marchers will form in line on Washington avenue, east of Congress street.

The procession will face Park avenue at the order of Acting Superintendent Anderson the march to the final resting place will begin. The line of march will be west to West avenue, to Federal avenue, county road to police headquarters and eastward to Stratford avenue, to Connecticut avenue, to St. Michael's cemetery.

All bearers of their late Superintendent will be Lieutenants, Charles H. Suckley, John Quinlan, Garry Sanger, George Cooley, Frederick W. Webb and Philip Blansfield. There will be no honorary pall bearers.

Rev. James B. Nihil, P. R. pastor of St. Augustine's church and a friend of the deceased for three decades will be the celebrant of the solemn high requiem mass. Rev. J. J. Kennedy of Bethel, former curate at St. Augustine's, will be deacon and Rev. Robert J. Bowen, curate at St. Augustine's, sub-deacon. The master of ceremonies has not been selected.

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Dies After 43 Years In City Police Dept.



SUPT. EUGENE BIRMINGHAM

COMPENSATION DENIED WORKMAN WHO BROKE RULE

Man Hurt In Elevator Shaft Refused Damages For His Injuries.

James H. Keyser, Jr., is denied workman's compensation for injuries he received in a fall in the elevator shaft in the factory of Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Co. at Georgetown, in a decision made today by Compensation Commissioner E. T. Buckingham. Keyser, who was represented by his father, James H. Keyser, Sr., set up the claim that he was the operative of a top winding machine and that he left the machine and got on an elevator to go to the attic to get more cops. While the elevator was in motion toward the attic, Keyser said he noticed his machine was not running properly and he jumped from the elevator to stop it and prevent loss of material. In doing so he claims he fell into the shaft.

FIREMEN INJURED AS \$18,000 BLAZE STARTLES PUTNAM

Putnam, Conn., April 10—Four fires occurred here today, the loss from two aggregating between \$15,000 and \$18,000. The damage by the other two was insignificant.

The first occurred in the home of William S. Johnson, causing about \$6,000 damage. The residence was considered one of the finest in town. Mr. Johnson who had just returned from Boston was almost overcome by the fire before he could get out. The fire started in the cellar.

The second was in the Bosworth building, a business block on Elm street. It started from a stove in the office of Ballard and Clark, undertakers, and damaged also the stores of S. I. Diamond, clothier, and the Direct Importing Co. in the same building. The loss here was estimated as slightly in excess of \$10,000, including the loss on the building. The losses are believed to be covered by insurance.

John Levesque, driver of a hose cart, attempted to board the cart as it was racing past the store where he is employed, fell under the wheels and had his leg severely injured if not broken.

NO DECISION YET IN LIQUOR CASES

The county commissioners went to Danbury this morning to make an inspection of the jail property there. They said before leaving that they had not given a decision in the applications of the Young Emmet and Bridgeport Gasollic Football clubs, whose desire for liquor license was opposed by the Pastors' association.

RECEIVERSHIP OF METAL COMPANY CAUSES DISPUTE

New York State Appointee Would Enjoin Siemon From Proceeding.

ASK COURT TO END R. P. K. STOCK SALE

Papers Request Fairfield County Judge to Ratify Appointment.

A dispute over possession of goods valued at \$20,500 has caused injunction proceedings to be brought by Thomas H. Lowe of New York against the R. P. K. Press Metal Co. of this city and the Bridgeport Metal Goods Co. Papers in the action were filed this morning in the superior court.

Lowe claims he was appointed receiver for the R. P. K. Pressed Metal Co. by the New York courts on April 5 last. Carl F. Siemon was appointed receiver by the superior court in April, 1915. He was allowed by the court to sell part of the Metal Co. estate to the Bridgeport Metal Goods Co. for \$20,500.

The company to name him receiver in this state as well as in New York, where the company also has property. He wants the superior court to declare its previous orders null and void and to order the Bridgeport Metal Goods Co. to return the articles it purchased. The court is also asked to enjoin Receiver Siemon from selling any more of the company's goods and restrain the Metal Goods Co. from disposing of the goods purchased from Receiver Siemon. The writ is returnable to the May term.

DEPUTY SHERIFF IS "PINCHED" AT REMINGTON PLANT

Cunningham Had No Pass to Get Out of Grounds and Is Held By Guard.

So strict is the watch kept over strangers at the Remington Arms plant that Deputy Sheriff Thomas J. Cunningham was taken into custody this morning by a guard and prevented from leaving the premises. He finally located an official who knew him and apologized for the incident.

This official gave a mysterious signal to the guard, who permitted the sheriff to start on his way. When he reached the entrance to the street another guard blocked his path. The previous guard wig wagged the magic sign and the sheriff finally gained the freedom of the outer world.

Sheriff Cunningham had been serving papers on an employe and was on his way out when a guard stopped him. "Do I need a pass to get out?" "Certainly you do," replied the sheriff.

When he explained that he had no pass, the guard said, "Well, you'll have to stay here, then."

"If I do I'll charge the company for my time," replied the sheriff, who regarded the incident as a humorous adventure. "I don't care. You can't leave here without a pass," was the answer. The state of siege continued until Judge E. P. Nobbs for Gustave Moll, who is contesting the petition for his removal. The hearing was resumed this afternoon.

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THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday; fresh west winds.

REPORT "DEAD-LINE" MARKS LIMIT OF AMERICAN TROOPS' PURSUIT OF VILLA'S BANDITS

BERLIN'S FORMAL REPLY TO U. S. INQUIRY ABOUT SUSSEX IS DUE TODAY

Washington, April 10.—Secretary Lansing announced today that Ambassador Gerard had cabled that the German foreign office informed him it would hand him a note on the Sussex case probably today.

Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, will confer with Secretary Lansing this afternoon. The ambassador made the appointment.

A preliminary statement handed to Mr. Gerard by the Berlin foreign office is understood to be on its way to the state department today. Other information in the nature of evidence gathered by the American embassy in Paris is on the liner St. Paul, which is expected to dock in New York Thursday. Somehow, officials had gotten the impression that the ship would arrive yesterday and that the information would be here for tomorrow's cabinet meeting.

The cabinet meeting will be held here for the Friday morning meeting of the cabinet. Secretary Lansing said that no action would be taken until after the evidence had been considered.

The state department today was still without official information of Germany's disclaimer of responsibility. Germany has asked Ambassador Gerard what information regarding the explosion which damaged the Sussex is in the possession of the American government. This inquiry was forwarded by Ambassador Gerard to the state department. The inquiry was made, Mr. Gerard was informed that German investigation into the case of the Sussex had not up to that time disclosed that any German submarine was responsible.

It was made clear today at the German embassy that Count Von Bernstorff, who returned to Washington this forenoon from New York was not officially informed that Germany definitely had accepted the responsibility for the Sussex explosion. The ambassador had no note or memorandum for presentation to Secretary Lansing and it was said that the sole purpose of his visit was to discuss the situation generally and to endeavor to gain for the information of his government an adequate understanding of the views of the United States, not only in regard to the case of the Sussex but the cases of other merchantmen under investigation.

NONOGENARIAN, SHE CLIMBS IN AND OUT CARTS

Thaw Alienist Testifies As To Alacrity of Mrs. Theresa Moll.

Although 90 years of age, Mrs. Theresa Moll is able to climb in and out of a farm wagon and she enjoys liberty to roam the place where she lives with her son, Gustave, according to the statement made by Dr. A. R. Diefendorf in the probate court today. Another of the many hearings in the petition of Theresa A. Oberley and Lilly Thorpe, daughters of Mrs. Moll, to have their brother Gustave removed as conservator, was held.

Dr. Diefendorf who was one of the alienists who passed on the sanity of Harry K. Thaw, said Mrs. Moll was very eccentric but he thought she was being well cared for by her son. He said the aged woman took delight in being about the yard and despite her advanced years, she was able to care for herself. He said when she was an inmate of a sanitarium at Westport she had a habit of taking off her shoes and stockings and going about barefooted.

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DR. WAITE SAYS 'NOT GUILTY' TO MURDER COUNTS

Big Show To Play Bridgeport June 9, Says Early Report

Barnum & Bailey's "greatest show on earth" will play Bridgeport on June 9, according to the preliminary route being mapped out now while the circus is at Madison Square Garden. The circus will play Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore after leaving New York, three weeks hence, and then will tour New Jersey and part of New York.

Reports from Madison Square Garden are that the three opening days of the show, last week, were record breakers in point of attendance. At both shows Saturday complete sell-outs were reported.

Secretaries Baker and Lansing Silent of Report Emanating From Border That Agreement Has Been Reached As To Extent of Expedition Into Mexico—Villa, With 200 of Band, Reported Heading to Durango City, Where He Hoped to Gain Reinforcements.

Washington, April 10.—Secretary Lansing and Secretary Baker both declined to comment today on border reports that an agreement between Washington and the Carranza government had fixed a "dead line" beyond which the American troops would not go in their pursuit of the Villa bandits.

Secretary Baker declared in answer to questions that such an agreement would come under the pending protocol and subject not to the war department's jurisdiction. The proposed protocol, of which little has become known, still is under discussion at General Carranza's provisional capital, Queritaro.

Both the state and war departments, it was said, nothing was known of reports of massing of Carranza troops on General Pershing's rear. State department despatches located Villa heading toward Parral.

State department despatches today indicate that officials of the Mexican de facto government are viewing with some anxiety the continued presence of American troops in Mexico. One despatch authoritatively described today as containing a hint that certain Mexican officials believed the purpose of the American punitive expedition had been accomplished. This belief was said to be based upon the assumption that the bandits under Villa have been dispersed.

General Rogers, it was learned today, has advised the department that the de facto government officials at Queritaro had intimated to him they would like to know how long the United States intended to keep its troops in Mexico. Administration officials said the de facto government had not set a date on which they thought the American troops should be withdrawn. However, that such action by the de facto government would not be surprising.

Overland despatches of Gen. Funston to the war department made public by Secretary Baker today were summarized in the following statement:

"The latest despatch from General Pershing, dated April 8, explains infrequency of communication by saying that the wireless has not been able to work and aeroplane communication has been difficult because of lack of suitable landing places.

"The despatch again confirms early reports of Villa being severely wounded in the night chase.

"General Pershing reports that he has had a very satisfactory conference with General Herrera, and expects today to meet General Gutierrez, to whom he sent messages by aeroplane to Chihuahua and received back replies offering full co-operation. General Pershing's comment is that every indication shows the desire of the troops of the de facto government to aid to the extent of their ability.

"General Pershing further reports that one aeroplane was badly disabled in the night chase.

"Secretary Baker received word today that the railroad situation in Mexico was much improved and that supplies in increasing quantities were going forward to the American forces in Mexico.

"Secretary Baker said he had no formation regarding El Paso rumors that Carranza troops were being mobilized along the American line of communication. He also declared General Funston had not indicated need for additional troops in Mexico for the border patrol, beyond the

FIVE BRITISH STEAMERS ARE SUNK AS U-BOATS' WARFARE IS CONTINUED

London, April 10.—The sinking of five more British steamships was reported today. All of them were unarmed.

Lloyds announces sinking of the Silkworth Hall and the Glenalmond. The captain and 30 men from the Silkworth Hall have been landed. Three men are missing. The crew of the Glenalmond were saved.

A Reuter despatch from Malta tells of the sinking of the Yonne, formerly the Acastus, which was sunk without warning. The crew was rescued.

The British steamship Eastern City, of 4,343 tons gross, is reported to have been sunk. According to information received at Lloyds, the vessel was not owned by the English & American Shipping Co.

The Silkworth Hall was last reported on her departure from Gibraltar on March 6, while on a voyage from Bombard for Hull. She was 4,777 tons gross, was built in Sunderland in 1907 and owned in London.

The Glenalmond arrived in Lisbon March 13 from Rangoon, Burma. She was 2,888 tons gross, was built in Sunderland in 1902, and owned in London.

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PUSHING NAVAL BILL

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new recruits recently authorized by Congress to fill the border regiments. Large quantities of supplies are apparently being shipped on the Mexican Northwestern from El Paso by freight ships, ultimately destined for General Pershing. Secretary Baker stated. Such supplies will be bought by General Pershing's commissary department. Another freight ship's cargo, canned goods and other supplies is reported to have left Juarez.

The first of the eight new aeroplanes recently ordered for the troops in Mexico, Secretary Baker today said, has already been delivered at the testing grounds at Newport News, Va. It will be shipped to Gen. Funston early this week. Delivery of another biplane to the Newport News testing grounds this week also has been promised.

VILLA HOPES TO REACH HELP NEAR DURANGO

El Paso, April 10.—In his flight from the American cavalry, Francisco Villa is believed today to have passed Parral and with his band, said to number over 200 men, is reported to be heading to Durango City.

Detachments of the Thirteenth cavalry are hard on the bandit's trail but no official word has come from the front to indicate their position. Mexican reports stated today that Villa has a full day start on his pursuers. If Villa succeeds in reaching Durango City he probably will be joined by the forces of the Arrieta brothers, who command more than 1,000 men.

A statement attributed to Mexican Consul Garcia that Villa has now escaped any possibility of capture by the Americans, and has crossed a "dead line" established by President Wilson and General Carranza, beyond which it was agreed that the American troops would not follow the bandit, was flatly denied by Mr. Garcia. The Mexican consul said, so far as he knew no limit of the American pursuit had been agreed upon.

Mexican officials here will not discuss a report that the de facto will soon inform the American government that it is a position to relieve the American troops of the task of chasing Villa.

AEROS REPORT HELP.

With General Pershing at the front, Below Naniqualpa, April 9, (By radio to Columbia, N. M., April 10.—Two aeroplanes which flew from here to Chihuahua City returned today bringing to General Pershing, expeditionary commander, reports that the constitutional Carranza troops were being mobilized along the American line of communication. He also declared General Funston had not indicated need for additional troops in Mexico for the border patrol, beyond the

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