

DISGRACE AND DEATH

The Fate of the Cashier of the New York Postoffice.

A BULLET IN THE HEAD

That is Considered Almost Sure to End His Life.

A SHORTAGE IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

The Discovery of which Caused Him to Commit Suicide.

FROM \$27,000 TO \$40,000 MISSING

The cashier of the New York City postoffice, George H. Lounsbury, on the eve of the discovery that he was a defaulter to the amount of \$13,000 or more, made two attempts to kill himself. At first he tried to stab himself in the chest, and the next day, yesterday, shot himself in the head. He was a hard drinker. He was appointed cashier by ex-Postmaster General James, when the latter was postmaster at New York.

NEW YORK, January 24.—George H. Lounsbury, who was appointed cashier of the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, by ex-Postmaster General Thomas L. James, when the latter was postmaster, attempted to kill himself, at 7:55 o'clock to-night, at his home in Hackensack, N. J., by shooting him self in the head. Lounsbury knew at the time that he shot himself that Postmaster Cornelius Van Cott had discovered that \$24,000 in cash that ought to have been in Lounsbury's safe in the postoffice building was missing, and that the postmaster had determined to remove him if he did not forward his resignation before nightfall.

CAUSE OF SUSPICIONS.
The investigation that revealed the shortage was precipitated by Lounsbury's failure to keep his promise to be at the postoffice this morning, and turn over his official effects to his temporary successor. Postmaster Van Cott sent him word about a week ago that he had determined to make a change in the head of the cashier's department, and was pleased to learn that the cashier was apparently willing to have the change effected amicably.

It was an open secret at the department that Postmaster Van Cott distrusted Lounsbury. One reason for this, although Postmaster Van Cott is silent about it, was that Lounsbury was a very hard drinker.

A SCHEME FOR THE OFFICE.
Lounsbury was credited with having schemed to succeed the postmaster while Postmaster Van Cott was lying on his death bed. Lounsbury was also a direct rival of Postmaster Van Cott for the place, after Postmaster Pearson's death. He asserted, so it was said to-day, that he had the backing of Editor Arkell. The cashier never went near Postmaster Van Cott afterward.

It was decided on Wednesday, in consultation between Lounsbury and Appointment Clerk Wood, that the cashier should hand in his resignation to-morrow night. He was at the postoffice on Thursday, when he complained that his eyes troubled him. He had the grip. He made no complaint against the postmaster's decision to remove him.

LOUNSBURY'S LAST ACCOUNT.
Postmaster Van Cott, when he assumed his office, ordered that daily reports of the receipts and expenditures be made to him by Lounsbury, and before leaving the office for the day, Lounsbury turned in his daily cash balance sheet. It was as follows:
Cash balance on hand, Postoffice, January 23, \$27,000.00
To balance on hand brought forward, \$13,000.00
Sale of postage stamps, 17,265.97
Advances, 16,015.25
Cash on hand, including \$856.67 subject to checks, 27,708.70
Total, \$130,919.92

By disbursements, 53.90
Balance on deposit at sub-treasurer, 148,149.97
Advances, 16,015.25
Cash on hand, including \$856.67 subject to checks, 27,708.70
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This showed that there ought to have been over \$27,000 in the safe when Lounsbury locked it.

THE SHORTAGE DISCOVERED.
Assistant Cashiers E. H. Leech and Thomas J. Moran and Appointment Clerk Wood were waiting for Lounsbury, when the cashier's office was opened, early this morning. When noon came and no news had been received of the cause of Lounsbury's absence, it was decided to open the safe, and Mr. Leech unlocked it. All three of the employees started when they saw only a small pile of bills and loose silver in the compartment of the safe where the cash on hand was always kept. They counted the money quickly, and found nearly \$24,000 missing.

Clerk Wood hurried to Auditor Thomas A. Jarkins, and told him what had been discovered, and then ran to a neighboring restaurant and told Postmaster Van Cott, who was at dinner. The postmaster ordered Wood to go to Hackensack at once and bring Lounsbury to New York.

EXCITEMENT AT HIS HOME.
Mr. Wood took to Lounsbury's residence at 2 o'clock. Everybody in the house was in a state of intense excitement when Clerk Wood entered. Lounsbury came downstairs, seeming crazed with mental strain. Clerk Wood had no knowledge, then, that the cashier had tried to assassinate himself a few hours before. Wood told him, after the cashier had calmed down a little, that Postmaster Van Cott wanted him to give up his office that afternoon. Lounsbury said in an unsteady voice that he was perfectly willing to do so, and that he relied upon the boys in the office to see that his interests were protected.

Mr. Wood then made several unsuccessful efforts to get Lounsbury to explain the shortage of his cash. All that Lounsbury would say was that the money was in an

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The Ex-Senator From Virginia Dies at His Home, Surrounded by His Family—Sketch of the Public Career.

WOODSTOCK, Va., January 24.—Ex-Senator Riddleberger died this morning at 2:30 o'clock, after a long illness. His death had been expected for several days, and his family was present when he died. Harrison Holt Riddleberger was born at Edinburgh, Shenandoah county, Va., October 4, 1844. He had a common school education, and then studied with a tutor at home for two years. He was 17 years old when the war began, and was for three years in the Confederate army as lieutenant in infantry and captain of cavalry. After the war he studied law and was admitted to the bar in the year 1870. He practiced at Woodstock for two years, and then moved to Staunton, where he was a member of the Democratic State Committee until 1875; a Presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1876, and on the Republican ticket in 1880. In 1880 he was elected to the United States Senate as a Republican, and his term of service ended in 1885. In his political career he had several contentions with his colleagues, General Mahone and during the last campaign he opposed Mahone. Since 1870 he had been editor of the Shenandoah Democrat and the Virginian.

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A determined fight is being kept up against the nomination of W. E. Thompson as postmaster at McKeesport. A delegation of friends of Mr. Harrison, a defeated candidate, will carry the war to the Senate against Mr. Thompson's nomination. Mr. Harrison's withdrawal as a Congressional candidate is explained. The Little Washington post-office fight was warmer.

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Sent Over the Home Plate of the Champions of Reprobation.

WASHINGTON, January 24.—The Presbyterian debate is attracting popular interest. An audience of over 1,000 persons is in the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Fourteenth street, to-day, to listen. There were two or three hundred women in the galleries, and more on the floor among the members of the Presbyterian.

THE DEBATE was taken up by the Rev. Dr. Briggs, whose books had been attacked by previous speakers. He declared that the proposed revision of the Westminster confession of faith did not exactly suit him, but that it was a compromise upon which every man who had originally voted in favor of revision could now stand.

"EVERY good thing is a compromise," he said. "The confession itself is full of compromises, from beginning to end. I have before me the whole minutes of the Westminster assembly, in the original manuscript, in London, and I know what I am saying. I pity the man who does not know how to compromise, or rather I pity his wife and children. [Laughter.] Any other place for such a man is the wilderness."

INTERESTED IN THE SIGNS.
"I have been most interested in this debate by the signs and tears which the majority have evidenced during the proceedings. What are they crying about? Has anybody proposed to interfere with their liberty of belief? All we have proposed to do is to change the name of the confession. We have proposed the damnation of infants, the damnation of the heathen, the classification of Roman Catholics as idolaters, the statement that the Pope is anti-Christ, and the inclusion contained in these five points? And, at any rate, they may keep right on believing that if they wish. The proposition is not to tell them that they do not believe these things, but to say that their brethren who do not believe these things are wrong. We have proposed to keep in the public confession of faith of the church, and have to defend them or apologize for them before all the world. And we are not to propose to do anything for all mankind, and the salvation of Jesus Christ as provided for all mankind and to be preached to every creature. Why should they not be in the confession."

A CHANGE OF NAME.
ANOTHER TITLE CHOSEN BY THE NON-PARTISAN BAND.
A Fund Collected to Provide for the Running Expenses—Next Year's Meeting to be Held in Pittsburgh.

CLEVELAND, January 24.—The newly formed temperance organization, in session here this morning, decided to change its name from "The National Crusaders" to the "National Non-Partisan Woman's Christian Temperance Union." The new society has its three days of its existence held the official names of "American Woman's Christian Temperance League," "The National Crusaders" and "The National Non-Partisan Woman's Christian Temperance Union."

A MOTION to officially reject the claims of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union to non-partisanship was adopted, and the Executive Committee ordered to take the steps necessary to do so. The convention will continue until the afternoon session Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Iowa, introduced the question of finance. She said that the Financial Secretary had not made a report, and that the President and General Secretary must be paid for their services, and "we must at once proceed to secure means to raise the necessary fund."

A COLLECTION TAKEN.
Mrs. Foster made an able appeal for funds, and in less than half an hour \$2,500 was pledged by the ladies present. This is one-fourth of the estimated amount required for the coming year. Mrs. W. W. Moore, of Pittsburgh, pledged \$100, Mrs. Weeks \$100, Mrs. Campbell \$50, and other ladies of the Pennsylvania delegation subscribed similar amounts. The total amount of the collection was \$2,500, from which the following is taken:

Widely recognizing the fact that the non-partisan principles of Christian temperance work are rapidly gaining adherents throughout the world, we wish to see the strength of the United Christian womanhood to be brought against this combined power of the liquor traffic.

WE cordially invite the auxiliaries of all States to send delegates to meet under the banner of political freedom, every woman, whatever her party preferences or individual opinions, to stand together in a common front against the common enemy of the home, the child and the nation. We believe in a union of all who are individually related to moral and political reforms of the age, and that the success of such a union is dependent upon the principles to which we are devoted; nevertheless, we believe in the most effective national organization will be more effective if wholly free from any alliance with these movements which our members widely differ in opinion.

GROWTH OF TEMPERANCE.
We note with gratitude the growth of temperance conviction as shown in the number of delegates. All we have done is to bring the ban of the constitutional and statutory prohibition, and the increased area from which the saloon has been banished by local statutes. It is more than probable that the number of citizens who seek vigorous enforcement of existing laws to lessen the evils of the drink traffic.

THAT we approve the efforts being made in Congress to amend inter-State commerce laws so as to prohibit the transportation of liquors into States having prohibitory laws and to subject the sale of revenue stamps in such States to the laws of those States. Also, we commend the efforts of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union to investigate and give to the people a full, accurate and authentic report of the effect of the traffic in and use of intoxicating liquors.

BROADER EDUCATION.
We declare the fundamental importance and greatest need of the temperance reform to be the broader education of the individual mind and conscience in the religious, scientific and economic truths relating to the effects of alcohol, in order to secure the ultimate triumph of this reform in the overthrow of the drinking habit and customs of the country.

REMOVAL OF A BIG FAILURE.
A Crash Involving \$5,000,000 Said to Have Occurred at Buenos Aires.

NEW YORK, January 24.—A rumor was to-day in circulation around Wall street and among the various commission houses of a \$5,000,000 failure in Buenos Aires. Nothing definite could be learned, as the various merchants engaged in the trade of that country refused to say anything for publication until they received more information from Buenos Aires.

THE same reference was manifested at the London and Brazilian Bank, where the rumor was not denied. They would not disclose the names of the firm in this city, who were directly interested, but said they were awaiting a cablegram.

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WASHINGTON, January 24.—The Presbyterian debate is attracting popular interest. An audience of over 1,000 persons is in the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Fourteenth street, to-day, to listen. There were two or three hundred women in the galleries, and more on the floor among the members of the Presbyterian.

THE DEBATE was taken up by the Rev. Dr. Briggs, whose books had been attacked by previous speakers. He declared that the proposed revision of the Westminster confession of faith did not exactly suit him, but that it was a compromise upon which every man who had originally voted in favor of revision could now stand.

"EVERY good thing is a compromise," he said. "The confession itself is full of compromises, from beginning to end. I have before me the whole minutes of the Westminster assembly, in the original manuscript, in London, and I know what I am saying. I pity the man who does not know how to compromise, or rather I pity his wife and children. [Laughter.] Any other place for such a man is the wilderness."

A CHANGE OF NAME.
ANOTHER TITLE CHOSEN BY THE NON-PARTISAN BAND.
A Fund Collected to Provide for the Running Expenses—Next Year's Meeting to be Held in Pittsburgh.

CLEVELAND, January 24.—The newly formed temperance organization, in session here this morning, decided to change its name from "The National Crusaders" to the "National Non-Partisan Woman's Christian Temperance Union." The new society has its three days of its existence held the official names of "American Woman's Christian Temperance League," "The National Crusaders" and "The National Non-Partisan Woman's Christian Temperance Union."

A MOTION to officially reject the claims of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union to non-partisanship was adopted, and the Executive Committee ordered to take the steps necessary to do so. The convention will continue until the afternoon session Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Iowa, introduced the question of finance. She said that the Financial Secretary had not made a report, and that the President and General Secretary must be paid for their services, and "we must at once proceed to secure means to raise the necessary fund."

A COLLECTION TAKEN.
Mrs. Foster made an able appeal for funds, and in less than half an hour \$2,500 was pledged by the ladies present. This is one-fourth of the estimated amount required for the coming year. Mrs. W. W. Moore, of Pittsburgh, pledged \$100, Mrs. Weeks \$100,