

# POLICE SAY SPIER WAS EMBEZZLER

## Shortage of \$100,000 Alleged in His Accounts.

### ROGERS ADMITS SUSPICIONS

#### Books Being Examined Show Signs of Irregularities—Suicide Theory Sustained.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Amazing revelations made public today indicate that Charles L. Spier, jr., confidential representative of Henry H. Rogers, the Standard Oil millionaire, who was shot through the heart at his home, 7 Tompkins avenue, New Brighton, S. I., may have been an embezzler to the extent of \$100,000 or more, and that Mr. Rogers was the loser. Expert accountants engaged by Mr. Rogers have, it is said, discovered shortages in his accounts, and that securities representing many thousands of dollars had been transferred to Mrs. Spier's name.

These disclosures and a reported conversation over the telephone which the police have just learned of, they declare, confirms their theory of suicide.

As if to further confirm Captain Hogan's suicide theory, the autopsy yesterday revealed the fact that the bullet that killed Spier was of the same calibre as the exploded shell in his revolver.

The dead man enjoyed the full confidence of H. H. Rogers, and it is declared that examination of the books and papers under his control show grave irregularities.

#### Unknown to Dead Man's Wife.

There is nothing to show that Mrs. Spier had any knowledge of her husband's acts. It is not believed that she incurred the enormous losses in stock market speculation, and it is not thought she endorsed the securities knowingly. The discovery was a bitter blow to H. H. Rogers, who placed every confidence in Spier. It was said today that he will assume the losses.

Mr. Rogers at first refused to entertain the idea suggested as a reason for Spier's death. He said that last Saturday Spier came into his office in his usual good humor, discussed several matters with him and delivered several securities. There was nothing in his manner which suggested that he was laboring under a heavy strain. It was at 6 o'clock on Monday morning that the Rogers household was notified of the death of Spier.

Admitted by Mr. Rogers. "It is too early to talk of the condition in which Spier left his affairs," said Mr. Rogers, when questioned today. "It is true expert accountants are going over his books and papers, and until they have completed their work it is impossible to exactly determine what result they will reach. They have thus far examined the stock books, and while it is true suspicious conditions have been found they will have to examine the check books before they can say anything. Mr. Rogers expressed deep sympathy with the widow and implied that there

## STANDS BY HER DEAD HUSBAND



MRS. CHARLES L. SPIER, JR., Although All Indications Point to Suicide, Mrs. Spier Still Insists That Her Husband Was Shot by a Burglar in Their Staten Island Home.

was little to be gained by publicity, even if great irregularities were found. Henry Rogers, jr., was equally averse to discussing the dead man's affairs. When told that it was known that the accounts were involved he contented himself with the statement that the superficial examination made thus far seemed to show that such information was accurate.

### SAYS DIVORCE DECISION DOES NOT GO IN INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 10.—After hearing the evidence in the divorce case of Maggie Moorman against Clarence Moorman, Judge J. L. McMasters, of the superior court No. 1, held that the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court that a court acting under State authority has no power to grant a divorce in a case where the defendant is not a resident of the State is not binding in Indiana providing the persons were married in Indiana. The court made the ruling, he stated, on the belief that the Indiana law recognizes such decrees as legal and makes it not only the power but the duty of the judges of this State to grant divorces even though the defendants are nonresidents and in case the facts are sufficient.

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# Cotton Leak Defendant Discharged by Judge

## United States Circuit Court Holds That Haas Committed No Crime Under the Laws of New York.

Moses Haas, of New York, who was indicted jointly with Frederick A. Peckham, of that city, and Edwin S. Holmes, jr., of Washington, in connection with the cotton leak scandal, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government, has again been declared not guilty of the offense.

Judge Holt, of the United States circuit court, of New York, before whom Haas was held for extradition to Washington, held the prisoner was not guilty of any offense within the meaning of the law and ordered him to be discharged from custody.

Haas and Peckham were specifically accused with inducing Holmes, formerly

statistician of the Department of Agriculture, to commit the crime of misconduct in office by giving out advance information relative to the cotton crop of the United States. Judge Holt held that "misconduct in office" is not a crime recognized by the laws of the State of New York. Haas has previously been held in New York for extradition on the same indictment and was discharged from custody by United States Commissioner Ridgeway.

In disposing of the matter Judge Holt also said so far as he saw there is nothing in the law to have made it obligatory on Statistician Holmes to have kept secret the facts contained in the cotton reports, no matter how reprehensible the divulging of them may have been.

### SCHWAB SAILS FOR EUROPE TO HELP CZAR OF RUSSIA

NEW YORK, May 10.—Charles M. Schwab sailed for Europe today on the American. As usual, Mr. Schwab is silent as to the reason for the trip, but there is a shrewd suspicion that it is in connection with work he expects to do for the Russian government in the rehabilitation of the Czar's empire. One of his fellow passengers is the widow of Mark A. Hanna, another is Col. M. A. Dupont.

A Complete Set of Gibson Pictures. While they last you can secure a complete set of The Times' Gibson pictures in a set, for 25 cents, either at The Times office, or mailed without additional charge. The number of complete sets is limited, so orders should be placed at once.

### JUROR SAYS HE WOULD HANG ALL FOREIGNERS

PHILADELPHIA, May 10.—Frank Poplies was placed on trial before Judge Ralston charged with murdering Annie Gablousky on February 10 by shooting her. He afterward tried to commit suicide and shot out one of his eyes. When Charles Weld, a plumber, of 247 Haverford avenue, was called in the selection of a jury and asked by Ben Zion D'Oleens, counsel for the prisoner, if he could give the accused a fair and impartial trial, he replied that he would "hang him on general principles," because he was a foreigner. He was promptly challenged for cause, and the challenge sustained. The trial will be continued today.

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## MOTOR CYCLIST ROUTS VICIOUS BULLDOG

STAMFORD, Conn., May 10.—A motor cyclist put to flight a vicious bulldog that attacked Miss Margaret Clear on Main street, this city. The dog, which has a record of five such attacks within a week, leaped at her throat three or four times, only to be beaten down. Then it bit her, and had torn her jacket almost into ribbons when the motor cyclist rode up. The brute turned and leaped at him, but he dodged behind the motor cycle, telling Miss Clear to run. The young man started the engine of the machine and the rapid discharges of the exploding gasoline frightened the dog and it fled. Miss Clear had her wound cauterized, and is in bed suffering from shock. The cyclist rode off without giving his name.

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## FUNERAL OF MRS. METCALF FROM GURLEY MEMORIAL

The funeral of Mrs. James T. Metcalf, wife of the former superintendent of the money order division of the postoffice, who died yesterday at her home, 1234 Park road, took place this afternoon from Gurley Memorial Presbyterian Church. The body will be taken to Lansing, Iowa, this evening for interment.

Mrs. Metcalf was sixty-two years old, and had been ill for several weeks.

## QUEEN WILHELMINA'S GREAT EXPECTATIONS

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, May 10.—Queen Wilhelmina is expecting a visit from the stork. Confirmation of a report to that effect was secured in court circles today.

Druggists Sell C. & S. Ice Cream. "The Velvet Kind" is fine. Druggists'.

Men's Talcum Powder, tomorrow only, one to a customer, 8c a box.

## New white and colored wash goods in tomorrow's offering—mill-end section

If you visited this section today—come tomorrow, too. There are many weaves that will be on sale for the first time. Lengths are most desirable for making waists, skirts, or suits. Great economy is possible if you select fabrics for summer clothes from this list:

- 6c lawns, 3 1/2c.
- New Scotch Lawns, in neat floral patterns; fast colors.
- 8c to 12 1/2c white goods, 6 1/2c.
- New Fancy White Goods, such as cords, stripes, lace and fancy effects, in large varieties. Worth from the piece, 8c to 12c a yard. Good lengths.
- 10c and 12 1/2c nainsook, 6 1/2c.
- White Cross Barred Muslin and Checked Nainsook, in assorted size checks and broken plaids. Nice for making children dresses and aprons.
- 12 1/2c to 25c Swiss lawns, 8 1/2c.
- 48-inch White Swiss Lawns and Organdies. Lengths 2 to 10 yards.
- 19c white pique, 10c.
- White Pique Weaves, in a good grade for making waists and skirts.
- 12 1/2c white brocades, 9 1/2c.
- Fancy White Brocades, in neat small figures and designs for waists and children's dresses.
- 12 1/2c oxford cheviot, 7 1/2c.
- 32-inch Oxford Cheviot, in new colorings and patterns for making shirt waist suits and skirts. Also good for making boys' or men's shirts.
- 12 1/2c percale, 9 1/2c.
- 36-inch Corded Percale and Madras, in neat small figures and patterns; light grounds printed in colors.
- 20c white poplinette, 12 1/2c.
- White Mercerized Poplinette; a grade specially suited for the making of shirt waist suits and dresses.
- 20c India linen, 15c.
- Sheer quality White India Linen, extra good quality; lengths 2 to 8 yards.
- 25c pongee, 15c.
- 36-inch Mercerized Pongee; in all the best shades of gray, printed with neat small stripes, checks, or small figures. Lengths for making waists and dresses.
- 50c silk organdy, 25c.
- Fancy Printed Silk Organdy, in neat floral designs, in the latest effects. Good lengths.

## Misses' and children's Oxfords, \$1.19 pair

Nearly every size in A and B widths. They are regular \$1.50 to \$2.00 kinds, offered at the reduced price because in these lines we've only these narrow widths left. Choice of patent kid and patent coltskin. 2d floor—Shoe Dept.—S. KANN, SONS & CO.

## Silk as cheap as cotton --at our remnant prices

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ALL SILK BLACK SERVIS SILK AND WASHABLE PONGEE—36-in. wide. Worth 60c to 75c a yard, for 29c.

Remnant price, choice a yd., 29c.

1,800 yards SILKS such as plain Peau de Cygne, Messaline India, Java and Habutsu, Worth 50c up to 80c a yard, at 19c.

ALL SILK PRINTED CHIFFONS in beautiful colorings; good dress lengths; 48-inch wide. Worth \$1.50 yd., for 49c.

First floor—Bargain tables.

## Lingerie waists, sizes 34 to 40, half price and less

Whole tableful of fine Organdie and Persian Lawn Waists, in lingerie styles—mostly short sleeves; trimmings of lace and pin \$1.00 tuckings, were \$2.00. CHOICE. About 20 French Batiste Waists in lingerie styles, short sleeves; trimmed with German Val. Inserting and some with embroidered mesh—\$2.00 dollars. Were \$4.00. CHOICE. 2d floor—S. KANN, SONS & CO.—Waistshop.

## Our 75c oak screens, 29c and other remarkable remnants in upholstery stuffs

This Screen has been a quick seller at regular price. What will it be tomorrow at the cut price? We must limit each buyer to one, so as to allow as many as possible to participate in this great bargain offering. It is a Silks-filled Oak Screen, 2 feet high, 3-fold—and will be sold Friday at 29c each.

- Our 38c HOLLAND WINDOW SHADES, in green, white or ecru, spring rollers. Only 300 dozen, and as long as they last Friday, 19c choice.
- REMNANT LENGTHS 25c MATTINGS, choice of Chinese or Japanese kinds; enough in some pieces to cover small size room. 12 1/2c Friday, a yard.
- REMNANTS OF SILK LINES, burials, hickings, crotches, dimity and white Draperies; lengths, 1 to 6 yards. To close, choice 5c a yard.
- REMNANTS of 15-inch STAIR OILCLOTH, lengths up to 10 5c yards. Friday, a yard.
- 25c TAPESTRY TABLE COVERS, full 2 yards square. Slightly faded, and for this reason the price is cut in half; instead of \$1.25 \$2.50, only. Friday, a yard.
- LINOLEUM REMNANTS, lengths 2 to 8 running yards; good lengths and in many patterns. Were 60c square yard. Now reduced to 39c.
- Third Floor—Upholstery Section.

## Ribbon remnants, 1c up for all uses

When so many ribbons must be bought to trim undermuslins—as well as for sashes and girdles—these savings will prove real helpful.

- 1c yard buys ALL-SILK RIBBONS, 1/4 to 3/4 inches wide. White and all colors.
- 5c yard buys PLAIN AND SATIN TAFFETA RIBBONS, 1 to 2 inches wide, in colors and black. Also black cotton-back velvet ribbon.
- 11c yard buys PLAIN AND SATIN TAFFETA RIBBONS, 3 to 4 inches wide, in black and a good assortment of colors.
- 18c yard buys PLAIN AND SATIN TAFFETA RIBBONS, 4 to 6 inches wide, in a good assortment of colors.

First Floor—Bargain Tables.

## Small lots Stationery

Mill Ends Box Stationery, containing two kinds of Writing Paper with Envelopes to match. Worth 25c a box. These 19c 80 at once.

Odd lot ENVELOPES in all tints and sizes. Worth up to 15c a 2c pack. To close.

Miscellaneous lot INK in black and some colors. Reduced 3c to 4c.

First Floor—Stationery Dept.

## Pearl buttons 3c card One or two dozen on card

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Gentlemen's 14-k. Gold-filled Hunting Cases, beautifully engraved and hand engraved; warranted to wear 25 years; 15-jewel American movement with patent regulator and Breguet hair spring. Regular price, \$22.00. Sale price . . . **\$15.00**

Gentlemen's Open-face, Gold-filled Cases. Two sizes, plain, polished, or engine turned; guaranteed to wear 20 years. Elgin, Waltham, or Swiss movement with patent center finion and Breguet hair spring. Regular price, \$14.00. Sale price . . . **\$10.00**

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