

NERVOUS STRAIN DRIVES TWO MEN TO SELF-MURDER

Thomas H. Netherland, Former Clerk at White House, and Bartholomew T. Noone End Their Lives This Morning.

ONE USES PISTOL—OTHER JUMPS TO DEATH

Fear of Operation Drives Bricklayer to Leap From the Fourth Floor of the George Washington Hospital, and His Skull Is Crushed.

With minds overstrained as the result of nervous afflictions, two Washington men ended their lives in the Capital during the last twelve hours. Thomas H. Netherland, known to thousands of public men, for years executive clerk of the White House, killed himself with a revolver some time during the night at his home, 1815 Belmont road. Bartholomew T. Noone, fifty, a bricklayer, this morning jumped from the fourth floor of the George Washington University Hospital, landing on a pavement and crushing his skull. Netherland's mental affliction is known to have been the result of his strenuous life at the White House during the closing days of the Roosevelt regime. Noone's fear of continued existence was the result of the statement of physicians that he would have to undergo an operation.

Suffering from a nervous breakdown, brought on by demands of his work as executive clerk in the White House during the last few months of the Roosevelt Administration, Thomas H. Netherland, for fourteen years an employe of the Government, this morning shot and killed himself at his home, 1815 Belmont road. A strange feature of his death was that no one heard the shots, though his wife and his two daughters slept in the room next to him. When he fell to appear at breakfast this morning, Mrs. Netherland went to his room and found his body. Coroner Nevitt was called and gave a certificate of death by suicide. The cause of death, signs of struggle, and death had evidently come instantaneously. Near the body was found a revolver.

Resigned a Month Ago. Mr. Netherland was forced to resign his position in the Government about a month ago. For the last three months of the Roosevelt Administration he worked from 9 o'clock until late in the evening as executive clerk in the office of Mr. Loeb, member of his family, who until 10 o'clock leave the White House until 10 o'clock at night. After March 4 he was employed as a special attorney in the Postoffice Department, but was compelled to resign as a result of his nervous breakdown. Since that time he has been in an extremely nervous condition and has been under the care of Dr. James G. McKay. At no time has he been in a position that he intended to take his own life. Last evening he chatted with his wife and friends until about 9 o'clock. With him were George Dietrich, of the Southern railway, and L. S. Brown, general agent for the Southern railway in Washington.

Discussed Business Affairs. Before retiring, Mr. Netherland discussed business matters with the two men, but there was nothing to indicate that he contemplated taking his life. He went to his room shortly afterward and was not seen again until his body was found this morning. That the shot was not heard by members of the family is attributed to the fact that there is a garage in the rear of the house and frequently explosions of automobiles closely resemble a pistol shot. When Mr. Netherland's body was found this morning both his children, Miss Helen and Miss Grace Netherland, were at school. Miss Helen Netherland is sixteen years old and attends the Western Hill School. Miss Grace Netherland is twelve years old and is a pupil of the Adams school. Came From Richmond. Mr. Netherland lived in Washington for twenty years. He came here from his home in Richmond, Va., to take a position in the office of the Southern railway. In 1888 he was first employed.

WEATHER REPORT.

Temperature has risen in the middle West, and it has fallen sharp in the Rocky mountain region and on the Pacific slope, frost and freezing temperature being reported from Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, northern Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, and eastern Oregon. The indications are that the weather will continue fair, with moderate temperature in the Eastern and Southeastern States during the next thirty-six hours. In the upper Ohio valley and the lower lake region fair and warmer weather tonight will be followed by increasing cloudiness Thursday. Frost is indicated tonight for eastern West Virginia and the cranberry marshes of New Jersey.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Fair weather and moderate temperature tonight and Thursday; light variable winds.

TEMPERATURE.

Table with 2 columns: Time (8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 noon, 1 p. m., 2 p. m.) and Temperature (59, 62, 65, 68, 65, 62, 59).

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises 4:39, Sun sets 7:49.

TIDE TABLE.

SCENE AT THE ALEXANDRIA FIRE



VIEW OF FLAMES EATING WAY THROUGH FRAME BUILDINGS.

ALEXANDRIA FIRE DESTROYS BLOCK; LOSS NEAR \$125,000

Flames Originate in Smoot Lumber Yards and Within Few Minutes Fire Covers Wide Area. Cause a Mystery.

DISTRICT SENDS AID UPON FIRST CALL

Two Engine Companies and the Firefighter Ordered to the Scene of Disaster—Blaze Not Wholly Under Control and Fear Is Felt for Whole City.

Two Engine Companies and the Firefighter Ordered to the Scene of Disaster—District Fire Boat Does Good Work When It Gets to River Front.

The firefighters of Alexandria, aided by two companies from Washington, are victorious this afternoon over one of the most disastrous fires that ever visited the city across the Potomac, and which, after raging for five hours, destroyed \$125,000 worth of property and menaced, for a time, the entire town. Millions of feet of lumber, the entire planing mill establishment of W. A. Smoot & Co., and a part of a similar establishment owned by Henry K. Fields & Co., were destroyed before the flames were gotten under control shortly after 1 o'clock today. The fire was checked in its spread eastward, in which direction lay some of the principal business of Alexandria, only after desperate work on the part of the firemen. Five engines, belonging to the two departments and a smaller engine, owned by the Smoot company, played upon the fire for hours. A conservative estimate places the losses at \$125,000. Smoot & Co., in whose planing mill the fire originated shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, are the heaviest losers, more than \$100,000 being involved. After wiping out the Smoot yards the flames spread hungrily eastward, a rather stiff breeze fanning them the while. More than half of the adjoining lumber yard of Fields & Co. was eaten up by the flames before the Washington firemen arrived, and the combined streams finally subdued the conflagration. Shortly after 12 o'clock the flames appeared to be partially under control, a large amount of lumber, however, being still exposed. The entire fire department of Alexandria, consisting of three steamers and two hose wagons, strengthened by two steamers from the Washington fire department, the latter pumping water from the river, battled furiously for more than three hours to check the flames and prevent them crossing over a remaining strip of lumber and consuming a row of wholesale grocery houses at the end of the block facing King street. Word was sent to the navy yard to get the District fireboat, "The Firefighter," off the ways and in condition to proceed to the burning city. The crew succeeded in getting the vessel into condition at 11:30, and started at once for Alexandria. The "Firefighter" had been at the Navy Yard for some time undergoing repairs. How the disastrous fire originated is as yet a mystery, but it is believed to have caught in the northwest flue of Smoot's planing mill, located on Lee street, between Cameron and Queen streets. Mill Goes in Ten Minutes. So ravenous were the flames that within ten minutes after the discovery of the fire the mill was entirely destroyed. The flames then continued to gain headway, under a fanning wind, despite the fact that three powerful streams were then playing upon them. After all the lumber in the Smoot yards had been consumed, the fire spread to three small houses fronting on North Lee street, and which were used by the company as workshops. These houses also were destroyed completely, and the fire then attacked a brick dwelling adjoining them occupied by the families of Mrs. Walter Langley and W. G. Roberts. After leaving the lumber yards at the Smoot company bare and increasing in their fury every moment, the flames moved next to assault the yards of the Fields company. The planing mill of this company is situated in the extreme eastern end of the yard. Streams of water were kept playing constantly on this building as the fire gradually ate its way up to it. Washington Aid Arrives. When the destruction of the building seemed almost certain, two steamers belonging to the Washington department arrived in a freight car over the Washington Southern railway and were dismounted on Union street, near the scene of the fire. They were immediately dispatched to the water front, a block to the east, and within a few minutes the combined streams of the Alexandria and Washington engines were playing upon the fire. The effect of the arrival of reinforcements was at once apparent, and the rapid advance of the fire was materially checked. At 1 o'clock all that was left of the square bounded by Lee, Cameron streets, and Union streets, was the planing mill of the Fields Company, a few thousand feet of lumber that lay between it and the fire, and the wholesale grocery house of F. S. Harper, together with a few

SUGAR TRUST MEN PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Seven Accused of Short Weighting Arraigned in New York Today.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The seven former employes of the American Sugar Refining Company who were indicted for conspiracy to defraud the Government and for the use of false weights pleaded not guilty to the indictments today. The men arraigned were Oliver Spitzer, who was dock superintendent at the close of yesterday's business, James J. Callahan, an orderly, was in the ward on the top floor when Noone jumped up from his chair and started to climb over a radiator and out on the fire-escape landing. Noone was dressed only in his night clothing, but Callahan managed to get hold of the garment as the patient went out the window. Callahan followed him to the fire-escape and got hold of his wrist, but Noone, who was a powerful fellow, easily overpowered the orderly. Showing Callahan back against the

PHILLIPS TO LEAVE GEORGE WASHINGTON

Dean's Resignation Requested, Is Report—Many Protests Heard.

Dr. William P. R. Phillips, for the past five years dean of the medical department of the George Washington University, is to be displaced within the next thirty days, according to unofficial but authentic reports today. Dr. Phillips' resignation is said to have been asked for by the university administration, and the friends of the retiring dean, while maintaining an attitude of silence for the present, are known to have expressed, among themselves, considerable indignation at the alleged treatment accorded him. The medical student body of the university is understood to have held a special meeting last night, which was called by Phillips' friends among the student body with a view to passing a resolution of protest against any change in the head of that department. Cause of Resignation. It is a matter of gossip in college circles today that personal differences between the head of the medical department and Dr. Charles W. Needham, president of the university, are primarily responsible for the displacement of the former. Neither Dr. Needham nor Dr. Phillips would discuss the matter today, but the latter did not deny that he expected to sever his connection with the university. Dr. Phillips intimated that he might have something to say later, but said that for the present the best interests of the university would be subserved by not discussing the rumour. From sources close to the prospective retiring official, it is learned that the contemplated removal will come as the result of his differences with certain administration heads of the institution and that Dr. Phillips' services or ability are in no way at issue. Declines To Talk. Dr. Needham, although not denying the report that Dr. Phillips was to leave the university, declined to clear up the matter at this time. "I cannot

WETMORE WANTS LARGER GROUNDS

Has Bill Providing for More Land at the Capitol.

Senator Wetmore of Rhode Island introduced in the Senate today an important bill for the enlargement of the Capitol grounds. The bill doubtless will be much discussed at the regular session next winter. It was referred to the Committee on Library. In substance, the bill provides for the purchase by the Government of a new and direct avenue about 150 feet wide from the Peace Monument, at the junction of Pennsylvania avenue and First street northwest to the Union Station Plaza. This avenue would run northeast from the Peace Monument between the Senate office building and the Union Station. It provides furthermore for a view to enlarging the grounds of the Capitol, all the ground now owned by the United States between the Capitol and the Union Station and between the Senate office building and the Union Station. The bill provides for the purchase of the grounds and thence northeast to the Union Station. An appropriation of \$3,000,000 is carried in the bill. Provision is made for the condemnation of the property if necessary.

WILL WORK TO FREE WILLARD ON BOND

Child Wife's Story Basis of Attorney's Argument to Court.

A determined effort to obtain the release on bond of Albert Willard, who killed his son-in-law, Irving W. Beck, Thursday, at 20 N. street southeast, will be made within the next few days by Attorney Thomas C. Taylor. It is believed that Mr. Taylor will rely upon the story which will be told by the child wife of the circumstances which led her father to commit the deed. Never Discussed Case. Should she be called upon to tell her story it will be the first time she has discussed the tragedy, which so closely followed the marriage. Either Justice Anderson or Justice Gould will be called upon to decide whether or not she should be allowed in the case, and to them the girl's story will probably be submitted as the special reason which is required when bail is sought in a case where capital punishment may follow. In the history of the District Criminal Court but two men accused of homicide have been released pending trial. They were Frank Ward, charged with shooting Morris Adger, and Gaston Philip, who was tried for the killing of Frank McAbey. Each was released on \$25,000 bond. To Jury Monday. Evidence in the case will be submitted to the grand jury on Monday. The refusal of the girl to make a statement to the District Attorney will not be taken into court, as at first announced. Although the hearing before Justice Anderson to compel her to talk was to have been held yesterday, no representative of District Attorney Baker's office appeared, and it is understood that for the present, no effort will be made to obtain a statement from her unless she be summoned before the grand jury.

BISHOP GALLOWAY DIES AT JACKSON

Noted Figure in Methodist Church Had Been Ill Some Time.

JACKSON, Miss., May 12.—Charles B. Galloway, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Louisiana, and one of the most distinguished churchmen in the United States, died early today. He had been ill for some time.

CRUISER CHESTER SAFE AT MONROVIA

News of Arrival of Liberian Commission on May 8 Is Delayed.

The scout cruiser Chester, with the Liberian commission aboard, arrived at Monrovia from St. Vincent on May 8, according to dispatches which have just been received at the department. The announcement of the arrival was delayed by the difficulties in the way of telegraphic communication. For the same reason it is expected that only meagre reports will be received from time to time of the work of the commission, which will be there for several weeks.

CITY TO PROSECUTE CARELESS DOCTORS

Health Department Will Insist on Report of Contagious Diseases.

Officials of the Health Department are preparing to enforce the law requiring the registration by "the person in charge" of all cases of contagious diseases. The term "person in charge," as used in the act, is held to mean, first, the visiting physician; second, the head of the family to which the patient belongs, and third, the nearest relatives or relatives of such patient. Violation of the act is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or imprisonment for not more than thirty days. The department is forwarding to physicians postal cards requesting that all cases of contagious diseases reported and carried on the blotter be brought up to date. Where no attention is paid to the request within a reasonable time, prosecutions, it was said, will follow. NEW STATE TREASURER. ATLANTA, May 12.—J. Pope Brown, of Hawkinsville, has been appointed State Treasurer by Gov. Hoke Smith to fill the vacancy caused by the death, last Friday, of Robert E. Park.

NOMINATIONS SENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Straus and Rockhill's Names Go to Senate—Other Selections.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate today: To be ambassadors—Oscar S. Straus, of New York, to Turkey; William Woodville Rockhill, of the District of Columbia, to Russia. To be consuls general—Charles Denby, of Indiana, at Vienna, Austria; William A. Rublee, of Wisconsin, at Hongkong, China; Amos P. Wilder, of Wisconsin, at Shanghai, China. To be judge advocate general with rank of brigadier general, George B. Davis. The following postmasters: Arkansas—James W. Harper, Mansfield. Michigan—Fred P. Baker, Flint. New York—George A. Waterbury, Lyndonville. Oregon—F. O. Minor, at Bend.

PRESIDENT TAFT PLAYS GOLF TODAY

President Taft is playing golf this afternoon with Walter J. Travis, world's champion, as his partner, and Gen. Clarence Edwards and F. Ogden Horstman, of Washington, as opponents. The party left the White House for the Chevy Chase links in a big touring car at 2 p. m. and will make an afternoon of it. Contrary to his usual custom, the President was accompanied also by his Secret Service guards, the precaution being considered necessary today because of the publicity given to the match and because a large crowd is expected.

FIGHTS THE POLICE FROM A BOX CAR

Duggan, Representative Schantz's Assailant, at Lansing, Tries to Escape Arrest.

LANSING, Mich., May 12.—The gashes in the throat of State Representative W. H. Schantz of Hastings are not fatal. The authorities began an investigation today of the past of James Duggan, his alleged assailant, to establish a motive for the cutting. Schantz's assailant walked up to the legislator on the street last night, and after saying, "Come with me," whipped out a razor and inflicted several long cuts on his throat and jaw. The crime seems absolutely without motive, not though Duggan was trying to rob the legislator. A small phial was found on him, the contents of which will be analyzed today. When Duggan was captured two hours later in a box car, he fought like a madman vainly snapping an empty revolver at the police.

MILLIONS FOR ARMY AS PEOPLE STARVE

Douma Passes Big Military Budget and Gets News of Province's Plight.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12.—The douma today appropriated \$0,341,000 roubles for the improvement of the army. Simultaneously with the announcement of this heavy military appropriation comes news from the Kiev district telling of the frightful famine conditions throughout the province. The famine is rapidly spreading, and two-thirds of the population already are starving slowly to death. The government has as yet made no move looking toward relief of the sufferers. It is now understood that the Stolypin cabinet will not resign. The czar has commanded the members to retain their portfolios, and it is believed they will obey the mandate, for the present at least, although they had determined to resign unless the czar approved the legislation practically transferring command of the army and navy from his hands to the douma. Unverified reports are being freely circulated that Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany encouraged the czar to refuse the proposition.

STRIKERS' THREATS MADE GOOD IN PARIS

Communication Badly Hampered and Complete Tie-up Is Feared.

PARIS, May 12.—The strike situation took a decided turn for the worse this afternoon, and the troops surrounding the postoffice buildings were re-enforced by cavalry and police reserves under strictest orders to quell any outbreak. It is now feared that there will be a serious outbreak tonight. No printed or mail matter has been moved today, though a few letters have been moved. The attitude of the carriers outside of Paris is growing threatening. The "syndicate" movement among the laborers has now reached the hotel employes and is seriously crippling the service of some of the leading hotels. Many foreigners left today for Brussels and other cities to escape the dangers and inconveniences that are now believed to be inevitable. By night the strike leaders say they will have effected a complete cessation of mail and telegraph service, with the exception of the French post office service, between England and France, and will have communication with Italy interrupted. Strikers' Claims. The striking postmen make the claim that they have already prevented the departure of two consignments of mail, one for England and the other for America. The best of order has prevailed up to the present time, but the government is apprehensive and today increased the number of troops in every Paris barracks. The barracks are also well supplied with machine guns. The labor leaders declare that this show of force is to intimidate the workmen, and that the government will try to turn the guns against the strikers, no matter to what desperate straits the strike extends. At 5 p. m. the postoffices and telegraph stations in the city are heavily guarded. Telephones Working. Telephone service throughout the city and country is not yet seriously interrupted, owing to the fact that comparatively few of the telephone operators have struck. The government is today investigating a report that English postal employes had promised the French postmen financial aid in their strike. If the report is true, the government will

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