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THE SUICIDE IS UNKNOWN

All Efforts to Identify the Man Who Shot Himself Have So Far Proven Entirely Fruitless.

Mystery, such mystery as apparently defies all efforts to solve, surrounds the identity of the unknown who at a 10 o'clock yesterday morning shot himself in the toilet rooms at Murphy's Hotel. Hundreds have viewed the remains at Billy's, but thus far not one has been able to call the name of the unfortunate, although many seem to have seen him somewhere at some time.

During the day many rumors were current about the identity of the man, but upon investigation all proved groundless, and at a late hour the authorities had no more idea as to who the man might be than they had ten minutes after the tragedy.

But although the identity of the suicide continues a mystery, the reason which prompted the rash act seems clear. It is apparent that the man was insane, and that he was a delusion that he wished to marry and could not procure the necessary license because of his inability to secure a witness who would swear to the age of his fiancée.

A FEEBLE LICENSE.

Deputy Clerk Lawton Crutchfield, of the Hustings Court, and Mr. George Bargamin have positively identified the dead man as the one who, Friday afternoon, was about the City Hall endeavoring to get a marriage license. The experiences of the two gentlemen with the stranger were of sufficient consequence to firmly imbed in their minds the appearance of the fellow.

First he appeared in Campbell's and requested Mr. Bargamin to accompany him to the City Hall and swear the woman he was going to marry was twenty-one years of age. He was refused, and then he attempted to persuade Crutchfield to issue a license without first investigating the age of the young lady, whose name he failed to reveal.

Coroner Taylor yesterday morning decided that an inquest would be unnecessary, and the body will be held by Billy's until the hope that it may be identified.

STRIKING APPEARANCE.

While the appearance of the unfortunate may be said to be striking, such a countenance as would doubtless be remembered once it was seen, no one was able to state positively where or when they had seen the dead man, but yet they were positive they had encountered him within the past month or so. This fact, and the fact that all of whom applied to the coroner had either met or been thrown in contact with the suicide recently, but they were unable to remember whether it was in Richmond or Petersburg.

During the afternoon fully twenty-five ladies called at the undertaking establishment with a request that they be permitted to view the remains. Mr. Billy readily assented, conducting the women into the show room where the body lay, reclining upon a stretcher. Not one of them was able to identify the man, yet all declared positively the face was familiar.

And so it was throughout the day and night. As each visitor entered the room and gazed upon the face of the unfortunate, there arose within Mr. Billy a hope that at last the identity of the stranger had been revealed, for, as stated, each person evidently had seen the face some place.

NOT PETERSBURG MAN.

Owing to the discovery of the card of John T. Parham in the pocket of the man, this having been found by a Times-Dispatch reporter, many feared that the poor ex-City Sergeant of Petersburg might be the man. This belief, and not well founded theory was exploded early yesterday morning at the undertaking establishment. Two or three ladies, all of Petersburg, and all of whom were acquainted with Mr. Parham, visited the place and viewed the remains. It required only a glance to convince them that the man was not their acquaintance, and this evidence was more strongly substantiated last night by the following telegram from Petersburg, which explains itself.

"The card found in the pocket of the suicide at Murphy's Hotel was that of John T. Parham, of Petersburg, Va. Mr. Parham was in Richmond yesterday and met the stranger, who said he was a Mason, and resided near Pittsburg, Pa. He told Mr. Parham his name, and Mr. Parham gave him a card in return—the card found upon his person. Mr. Parham is unable to remember the name given by the stranger, but says he was a man by the stranger, and had evidently traveled a good deal."

DUE TO INSANITY.

Regardless of the mystery surrounding the identity of the suicide, there seems little doubt but that the rash act was due to insanity.

As stated in the foregoing, Deputy Clerk Lawton Crutchfield, of the Hustings Court, and George Bargamin, manager of Campbell's Hotel, have positively identified the dead man as the one who, Friday afternoon, visited the City Hall in search of a marriage license.

There seems little doubt but that the suicide spent nearly five hours in the rooms in the basement of Murphy's Hotel before firing the fatal shot. The negro employees at the hotel are positive that the man was placed at 10 o'clock, and the shot was not fired until five minutes to 3. From the nature of the wound it is evident that the man fired the bullet with his left hand, the muzzle of the gun being placed just in the rear of the left ear. The ball entered from the side, passed through and flattened itself upon the marble wall.

That the suicide was standing when he fired the shot is borne out by the imprint of the bullet upon the wall. The indentation upon the wall corresponds with the height of the man.

FOSTERED FROM MADISON.

A gentleman who viewed the body yesterday was strongly inclined to believe that the young man was from Madison county. He saw him on the street Friday and noticed that his actions were peculiar. The man he had in mind had been insane, and was for a time in an asylum. He was not absolutely sure of the identity of the individual, however. The Times-Dispatch last night received telegrams from its correspondents at Staunton and Williamsburg, after investigation at the insane asylums, and nothing was learned to support the theory that the man in question was from Madison county.

MISSOURI SENATORS WERE INDICTED

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., April 18.—The Cole county grand jury this evening returned four indictments, three presumably against State Senators, for acceptance of bribes in connection with the anti-labor constitution. Strict secrecy is maintained, and definite information to the indictments cannot be obtained. These make seven indictments so far issued by the grand jury. After the indictments were returned the grand jury adjourned to April 27th.

THE CUP DEFENDER

Some Innovations Are Shown in the Rigging Aloft.

BRISTOL, R. I., April 18.—With the Reliance more than half rigged and the Constitution on her way to New London to complete final preparations for her trial spin, there is a prospect that these two yachts may come together in a short sailing bout off Newport a week from to-day.

The rigging aloft shows some innovations, as is to be seen from a time to time of the mast is in line with the spreaders instead of being above or below them, as in the case of other large yachts.

MANCHESTER MAN HURT

Robert D. Bass Blown Up by an Explosion.

OLD AUTOGRAPH ALBUM

Carried Away From Manchester During War—Elks to Initiate Large Class To-Morrow Night—Under Arrest—Church Services.

Manchester Bureau Times-Dispatch. No. 115 Hull Street.

The condition of Mr. Robert D. Bass, the young Manchester man who was blown some distance by the explosion of an arch pipe on a Southern engine at Bon Air early Saturday morning, was reported as unchanged last night. He was at work on the engine at the time, and was badly scalded about the face, besides sustaining internal injuries. Dr. Merchant attended him, and he was taken to the Retreat for the Sick in Richmond.

Mr. Bass is a fireman, and has worked for the Southern about two months. He is thirty years old and has a wife and two children. His home is at No. 1102 Hull Street.

OLD AUTOGRAPH ALBUM.

Postmaster Beattie has received a letter from Bennington, Vt., which is self-explanatory:

Postmaster, Manchester, Vt.: Dear Sir, I have in my possession an autograph album which my uncle brought North with him after the Civil War, and the owner's name was Sallo Royal. I have been thinking that perhaps some relative now living would be greatly interested in it. It would be too much trouble for you to inquire for such a person or persons? She seemed to have a man by the name of Buck, who seemed by the lines written to her to have married love with her. The dates are mostly of 1862. If it will not be of too much trouble, would like an answer to this.

Respectfully yours, (Mrs.) ALICE L. MARCH, 143 North Street, Bennington, Vt.

BASS MEETING.

Manchester Lodge will meet in regular session to-morrow night, when fifteen candidates will be initiated. A number of prominent visiting brothers are expected from other lodges, and the proposed trip to the Grand Lodge meeting in Baltimore will be discussed.

UNDER ARREST.

A young man, named David Purdie, was arrested yesterday evening at the home of his father on the charge of being disorderly around the house.

BAAZAR THIS WEEK.

All this week Leader Hall will be the scene of the much talked about bazaar for the benefit of the Daughters of Liberty and the Olympic Club.

Besides the usual features of a bazaar, there will be special attractions on the stage each night by well known entertainers.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Rev. Mr. Chandler will preach at Central Methodist Church at both services. Morning subject, "Angelic Administration"; night, "Daily Grace For Daily Need."

Reverend services will continue all week at Oak Grove Church. Rev. B. T. Smith will preach.

Rev. A. Driscoll will conduct services at Fifth Street Church. Morning text: "A Complete Life"; night, "The Power of God in the Gospel."

Services will be conducted at Stockton Street Church by Rev. Dr. Cridwell.

The Little Workers' Society of Stockton Street Church will meet at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Kruger's House Sold.

(By Associated Press.)

PRETORIA, T. A., April 18.—The house owned by Mr. Kruger, the former President, was sold at auction today for \$90,000.

LITTLE TOTS WILL SING PALMS

Easter Celebration in Grace Church Sunday School To-Day.

The children of Grace Church Sunday School, corner of Main and Poush Streets, will have their usual Easter celebration this afternoon at 5 o'clock. They will be assisted by the choir of forty voices that attracted so much attention last Sunday and who will render on this occasion several of their best selections.

The little tots in the infant class have for three months been rehearsing the Palms for this occasion.

The following is the programme in full: Procession, Christ the King; hymn; opening sentences and collect for the day; infant chorus, The Palms; prayer; chorus, Alone; erection of a floral Jacob's ladder and depositing mite-boxes; anthem by the choir, When It Was Yet Dark, H. Woodman; responsive reading; chorus, Seeking For Her Master; soprano solo with chorus by the choir, Come See the Place Where Jesus Lay; offertory; anthem by the choir, As It Began to Dawn, Miles B. Foster; recessional, At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing.

USED DYNAMITE TO ROUT TURKISH TROOPS

(By Associated Press.)

SALONICA, EUROPEAN TURKEY, April 18.—A sanguinary fight has occurred at the village of Opela between revolutionists from Paletunka and Palsanka and Turkish troops. After the revolutionists had lasted some time and the revolutionists were getting the worst of it, a dozen of them being killed or wounded, they resorted to the use of dynamite and hurled bombs among the Turks, twenty of whom were killed or wounded by the explosions. In the panic which followed the revolutionists broke through the Turkish cordon and escaped.

BOSTOCK TO REMAIN

Monday Set Aside for Colored People's Day—The Week's Programme.

Director Postock has announced his intention of remaining some time longer in Richmond city. The notification has given great pleasure and delight to the public of this city.

Monday will be set aside for the colored people of this city, when valuable prizes will be awarded. Although it is a colored day, white people will be allowed

Cordes, Mosby & Co.

An Important Sale of Silks.

The Wanted Kinds Enticingly Priced.

500. Japanese Corded Wash Silks, in all the new and wanted patterns and colorings, now.....\$90.
\$1.00 All-Silk Checked and Striped taffetas, now.....75c.
27-inch Illuminated Fleeced Taffetas, the correct fabric for shirt-waist dresses. The 500. kind now.....\$1.15

Printed Foulards.

All-silk, heavy weight and in this season's newest and most effective patterns and colorings. The \$1.00 and \$1.15 ones now.....75c.
Other equally good values at 50c. and \$1.00

Checked Taffetas, with embroidered polka-dots, new and stylish.....\$1.00
Illuminated Pin-Check Taffetas, new and stylish.....\$1.00

Pongees.

All-Silk Pongees, heavy weight, 50, 60, 90c. \$1.00

Embroidered Pongees, new, stylish and exclusive designs. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.69

24-inch All-Silk Heavy-Weight White China Silk. The 500. kind; special.....39c.

Guaranteed Black Taffeta Silk, heavy weight, all pure silk. 75, 98c. \$1.00, \$1.25

27-inch Pineapple, all pure silk, taffeta silk, heavy weight, rich, lustrous blacks. The \$1.25 kind.....\$1.00

27-inch All-Silk Heavy-Weight Black China Silks, extraordinary values.....50, 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25

Some Very Worthy Specials From Our Suit Department.

25 last season's Tailored Suits, of chevots, cloths, &c., colors black, navy and tans. These are all well made garments; in fact, such as you always expect to find only here. Their only fault is their style is not of the best. They are all good and serviceable. Their former prices were from \$18.50 to \$35.00; your pick of any now.....\$9.98

35 last season's Nicely Made Skirts, of black chevot, plain and trimmed with silk bands. Prices were from \$7.00 to \$12.00; your pick of any now.....\$3.98

12 last season's Silk Eton Jackets, nicely made, taffeta, peau de sole and moire silk lined. Prices were from \$7.00 to \$14.00; now.....\$3.98

Special Value in New Tailored Suits.

The New Blouse Suit, beautifully made of all the new wanted materials. These are strictly high class, which have only to be seen to be appreciated. These garments were made to sell from \$27.50 to \$35.00; special.....\$22.50

The Uncertain Weather Conditions Have Played Havoc With Prices.

The uncertain weather conditions and the extreme tardiness of the spring season have very naturally made the overstocked manufacturers, jobbers and importers doubly anxious to dispose of their stocks. Our buyers have just been on the lookout for such an opportunity, and we, of course, have been heavy buyers, and better still in nearly every instance have gotten just what we wanted and at our own prices, too. This, of course, calls for a readjustment of prices, and this readjustment means a big saving for you. For this week's selling every department contributes its quota of new and fresh merchandise, just such as present pressing wants will demand, and marked at prices that will make you a ready and satisfied buyer.

The New White Stuffs

In the Greatest Possible Variety and at Lowest Prices.

French Batiste.

47 inches wide, fine, sheer and light weight; special, 25c.

White Dotted Swiss.

One Special Value. Of extra quality, fine and sheer, fine embroidered pin-dots. The usual \$50. kind; special, 25c.

Parasols.

The entire new stock is now in place, and ready for your inspection. Ask to see one. Specials, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. Actually worth one-half more.

Checked Dimities.

Fine, sheer and light weight. The usual 16-2-8c. kind; special, 12-1-2c. yard.

The New Wash Stuffs

At Mid-Summer Prices.

Linens, Stainables, new and stylish, all linen, colors navy, cadet, red and gray. The 500. kind 35c.

Real Irish Dimities, in new patterns and colorings, 25c.

Silk Striped Grenadines, new and stylish patterns and colorings, 60, 65, 69c.

Kid Gloves, \$1 Per Pair. A Very Special Value.

Gentlemen's Negligee Shirts.

Every one new, perfect fitting, out fine and wide materials, selected good values, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Semi-Made Robes.

A Manufacturer's Entire Sample Line to Be Sold at Prices Less Than Cost to Make.

Every one is of this season's most advanced styles, the materials Volles, Etamines, Crepe de Chine, Nets and Linens, in white and colored.

Lot 1—About seventy-five (75) Robes, of plain linen, made with wash materials, each one differently made, and trimmed in elany and oriental laces. Former prices, \$17.50 to \$21.00; now.....\$12.50

Lot 2—About twenty (20) styles of Volles, silk trim—med, colors blue, black, gray and cream. Former price, \$39.50; now.....\$29.50

Lot 3—About fifteen (15) styles of Cream Volles. Robes, two alike. Former prices, \$37.50 to \$62.50; now.....\$33.50, \$37.50, \$39.50

Lot 4—Black Crepe de Chine Robes, made of extra quality all-silk crepe, elaborately made and trimmed—\$75.00, now \$47.50; \$55.00 and \$67.50 robes now \$42.50

Muslin Underwear.

100 dozen Nicely Made and Trimmed Gowns, Skirts, Chemises, Drawers and Corset Covers at exactly one-half their former price. Prices were from 75c. to \$1.75; to be sold at five lots.....49, 59, 69, 79, 89 and 98c. (Second Floor.)

Hosiery.

Some Very Unusual Values.

Ladies' Fast-Black All-over Lace

Lisle Hose, new patterns, and considered a bargain at 25c.; special, 17c. or 2 pairs for.....\$5.00

Ladies' All-Over and Best Lace

Lisle Hose, new and stylish patterns.....50, 75c.

Ladies' Dropstitch, Light-Weight

Lisle Hose, extra fine gauge and absolutely fast-black. The usual 55c. kind.....25c.

Ladies' Embroidered Dropstitch

Lisle Hose, absolutely fast-black, new and stylish patterns.....50c.

A Boon to Mothers:

The No-Tend Stockings.

Fast-black, light weight, shaped knee, double heels, sides and toes, all being of stout linen, which insures extra wearing qualities. We are Richmond agents—pair.....25c.

Neckwear.

New stocks of Wash Materials, entirely new designs.....25, 50, 69, 98c.

New Chiffon Veiling, entirely new

ideas.....50, 60, 75, 85c., \$1.00..

New Pompadour Ruches, entirely

new shape.....\$3.98 to \$10.50

Feather Boss, in white, pearl, black

and silver.....\$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00

The New Woollen Dress Stuffs,

Black and Colored.

All-Wool Batiste,

light weight, black, 60c.; red, black, 60c.; The 500. kind 39c.

All-Wool Nun's

Veiling, rich, lustrous blacks. The 75c. kind now 55c. Vello, 50, 75, 85c. to \$2.00

London Corda,

\$1.00 to \$2.00. Etamines, 75c. to \$1.75. Mohairs, 25c. to \$1.25. T. o. t. d. and Striped Mohairs, 50, 75c. Eollans, \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Mohairs, 25c. to \$1.25.

Extra Heavy China Matting, 18, 20, 25, 30c.

Japanese Matting,

carpet designs 25, 30, 35c.

Summer Furnishings For the Home.

Sanitary Fiber Carpets, the ideal summer floor covering, carpet designs, new patterns, 45, 55, 65c.

Fiber Rugs,

all sizes, 75c. to \$12.50. Japanese Matting Rugs, one yard square, special, 14c.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR T. P. A. EDITION

Chairman Horace Smith Is Gathering Contracts on Every Side.

At the headquarters, State Secretary Harry Harwood, of the Virginia Division, T. P. A., says that from what he can gather at indications are that the State Convention at Danville on Friday and Saturday of this coming week (April 24-25) will be one of the biggest in the history of the State. Special rates have been secured.

POOL SELLING WAS STOPPED BY OFFICERS

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 18.—There was no trouble between officers of the Lake side race track this afternoon, for the reason that when he was ordered to take out his betting booth John Condon, who manages the track, said he would do so without causing trouble. The racing meeting, however, was not disrupted.

MR. McNUTT IS TO SPEAK TO MEN

A Great Meeting at the Academy of Music This Afternoon.

There will be a big meeting for men at the Academy this afternoon at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. George L. McNutt, "the dinner pail man," will be the speaker, and the subject "Who's Crazy?" The Virginia Glee Club will sing, and it will be an intensely interesting service.

Strike Is Settled.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 18.—The strike of the iron workers against the American Bridge Company was settled to-day. It is understood that the agreement provides that the men shall return to work upon the conditions that prevailed before the strike was declared and continue to work under those conditions until May 1st.

WILL PRESENT CANTATA

"Queen Esther" to Be Given by Richmond Talent.

Friday night, April 24th, at the Venable Street Baptist Church, the beautiful sacred cantata "Queen Esther" will be presented by well known musical talent of this city. The soloists and chorus have been rehearsing for several weeks under the direction of Mr. S. S. Perkins, and indications point to a highly creditable entertainment on next Friday night.

are very appropriate, and the several characters are admirably filled as follows: Queen, Miss Martha Snead, soprano; King, Mr. James E. Dunbar, baritone; prophetess, Mrs. Charles E. Egan, alto; Zerubbabel, Miss Adele Ogilvie, contralto; Mordecai, Mr. W. L. Bates, tenor; Haman, Mr. J. L. Mitchell, tenor; Hagai, Mr. W. J. Morrisette, tenor.

The musical part of the cantata will be rendered in good style, with Mrs. S. S. Perkins accompanying, and several musicians from the Richmond Light Infantry Blues' Band.

HENRY L. MERRICK, PARAGRAPHER, IS DEAD

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Henry L. Merrick, editorial writer and paragrapher on the staff of the Washington Post, died here to-night.

Death was due to an abscess of the head. Mr. Merrick was born in Xenia, Ohio, forty years ago. He was editor of a Zanesville, Ohio, paper until 1880, when he came to Washington as a member of the Post staff. His witty, pungent paragraphs in the editorials of that paper won him a wide reputation.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. James I. Smith.

Mrs. Mary Marwood Smith died yesterday at her residence, No. 217 South Cherry Street. She was the wife of Mr. James I. Smith.

Mrs. Smith was a daughter of Mr. John Williams and Sarah Quicke, who came to this country from England fifty years ago. She was a niece of Mr. J. M. Quicke, of Petersburg.

The funeral will take place at 8:30 o'clock this afternoon from St. John's Episcopal Church.

Miss Violet Bohannon.

The funeral of Miss Violet Bohannon took place at 11 o'clock yesterday morning from the Danby-Street Methodist Church. The interment was made in Oakwood.

Miss Bohannon was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bohannon. She was twenty years of age.

Mrs. V. F. Wynn.

Mrs. Virginia Frances Wynn died at her home in Petersburg, Va., on Tuesday, April 14th, at 3:30 o'clock. Her husband was William Crawford Goodwyn, father of Mrs. T. C. Bain, of Richmond.

The remains were laid to rest in Blandford Cemetery.

Mrs. James Duffy.

Mrs. James Duffy died this morning at 8 o'clock at the residence of her husband, No. 123 North Seventeenth Street. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Rev. J. J. Havener.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 18.—Rev. J. J. Havener, pastor of the Methodist Church at Matthews, died this morning at 7 o'clock at his home in that town. Appendicitis was the cause of death. Mr. Havener came to Charlotte last Tuesday on business, and died at home in the afternoon and complained of not being well. Wednesday morning a physician

was sent for, and he informed Mr. Havener that he had appendicitis. Thursday the pain was not severe as on Wednesday, and on account of this the operation that was contemplated was delayed. Last night he was taken very much worse and at the hour named he died.

Captain W. G. Mustard.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

TAZEWELL, VA., April 18.—Captain W. G. Mustard died Thursday night at his home, about six miles east of this place. Captain Mustard was a highly esteemed gentleman and quite wealthy.

Wedding Cards.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GATTS CITY, VA., April 18.—Mrs. H. S. C. Morrison, of Gatts City, has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Louisa Elizabeth Morrison, to Mr. J. Spears Webster, on April 25th.

King-Walker.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

EXMORE, VA., April 18.—The wedding of Mr. R. Lockwood King, of Exmore, and Miss Eliza Blanche Walker, daughter of George C. Walker, of Balls Bluff, Va., was solemnized at the residence of the bride's parents on Tuesday, April 14th.

Mrs. Mary B. Chichester.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEESBURG, VA., April 18.—Mrs. Mary Beverly Chichester, wife of Captain Arthur M. Chichester, died yesterday.

She was the daughter of the late James Bradshaw Beverly, of this county, and the last surviving member of her family. Her husband, three sons and three daughters survive her.

R. L. Smith.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NOFOLK, VA., April 18.—The body of R. L. Smith was sent to Petersburg this afternoon. He died at his home in Avenue C here this evening. He was thirty-eight years of age and leaves a widow.

DEATHS.

MESSLER.—Died, Saturday, April 18, 1903, at her residence, 108 South Cherry Street, ELLIE HALLIGAN MESSLER, wife of John A. Messler.