

FIRES BULLET THROUGH HEART

YOUNG PLASTERER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

No Motive for Suicide Known, but Circumstances Indicate That the Victim Was Despondent

A. Lee, a plasterer, native of Sweden, was found dead in his room at the home of F. B. Shaw, 612 Maple avenue, early last night.

Lee had been dead some hours when the fact became known. Strange to say no one heard the report of a pistol in the room.

When Shaw left home early yesterday morning he noticed a dim light in Lee's room. His wife's sister also observed the light.

Lee was lying on his back with his hands folded on his breast. Only the death pallor which spread over his youthful face indicated that his life had been ended.

Lee appeared to be about twenty-six years old and was of pronounced Swedish type.

DUNSMUIR WILL CONTEST

Edna Wallace Hopper's Attorney Cross Examines Witness Lowe

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The taking of testimony in the Dunsmuir will contest proceeded slowly today.

At the conclusion of the cross examination Attorney A. H. Luxton, counsel for James Dunsmuir, sole heir under the will, asked several re-direct questions regarding the former testimony of Lowe.

"What did you mean when you said that you had not told the whole truth at Victoria?" asked Luxton.

Fatal Accident in Mine

WALLACE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—While in the cage at the Standard mine today the coat of G. T. Farley, a miner, caught in the timbering, drawing him between it and the cage and breaking every bone in his body.

NOT MEDICINE

Babies don't need medicine—older children very rarely. Better nourishment will generally set them right.

SIDE WITH SWEET WINE PRODUCERS

DIRECTORS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROTEST

Say Annihilation of Industry Would Follow Proposed Tax on Brandy Used in Fortification of Product

The board of directors of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce has taken up the gauntlet in behalf of the sweet wine producers of the state against the commissioner of Internal Revenue in his efforts to have a tax levied on brandy used in the fortification of their product.

Members of the board voiced their opinions in no uncertain terms and it was the common sentiment that the proposed tax, if levied, would mean the annihilation of the sweet wine industry in California.

The nominating committee in its report has named the following members as officers for the coming year and the election will be held in the rooms of the chamber of commerce, Wednesday, January 11, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 in the afternoon.

For president, W. J. Washburn; second vice president, Wm. D. Stephens; treasurer, Chas. J. Toll; chairman of committee on commerce, H. S. McKee; chairman on agriculture and horticulture, F. Q. Story; chairman committee on manufacturing, Fred L. Baker; chairman committee on mining, Dan Murphy; chairman committee on transportation, R. H. Heron; chairman committee on laws, H. T. Lee; chairman committee on publications and statistics, Willis H. Booth; chairman committee on county and municipal affairs, Oscar Mueller; chairman committee on hotels, O. T. Johnson; chairman committee on finance and auditing, Gail B. Johnson; chairman committee on building and permanent exhibit, Niles Pease; chairman on immigration, Walter G. Barnwell; chairman on boulevards, parks and roads, John H. Norton; chairman on expositions, A. B. Cass; chairman on membership and grievances, A. W. Skinner; chairman on mercantile affairs, J. Baruch.

Chas. P. Grogan and Oscar Pix were elected to membership at the meeting yesterday.

UNITARIAN LEADERS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Southern California Conference Meets in Los Angeles—Business to Be Taken Up Today

The opening service of the annual Southern California conference of the Unitarian churches was held last evening at the Church of the Unity on Flower street, near Eighth.

At the conclusion of the service a reception was tendered the delegates and friends by the women of the church in the parlors, at which refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Sessions will be held throughout today. The annual business session will convene at 9:30 a. m., which will be followed by papers on church subjects. A devotional service will be held at noon, following which the women of the church will serve a luncheon.

The afternoon and evening services will be the principal sessions of the conference. At the afternoon session papers will be read on the following topics: "The Religion You Like and the Religion You Need," Rev. George Fuller, Pomona; "The Church and the Ministry," Rev. Earl Wilbur, dean of the Oakland Theological school; "Religion of the Individual to Church and Denomination," Rev. C. W. Stone, field secretary; "Prophets, Not Priests," Rev. Maxwell Savage, Redlands.

A platform meeting will be held at 8 p. m., at which ten-minute addresses will be given on "Great Religious Truths" by the Revs. J. S. Thompson, pastor of the Independent Church of Christ; Rev. Charles Pease, Long Beach; Rabbi Hecht, Temple B'nai B'rith; G. W. Stone, Maxwell Savage, Earl Wilbur and S. D. Dunham.

E. P. BARNUM DIES AT HIS PASADENA HOME

E. P. Barnum, connected with the Boston dry goods store of Los Angeles, well known both in California and in the east, died yesterday morning at his home in Pasadena, 359 South Orange Grove avenue.

While in New York a few months ago Mr. Barnum contracted a severe cold, which resulted in pneumonia, and then developed into tubercular trouble. He was brought to Pasadena as soon as was possible after a partial recovery from the pneumonia and every effort was made to have his life.

Mr. Barnum was a native of Baltimore, Md., and he leaves a wife and three married children, two daughters who live in Los Angeles, Mrs. Valentine and Mrs. Anstett, and a step-son, Harry Robinson, who lives at Savannah, near El Monte. No funeral arrangements have yet been made. Mr. Barnum formerly lived in New York city and went to Pasadena nearly eight years ago.

DEATH COMES TO THEODORE THOMAS

FAMOUS MUSICIAN FALLS A VICTIM TO PNEUMONIA

Career Ends Shortly After Achieving Ambition of Years, the Establishment of Chicago Orchestra in Permanent Home

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Theodore Thomas, the noted orchestra leader, died of pneumonia at his residence here early today. He was 70 years of age.

Theodore Thomas, who was the son of an expert violinist, was born at Eesse, Hanover, Germany, October 11, 1835. In 1845 his parents brought him to the United States, settling in New York city. Even at this early age the boy had created an impression as a violinist. A concert trip through the southern cities in 1851 proved such a success that when Mr. Thomas returned to New York he became one of the first violins in concert and operatic performances during the engagements in America of Jenny Lind, Sontag, Griesl and other great opera singers.

The real beginning in Mr. Thomas' musical career was through a series of chamber concerts at New York during the years intervening between 1855 and 1872. In 1864 Mr. Thomas' first symphony concerts were given in New York and these were continued until he left that city in 1873 to take charge of the College of Music at Cincinnati. He remained in Ohio for two years, then returned to New York.

He was elected conductor of the New York Philharmonic society in 1879 and this position he held until he left New York in 1891. In 1883 Mr. Thomas and his orchestra made a tour from New York to San Francisco, appearing at all of the principal cities en route. Upon his return to New York Mr. Thomas conceived the idea of a permanent orchestra in that city, but after seven years of endeavor he came to the conclusion that Chicago would be a better place for his future work.

He came here in 1891 and formed the Chicago Orchestra association. On December 15 last Orchestra hall, the permanent home of the Chicago Orchestra, built at a cost of more than \$800,000, was formally dedicated. It is a monument that bears witness to the untiring efforts of the dead musician.

Death came to the world-famous director almost at the hour of achieving his ambition of years—the establishment of the Chicago Orchestra in a magnificent permanent home. Mr. Thomas lived to lead his orchestra in but four concerts in the great new hall built by popular subscription. His last appearance was at the concert on Saturday, the day before Christmas. It was a week ago Saturday that Mr. Thomas first felt the ailment which culminated in his death. Apparently the trouble was only a slight touch of the grip. Last Thursday, however, pneumonia developed. On Monday the physicians felt hopeful of recovery but last night there occurred a change for the worse.

Famous American Singer III

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Belle Cote, the American singer, is critically ill. Miss Cote was the leading contralto with the late Theodore Thomas on his festival tour of 1883. Since 1888 she has made her home in England.

WEALTH FOUND IN HOME OF MISERLY RECLUSE

Hermit Dies in New Jersey Leaving a Fortune of Over Three Hundred Thousand Dollars

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Gold, silver and bills amounting to more than \$10,000 have been found secreted about the home of Firman Dubel, who died recently at Burlington, N. J. For years Dubel had lived as a recluse, denying that he had any wealth other than his home and the spacious grounds that surrounded it. It is now estimated by the relatives that his estate will amount to between \$300,000 and \$500,000. In a peck measure in a room in which there was countless rubbish, there was \$1700 and a cigar box held \$2500 in gold. A thin book contained between thirty-eight consecutive leaves thirty-eight \$100 bills. Old clothing in various trunks and closets had been used as receptacles for money.

Dubel received a large estate from his ancestors, to whom, before the revolution, enormous grants of land were made by the English crown and later by the state of New Jersey. Search among old papers after the death of the recluse brought to light scores of mortgages upon property of residents of the town and county for miles around.

For years Dubel had lived on fare that caused his neighbors to wonder how he kept body and soul together. He had no faith in banks and invested his income as rapidly as it accumulated.

Paper Trust to Issue Bonds

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—At a special meeting in Corinth, N. Y., stockholders of the International Paper company have formally ratified the recently proposed issue of \$10,000,000 consolidated mortgage 5 per cent thirty-year convertible gold bonds. The bonds are secured by a mortgage upon all the property and franchises of the company and may be converted in 1906 and before 1907 to preferred stock, for which exchange the board may issue additional preferred stock up to 100,000 shares. The bonds are to cover the cost of improvements already made in various mills and other construction work.

SOUTH MAY LOSE SENATORIAL HONOR

CANDIDACY OF FISK SHOWS INCREASING STRENGTH

Flint and Bard Arg in the Lead, but San Francisco Postmaster May Prove to Be a Dark Horse

(Continued From Page One) Document clerk at \$5—W. H. Wilson, Minute clerks at \$4—G. W. Fountain, Ed. Barnet, Peter Nielson.

Messenger to secretary at \$3—W. H. McGarvey. Messengers to state printer at \$3.50—Fred Graham and J. Fraser. Copyist at \$4—Mrs. Ida Gardner. Entry clerks at \$4—P. J. Kane, A. D. Martini.

Entry clerks at \$3—J. Gleason, Thomas Rodgers and D. Thoran. Electrician at \$4—Wm. Wicks. Messenger to president at \$3—Harold Dougherty. Secretary to president at \$5—G. Parker. Janitor to president at \$3—S. A. Jackson.

Assistant sergeants at arms at \$5—Edward West, Wm. Martin and R. L. Freeman. Assistant history clerks at \$4—Dan V. Knowland, Wm. Owens. Assistant journal clerk at \$5—J. H. Conderly. Assistant journal clerks at \$4—J. T. Negley and T. A. Green.

Index clerks at \$4—James A. May, R. Rasmussen, M. Fitzpatrick and L. Seivage. Assistant postmistresses at \$4—Mrs. E. Emerson, Miss M. Hughes, Miss F. Savage and Lottie Coleman. Gatekeepers at \$3—A. Shaen and W. W. Boyd, Jr.

Messenger to finance committee at \$3—A. McDonald. Messenger to judiciary committee at \$3—Alfred Tidrow. Registry clerks at \$3—A. Vincennes, F. J. Geary. Assistant enrolling and engrossing clerks at \$4—Alfred Ball, Ed. Pixley, R. E. Cochran.

Ushers at \$3—W. P. Stone, Wm. Wilburn, Louis Rafler. Sergeants-at-arms, to committee at \$4—James J. Williamson, James Matlock, J. D. Brown, A. B. Shaw, C. Paine, Sam Brunswick, John Thompson, A. B. Barker, George Hamilton, Charles Johnson, Joseph Twite, Edward Short, James Whittaker, George W. Elder, H. T. Smith, Benjamin Gray, R. Tyrrell.

Committee clerks at \$4—C. H. Stewart, Charles Mahone, Jean Carter, J. Myrick, W. F. James, John Wall, Ed. Hangey, Frank Minor, M. V. Irish, Miss J. Savage, L. C. Malto, Earl Downing, T. Peterson, M. C. Meredith, J. O. Bowser, M. Welch, B. F. Driver, H. W. A. Weyke, Miss M. Benna, Miss Bessie Woods, J. C. Beard, Miss Annie Nelson, Wallie Strong, Pauline Harris, Fred Burch, Harry Lorentzen, T. F. Reilly, F. Jacobs.

Committee clerks at \$5—E. W. Lehner and W. A. Fitzgerald. Secretaries' Assistants J. W. Harper, F. L. Thomas and W. H. Wright, assistants to Secretary of the Senate Hilborn, \$6 per diem, was ratified by the senate.

The appointment of J. S. Moffatt as bookkeeper to Sergeant-at-Arms Martin at \$5 a day was also confirmed. Senate Pages Pages—Thomas Kelly, John Goshen, Alice Schlenne, Thomas Maloney, E. G. Hinkley, Herbert Hahn, Harold Wolfe, Earl Houck, \$2.50 each. J. H. Murphy, E. T. Gudgell, Ed. Noll, L. Scheritz, E. T. Hubbard and Charles Belz.

Attaches of Assemblymen Chairman Transue tendered the report this morning of the committee on attaches of the assembly, and the following were allowed patronage as designated by the assemblymen: Assistants to chief clerk at \$6—Charles Thompson, Ed. Hinkle, C. A. Kyle. Minute clerks at \$6—J. Steppacher, J. Wright.

Assistants at \$5—Ed. Gill, William Harry, B. S. Wilson, J. A. Moynihan, Ed. O'Brien. File clerk, \$6—W. C. Guirey. Chaplain, \$4—Rev. G. C. King. History clerk, \$6—Percy Hight. Journal clerk, \$6—R. L. Dempsey. Assistants, \$5—Louie Howell, R. Fuller, J. McCarthy, Frank E. Redell, J. R. Avellanes, V. Dolan. Engrossing and enrolling clerk at \$6—J. J. Murphy; assistant at \$6, T. J. Walker.

Assistants at \$5—J. M. Jones, J. H. Long, S. D. Barclay, J. A. Martin, B. Lagrave, Jesse Sellar, W. B. Stewart, W. A. Price, Don R. Dunbar, George Eustis, Mrs. F. P. Mouser. Bookkeeper to sergeant-at arms, \$5—C. W. Haub. Assistants at \$5, B. Cohn, E. B. Carr, T. M. Gilbert, J. Entorf, A. Machen, J. A. Kirk, B. N. Harford, George Whitehead, James J. Beatty. Stenographers at \$5—Miss Adeline Stanton, Miss P. Gaylor, Miss Ethel Thomas, G. P. Mouser, Cornelia O'Brien, Mrs. L. Sherbourne, E. E. Geberding, Mabel E. Waste, Miss O. Wagner, Miss Ollie Smith.

Bill clerks at \$4—S. G. Tyler, Ed. Haight. Bill filers at \$4—C. W. Curtis, Charles Oliver, F. L. Whitney, A. Brannon, W. Haynes, Thomas Dolan, Henry Nelson, H. A. Russell, John F. Murray. Watchman at \$4—Herbert Brice, Assistant watchman at \$4, Emmett Hodges, H. Camp, Edward Kane. Gatekeepers at \$3—Wm. Milligan, O. E. Goodell, W. Connell, James Anderson, J. J. Walsh, A. Daugherty, Joseph Blodgett.

BLAME CENSORS FOR TROUBLES

RUSSIAN PEOPLE IGNORANT OF SITUATION

Czar's Government Faces Impending Internal Crisis—People Clamor to Be Taken into Confidence of Sovereign

(Continued From Page One) ties, Gen. Nogi now keenly feels the tremendous sacrifices of Japanese lives involved in the success of his plans.

His outward appearance has changed and he looks aged and haggard. He has grown careless about his dress. Every branch of the army pays tributes to his ceaseless activity and solicitude for the welfare of his staff. He refers to Stoesel as a hero and emphatically says his surrender does not tarnish his fame.

To Hold Manchurian City

TOKIO, Jan. 4, a. m.—The Jiji, in discussing the capture of Port Arthur, reviews the price paid in lives and says: "We ought to keep Port Arthur in our hands as long as our empire exists. Port Arthur is the key to peace in the far east, and it is our duty to keep the key in our hands."

Given Option of Parole

TOKIO, Jan. 4.—The emperor of Russia has cabled to General Stoesel saying that the giving of their parole or the alternative of imprisonment is optional with the officers.

ARMIES FRATERNIZE

Japanese and Russian Soldiers Celebrate End of Siege

HEADQUARTERS OF THIRD JAPANESE ARMY AT PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 4, via Fusan.—The formal entry of the Japanese into Port Arthur January 8 will be an imposing spectacle. The Japanese officers will be given a banquet in the city January 10.

The reason for the surrender of the fortress is evident from a visit to Wantal Hill. The entire strength of the position lay in the main line of the outer defenses. The possession of Wantai gave the besiegers the key to the forts east of the city. The hills in the rear were not fortified and afforded a full cover for the assaulting forces.

The flag of the Rising Sun floats tonight over the captured citadel. When the news of the surrender of the fortress reached the soldiers yesterday, leaping from mouth to mouth, the Japanese drew close to their late enemies and fraternized freely with them.

To March Out Today

With nightfall came great bonfires, rising in the Japanese camp, while great choruses of "Banzais" echoed through the hills. The entire garrison and all the non-combatants will march out of the city January 5 (Thursday) to the village of Yahutzel, near the shores of Pigeon bay, from which place the Russian officers will be transported to Dalny and thence wherever they may desire.

The prisoners of war will be detained at the Russian barracks in the village until they can be transferred to Dalny from there to Japan. The conference between the Russian and Japanese commissioners, at which the terms of surrender were arranged, took place at the village of Shulshyung at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon and lasted until 8 o'clock Tuesday night.

Surrender Surprises Japanese

The Russian commissioners were Chief of Staff Reiss, Surgeon General Ballaschoff, Col. Vostock and two other staff officers with two interpreters. The Japanese commissioners were Maj. Gen. Ijichi, chief of staff; Maj. Yamaoka, Dr. Ariga and two others, staff officers, with two interpreters. Japan has won the great Russian stronghold in the far east after a five-months' siege in which she lost over 50,000 soldiers, who were put out of action in the most sanguinary and desperate fighting the world has ever seen.

Though the intimation that the Russians were willing to surrender was known to the officers of the Japanese staff on the afternoon of January 1, it was not generally known to the 100,000 of the investing army until Monday. The surrender of the fortress at the present time, came as a surprise even to the Japanese, as the desperate determination and courage of the Russians, even in the last assaults, indicated that the struggle would be one to the bitter end.

Knew Strength of Position

It was well known to the Japanese that the destruction of the forts guarding the main defenses of the western half of the eastern fortified ridge made the investment of the city on the east only a matter of a short time, despite the strongest efforts of the defenders, and also insured the segregation of the forts farther east upon the ridge.

The steady advance of the besiegers on the west flank since the capture of 203 Meter hill, up the valley from the shores of Pigeon bay to the outskirts of the new town, enabled them, with the capture of the north Talyankow fort, to close in on the city from the west and to segregate the Chair Hill forts so that they could be dealt with in detail. It was evident, therefore, that despite the most determined opposition the investing army could in a week or ten days closely invest and dominate Port

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Arthur city, the center of the whole system of defense, so that the prominent forts, both east and west, would be isolated.

Russian Troops Hopeless This fact, however, did not warrant the assumption that the resisting power of the position was at an end. Though the Japanese hoped for the surrender of the fortress, they expected that another month would be necessary to reduce it because of the evident intention of the garrison to fight to the bitter end.

It has been evident since the capture of 203 Meter hill, the destruction of the fleet and the awful manner in which the forts guarding the western half of the eastern fortified ridge had been captured by means of the explosion of dynamite mines, that the fighting ardor of the garrison was dampened and that the hopelessness of the Russians' position had robbed them of their dogged determination to resist every inch of the advance of the besiegers.

This hopelessness was evidenced in the weakness of the opposition to the rapid advance of the Japanese on the west flank since the fleet was destroyed. The tremendous effect of the explosions which wrecked Sunghu mountain fort, the last of the forts guarding the main defenses of the eastern fortified ridge in which half of the defenders were killed and the remainder entombed or made prisoners, completed the disorganization of the defense.

The subsequent spirited assault by the Japanese upon the principal line of outer fortifications and the higher hills of the fortified ridge immediately after the capture of Sunghu mountain fort was met with feeble opposition and the night of January 1 saw the besiegers in possession of the upper line of the fortified ridge from East Keekwan mountain to the western extremity.

Had the garrison fought as it had previously done this would have at least taken days to accomplish and would have cost many lives. The first definite intimation of the Russian intention to surrender came at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of January 1, when the Russian envoys appeared before the Japanese lines south of the village of Shulshyung.

They were met by a Japanese staff officer, to whom they delivered the letter from General Stoesel to General Nogi, asking to have a time for parley arranged. In this letter, as already known, General Stoesel admitted the hopelessness of further continuing the struggle and that he was prepared to surrender in order to save the lives of the remnant of the brave garrison which had fought so long and so well, provided suitable

terms could be arranged. He asked for a conference to settle these terms. Major General Ijichi, with a large escort, left the Japanese headquarters at 11 o'clock Monday morning and rode to the appointed place. Shortly before 1 o'clock the Russian commissioners arrived, accompanied by a cavalry escort.

The conference took place with few preliminaries and lasted until 8 o'clock at night. TO AWAIT THIRD SQUADRON Baltic Fleet Gives Up Hope of Reaching Vladivostok

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5, 2:30 a. m.—It seems now to be definitely understood that Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron will not attempt at present to reach Vladivostok. The decision has been reached that he will await the third Pacific squadron, on which work is proceeding night and day, and several ships of which are expected to be ready for service by the end of January.

It is by no means certain that Rojestvensky will return with his ships to European waters. He may await the third squadron off the coast of Madagascar and seize and make his base one of the uninhabited coral islands of Polynesia.

In view of the report that the Japanese intend to invest Vladivostok Gen. Batiavoff, who has been interviewed, has expressed the opinion that if Vladivostok should be blockaded Rojestvensky would be compelled to return.

Emperor Nicholas is expected to re-a council of war will be held.

STOESSEL'S LAST DISPATCH

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—General Stoesel's last dispatch dated January 1, prior to the surrender of Port Arthur, details the Japanese attack of December 31 and concludes as follows: "We shall be obliged to capitulate, but everything is in the hands of God. We have suffered fearful losses. "Great sorrowing, pardon us. We have done everything humanly possible. Judge us, but be merciful. Nearly eleven months of uninterrupted struggle have exhausted us. Only one quarter of the garrison is alive and of this number the majority are sick, and being obliged to act on the defensive, without even short intervals for repose, are worn to shadows."

New Trial in Dolber Case

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—A motion has been filed for a new trial in the Dolber case by Adolph Schander, the uncle of the late Bertha Dolber, who failed to break the will by which all her property was left to Miss Etta Marion Warren.