

CHILI CAUSES WIFE'S DEATH; HUSBAND ILL

REAL ESTATE DEALER BUYS CANNED CONDIMENT

YOUNG DAUGHTER REFUSES TO EAT RELISH

Physician Summoned by Woman, Who Is Taken Ill After Man's Attack, Is Unable to Save Her Life

DEADLY poisonous germs lurked in two cans of chili con carne which H. E. Bennett, of the Bennett Real Estate and Insurance company and his wife ate for dinner Saturday evening, and as a result Mrs. Bennett died after four hours of awful agony and her husband had but a slight chance for recovery. At midnight doctors said Bennett was out of danger.

When Bennett left his office late Saturday afternoon he bought the chili and used it as a dressing for the tamales. Both Bennett and his wife are extremely fond of the Spanish dish and ate a hearty meal. Their 9-year-old daughter would not touch the chili.

After finishing their meal the Bennetts began to feel ill. Bennett first was stricken and suddenly fell to the floor unconscious. Mrs. Bennett rushed to the telephone and summoned Dr. A. O. Pratt, who lives in the house next to Bennett's. She quickly told him the circumstances of her husband's sudden illness. Just as she placed the receiver on the hook she was taken with violent cramps and staggered over to where her husband was lying and fell also unconscious to the floor beside him.

Dr. Pratt arrived and found the husband and wife in violent convulsions. The little girl was kneeling beside her parents and weeping hysterically and it was with great difficulty he persuaded her to leave them.

Bennett Suffered Most Bennett seemed to be suffering the most and the physician, after giving them both morphine, turned his attention to the husband. In a short time Bennett began to grow easier and the doctor then began to work with Mrs. Bennett. Her convulsions, however, soon began to grow more violent, and in spite of all the physician could do she died at 11 o'clock, after suffering almost four hours of excruciating pain.

Although Bennett was the first to show symptoms of the poison he responded more quickly to the treatment. This was due to the fact he had eaten less of the mixture and had not assimilated so much of the poison as his wife.

An examination of the chili left in the cans revealed millions of the germs by which ptomaine poisoning is caused. Bennett did not purchase the chili at the place he bought the tamales. He took the tamales home and as they were about to begin the evening meal Mrs. Bennett suggested it would add to the flavor of the tamales to serve them with a dressing of chili.

Goes After the Chili Bennett got up from the table and went to a store a short distance from his home and bought the two cans in which death in one of its most horrible forms was concealed.

The little girl, although asked a number of times by her parents to partake of the dish refused to do so because she said the condiment burned her mouth. Her persistent refusal saved her life.

Bennett is well known in real estate circles. He came to Los Angeles some time ago from Texas and opened an office in the O. T. Johnson building.

The body of Mrs. Bennett was removed to the undertaking establishment of the Samson-Dexter company, where it will be prepared for interment. Mr. Bennett and his wife were married at their home in Texas.

Bennett lives at 227 West Forty-first street.

APPROPRIATIONS TO OCCUPY CONGRESS

Senate So Far Behind That Night Sessions Will Be Necessary—Objectionable Nominations to Go Over

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Congress this week will give all possible attention to appropriations bills, as it has become a pressing necessity that both houses shall act promptly if the measures are to become laws in the few remaining days of the session.

The senate will take up the naval bill on Monday and when that is disposed of the postoffice bill will receive attention.

The senate is so far behind that night sessions will be necessary. The house is in better shape, but has little time to spare.

Work on the Indian bill will be resumed on Monday. It will be followed either by the consular and diplomatic bill, or the fortification bill.

The senate has its hands full and early attention will be given to the Canadian boundary waters treaty and the Newfoundland treaty. The Panama and Columbia treaties may not be disposed of until after March 4.

The nominations to which there are objections will go over, with the result that the incoming president will have an opportunity to fill the places with men of his selection.

The bill governing the constitutional objections in the way of Senator Knox becoming secretary of state likely will be favorably acted upon by the house.

Prohibitive Decree Revoked WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Feb. 14.—Venezuela has revoked the decree prohibiting the traffic of small vessels between Curacao and Venezuela.

LATEST PORTRAIT OF KING EDWARD



VISIT IMPROVES HEALTH OF KING

EDWARD OF ENGLAND RECOVERS FROM ILLNESS

Trip to Berlin and Conference with Kaiser Appear to Have Invigorated Great Britain's Monarch

LONDON, Feb. 14.—King Edward's journey to Berlin is declared to have already made a new man of him, as it is stated in official circles that the indisposition of which his highness complained long before his visit to the kaiser has entirely disappeared.

The king is receiving many congratulations on the success of his visit to Berlin.

The press of London concedes that the relations between the two countries now will be much closer as a result of the conference of the rulers, and that all reason for dissatisfaction has been eliminated by the cordiality of the German reception to the British monarchs.

Successful pleasure trips in Ferris' balloons, United States and American, made by seven persons. The latter will make another trip to the coast.

Settled conviction is expressed by citizens generally that Mayor Harper's defeat is certain. Nomination of successor awaited with much interest.

Four fires keep department busy, but aggregate loss will not amount to more than \$100,000. California Federation of Women's clubs distributed \$100,000 to poor families.

Voters of Los Angeles county urged by the Municipal Waters association to send in their names in endorsement of McCarty harbor bill.

Chili con carne, put up in cans, poisons family, wife being dead and husband at point of death.

Highwaymen hold up chauffeur at South Pasadena and rob him, securing small change only.

Newspaper effect capture of supposed burglar who was seen emerging from Main street bicycle repair shop.

Boy killed by falling 600 feet at Mt. Wilson. Another person falls 300 feet; not seriously hurt.

Assemblyman Drew, in sermon at Methodist church in Sacramento, warns public against peril of Japanese influx and intermarriage and bitterly denounces Monroe doctrine as most pernicious ever advocated.

French clergyman accused by two San Francisco women of attempt to poison them.

Grove Johnson to precipitate another fight with legislature by attempt to have Sunday rest law enacted.

Former political boss, Walter Parker, shorn of power, goes sadly about at Sacramento endeavoring to reinstate himself.

National Civic federation appoints committee to work for uniform laws in all states; John Hays Hammond chairman.

Booker T. Washington declares crisis in Liberia has become acute and says United States is in duty bound to render immediate assistance.

Congress to devote most of session this week to various appropriation measures.

Eligibility of Knox to serve in Taft's cabinet, and rumors of Spooner being slated as substitute, with speculation relative to committee political gossip in Washington.

Wealthy American beauty of Philadelphia to wed French count Tuesday.

Taft passes Sunday in Cincinnati and will go to Washington today to straighten out Knox tangle.

HURLED TO HIS DOOM FROM TOP OF MT. WILSON

LOS ANGELES YOUTH FALLS SIX HUNDRED FEET

FRIEND FORTUNATELY ESCAPES WITH SLIGHT INJURIES

Rescue Party with Ropes Saves One and Recovers with Much Difficulty the Body of John Freitas

JOHN FREITAS, 17 years of age, or 1720 Naud street was killed and Joseph Schultz, 19 years of age, of 226 LeRoy street was injured in a wild plunge from the top of Mount Wilson trail, north of the observatory, at 7:20 o'clock yesterday morning.

Freitas slipped on the ice-crusted snow and rolled over the side of the mountain a distance of 600 feet, his body catapulting from point to point until it landed against some trees, which checked it further fall.

In running to a point where he thought he could climb down the side of the mountain to his friend's assistance, young Schultz slipped on the snow and slid down the side of the mountain 300 feet into a bunch of scrub oak. He had a marvelous escape, sustaining only slight injury.

Raymond Lennon, 17 years of age, of 109 Ann street, the only other member of the party, ran to the hotel and notified the men there of the accident. A rescue party armed with ropes at once went to the scene and took Schultz from his dangerous position. Then a number of men were lowered down the side of the mountain and found the body of Freitas.

Coroner Calvin Hartwell was notified of the accident and went to the scene, where he held an inquest, a verdict of accidental death being returned. The men in the coroner's party experienced the greatest difficulty in getting the body from the position it had lodged in, and it was past midnight before the remains were brought into Pasadena. This morning the body will be brought to this city and taken to Pierce Bros. morgue.

Only Three Start Schultz, Freitas and Lennon, with a number of other boys, arranged a week ago to make the ascent of the Mount Wilson trail yesterday morning. All the boys, with the exception of the three named, failed to keep the appointment to leave on the 11:30 o'clock car Saturday night. The three who went took their luncheon with them and a camera to take pictures from the top of the mountain.

When the party arrived at the foot of the trail they proceeded leisurely toward the top, arriving at the observatory at 6:30 o'clock.

They went to a point several hundred yards to the north of the observatory and made a small fire of twigs and bits of dead tree branches, on which they heated a can of coffee, eating at the same time a number of sandwiches.

Immediately after their breakfast, and while Schultz was stamping out the remains of the little fire, he heard Lennon scream. Turning, he saw Freitas sliding head downward, on the snow. He heard Lennon yell and saw a knoll on which he and Lennon had been looking over from the canyon of the West Fork.

They saw Freitas' body strike a projecting rock and shoot out into the open, falling head first to another projection thirty feet below. Freitas landed on his head and his body struck a rock on his head and shoulders, and his death must have been instantaneous.

From this point the body fell and rolled from the top of the mountain, appearing from their sight 300 feet below. Schultz and Lennon then turned and ran back in the direction of the observatory, intending to try and make their way down the side of the mountain at a point where there seemed to be a natural and easy trail in the direction in which their friend had fallen.

Schultz Also Falls Hardly had Schultz run fifty feet when he slipped on the crusty snow and fell head first to the ground. He struck a tree only a few feet below the top, and his body carried thence to another twenty feet away, and from there he fell to the scrub oak 300 feet below the top.

Of his experience in falling Schultz remembers little. He cannot recall having struck anything in his fall, and although he heard Lennon scream several times, he remembered nothing else until he found himself wedged between two small oak trees.

He heard Lennon yell and saw his friend pull himself to the top of the mountain, clutching first one bit of shrub and then another to pull himself up. He had got nearly half way up when Lennon, who meanwhile had run to the hotel, came back with a crowd of men with ropes. They megaphoned to him to stay where he held by the rope to wait for a rope to him.

Long Rope Used In a few moments a big rope was let down and by this he pulled himself to the top. The party then went to the point where Freitas had fallen. A rope 600 feet long was tied to a tree and three men started down the ice-clad mountain side to find the body of the missing boy.

Nearly at the end of the rope and lodged against some small shrubs, the body was found. It was discovered that his neck was broken, probably by the force of the impact when he fell the fifty feet from one rock to another near the top.

This information was conveyed back to the waiting party at the top, and Lennon and Schultz were taken to the hotel where the location in the boy's head was temporarily bound up and he was told to get it attended to at once by a physician. He and Lennon took the first car from the foot of the mountain and came into Los Angeles, arriving at the receiving hospital shortly before 4 o'clock.

Freitas' body at that time had recovered from the shock of his fall and felt no ill effects. The wound on his head was found to be a one-inch gash, which had severed a superficial artery.

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Senator Knox and One of Men in Lead to Supplant Him for Cabinet Position



MAYOR'S RECALL IS A CERTAINTY

HARPER'S DEFEAT CONCEDED EVEN BY HIS FRIENDS

Election for Successor to Executive Will Come in March—City Clerk Says Petition is Sufficiently Signed

Everywhere in Los Angeles the settled conviction is apparent that Mayor Harper's recall is a certainty. This idea is expressed in all sections of the city and by many classes of people, some of whom are not opposed to the mayor, but they nevertheless admit his defeat. The main interest now has shifted to the question of who will take his place. A general feeling exists that the fifteen men whom Judge Works has named under instructions from the citizens' meeting will obtain the consent of a man certain to fill the office acceptably and to meet the demands of the people for a clean administration.

City Clerk Leland will complete his verification of the recall petitions today, or at least get so far that but little work will remain to be done before the council meets tomorrow. With verification of a sufficient number of the signatures of qualified electors, which the city clerk says is now certain, the calling of an election to vote on the recall is mandatory on the council.

The date for the election will probably be set some day next week. No action or petition is necessary to place Mayor Harper's name on the ballot.

If Mayor Harper does not wish to go through the recall election he must decline in writing in a letter addressed to the city council and his declination must be given in a newspaper. If he refuses to permit his name to be voted on, in that case the only candidates to be voted for would be those nominated by petition, as in the case of a morning province paper has termed "a nasty mess from any point of view." The mayor has considered the matter, but so far has not made public his own opinion.

A member of the City club who is interested in the success of the recall movement in extending its influence into the future years to come has studied particularly the extent of the feeling in favor of supplanting Mayor Harper.

People's Temper Remarkable "There is a remarkable decisiveness about the temper of the people," he said yesterday. "The remarkable thing about this movement is the unanimity in which it has been carried forward and the similar attitude toward it on the part of the average voter. There is nothing frothy or bubbling about this campaign; it has the spirit of determination, but with this goes that quiet method that indicates the man who knows what he is going about and who intends to accomplish it."

"This is so evident that I believe this desire to have the city made and kept decent will weave itself into the history of Los Angeles from now on. You see it evidenced so frequently that I am convinced the citizens will not be satisfied with any but the best administration of the affairs. I have noticed this thought several times when overhearing the conversation of men who favor the degenerate system of living—gamblers and others. I sat next to two of this gentry in a restaurant last night, and their views struck me as rather illuminating."

"Believe me, this mayor gag is getting fierce," said one whom I have seen selling racing sheets on Main street. "What's better of this town, anyhow?"

"It's getting on the blink, there's no doubt about it," his companion, an older man, said. "I guess the mayor is done for, from what they tell me. There's too many guys coming out here with a small roll which they throw into a house and leave enough to enjoy the climate on. They never stay downtown after 11 o'clock, and they sure put the storm signals out for a wide open town. The city was getting to be run right, but the games going on this winter won't be here when the next rainy season starts. If they keep on they won't have any rainy season, they'll have the place so dry it's surely on its way, and I'd hate to put any coin into any sort of a scheme just now even if I had all kinds of a pull."

Will Not Deter Him Lack of unanimity of congress in removing the disability, however, will not alone be sufficient to deter Senator Knox from accepting.

Senator Knox, who is quoted as confiding to some of his friends that he

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RECOVER MANY WRECK VICTIMS

FIFTY-TWO BODIES TAKEN OFF STEAMER PENGUIN

Many Acts of Heroism Performed During Last Moments of the Tragedy Near Cape Terawhiti

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Feb. 14.—Fifty-two bodies have been recovered from the wrecked steamer Penguin of the Union Steamship company, which went on the rocks Friday night off Cape Terawhiti.

Six of those aboard the Penguin are unaccounted for. In all the passengers and crew numbered 100. The ship struck about 10 o'clock at night, but the captain remained on the bridge and after his vessel slid into deep water was able to steer her closer to shore.

The seas were running high and the small boats and rafts which were hastily launched could not withstand the waves.

The boats and rafts were overturned, but while the boats practically sank, the rafts righted themselves a number of times. Many acts of heroism were performed, some of the stronger of those struggling in the water helping the weaker to regain the frail craft.

ELKS FROM SALT LAKE ATTEND BULL FIGHT AT TIA JUANA, MEXICO

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 14.—Salt Lake members of the Elks, with their families, making a party of about 200, are in this city. Some came last night, but the greater number arrived today.

Tia Juana and the sports in the bull ring there were their objective, and most of the visitors braved the shallow ford of the swollen Tia Juana river to reach the little Mexican settlement and behold a real bull fight.

Most of the visitors will return to Los Angeles by late train early tomorrow.

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GROVE JOHNSON PLANS TO START ANOTHER FIGHT

HOT BATTLE IN LEGISLATURE DUE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY REST BILL TO COME UP FOR ADOPTION

Amendments by Selected Committee Eliminate All Provisions Except That Closing Saloons—Other Measures Pending

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 14.—Grove L. Johnson of Sacramento will hold the center of the stage again in the assembly during the coming week, when his constitutional amendment making Sunday a day of rest comes up for final consideration.

It is predicted there will be an unusually interesting debate upon the subject and the parliamentary proceedings will be complicated owing to the present status of the measure.

Two weeks ago, after a stormy meeting, the committee on constitutional amendments decided to report it out with a recommendation that it be not adopted, whereupon Johnson sent in a minority report recommending its adoption without amendment. But it was then amended by a select committee, eliminating all of the provisions except that which proposed to close the saloons on Sunday.

The sponsor for the measure will make an effort to have the minority report adopted on the ground that no harm could be done by submitting the question to a vote of the people. It will be a special order of business for Thursday.

The Leavitt-Stanton banking bill, which was drawn by a joint committee appointed at the last session of the legislature, also will be called up as a special order of business on that day. The bill, which establishes a state department of banking with a superintendent at a salary of \$10,000 a year and an assistant at \$5,000, and which is designed to protect depositors in the event of failures, passed the senate on February 3, was transmitted at once to the assembly and referred to the committee on banks and banking.

Recommended Adoption That body recommended it do pass and it was made a special order for Wednesday.

Three times since then action upon it has been postponed, considerable opposition arising on last Friday when it was called up for consideration.

R. L. Beardslee of Stockton, speaker at the last session and who appointed Philip A. Stanton of Los Angeles, the present speaker, to the committee, raised the question of the kind of securities to be given by depositaries, and Mr. Stanton was compelled to take the floor in defense of the bill.

Assemblyman Johnson of Sacramento, also objected to several minor provisions of a legal character and the matter will be thrashed out in debate Thursday.

In the senate there are several special orders for Tuesday. The motion by Senator Wolfe to reconsider the vote by which the so-called tuberculosis bill was passed, is the subject of a long debate, with Senator Wolfe leading the fight against the bill.

Senator Willis' motion to reconsider the vote by which a constitutional amendment was adopted increasing the powers of county boards of equalization is also expected to take up some time in discussion.

Another important measure to be called up is a bill by Senator Stots of Oakland to reconsider the vote by which the senate passed Assemblyman Johnson's bill providing for the registration of firearms. A strong north-east wind, which has blown since Friday, has held back the water and allowed the ice to gain a foothold.

A great wall of ice runs from the head of Goat island to the American mainland, through which only thin streams are able to trickle.

This wall has even encroached on the Canadian channel, extending out some 200 feet beyond the Third Sister island, greatly diminishing the flow over the Horseshoe.

Only the very apex of the Canadian falls is left, and that is robbed of half of its flow.

The gorge below is choked, and the rapids have lost their fury, while the whirlpool is barely in motion.

This is only the third time that this combination of wind and ice has thus affected the falls since the white man came here. There other occasions were on March 29, 1848, and March 22, 1902.

Escapes by Lightning SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 14.—A flash of lightning put out the lights in the hall here last night, and Oscar Rowe escaped through the prison door into the basement, making his way to freedom through a coal chute. Rowe was awaiting trial in the criminal court on a charge of burglary.

U. S. S. Brutes Damaged WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Feb. 14.—The United States collier Brutes, which was due here this morning from Colon with coal for the warships, had not arrived at a late hour this afternoon. It is understood the Brutes has met with accident, the nature of which has not been made public.