

BALTIMORE POT TO KILL MURDERER, TAKES OWN LIFE

Maniac Blames Nurse for Wife's Death and Watches Weeks to Murder Her

Puts Bullet in Brain in an Undertaking Parlor, Leaving Will to Pay Expense

Obsessed by the idea that the trained nurse had mistreated his wife, while the latter was an inmate of the hospital, the crazed man had laid in wait for weeks watching for an opportunity to assassinate her.

SUICIDE SPECTACULAR

The suicide of Wickman from the standpoint of the elaborateness of detail and fitness of surroundings in which to commit the act, was one of the most spectacular known to the police department, and the authorities are convinced that the man was insane.

Entering the undertaking parlors of Porter & White, 1214 Eddy street, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, Wickman met A. White, junior member of the firm.

"I thought you would remember me," said Wickman, "and for that reason I thought it would be all right if I came in and sat down for a few minutes. I have been very sick and can scarcely walk. I would like to rest here for a little while."

White invited Wickman to take a seat, and went up stairs. E. F. Butler, an employee of the firm, also started up the stairs, but heard a shot, and returned to the reception room, finding dead on the floor with blood spurting from wounds on the right and left sides of the head, was Wickman's body.

White, who had been called by Butler, rushed down stairs and picked up the paper, which he opened and read.

April 11, 1909. This is to certify that I, the undersigned, have the two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) which was the balance of the estate of the late Mrs. A. M. King, deceased, and have deposited the same in the name of the undersigned, to be paid to the undersigned, or to his assigns, as directed in the will of the said Mrs. King.

Added to the bottom of this letter was the following: The undersigned, I guess, will have nothing to do with a murderer like me.

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Elaborate Program Marks Laying of Cornerstone



Supervisor Oscar Hocks laying the cornerstone of the new Mission grammar school at Sixteenth and Mission streets.

PRETTY CEREMONY ON SCHOOL SITE DEMOCRATS WILL URGE INCOME TAX

Celebration Held by Organizations in Mission When Cornerstone Is Laid

Memories of the past and possibilities of the future were features of the enthusiastic speeches made yesterday afternoon at the laying of the cornerstone of the new building at Sixteenth and Mission streets which will house the pupils of the Mission grammar school.

The idea of making the cornerstone laying a conspicuous event was conceived at a meeting of the Mission promotion committee, an organization which fought for the recent bond issue, in which was included funds for the construction of a class A school building in the Mission.

The committee which took the matter up consisted of Oscar Hocks, chairman; Gustave Lackman, C. H. Brown, H. W. Burnmeister and Edward M. Long.

MANY ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATE

Many organizations participated in the exercises. Members of the board of supervisors, the board of education, Native Sons and Daughters, Mission federation of improvement clubs and teachers from public schools throughout the city occupied chairs of honor on the speakers' platform.

James Rolph Jr., president of the Mission promotion committee, in his speech laid stress upon the strength of the people of the Mission, as represented by numerous improvement clubs.

Supervisor G. L. Center traced the history of the Mission grammar school and of the site upon which it was built.

Speaking of the necessity of industrial education in the public schools, Joseph O'Connor, president of the board of education, declared that more attention should be paid to this branch of popular education.

MAYOR MAKES ADDRESS

Mayor Edward Robeson Taylor also addressed the gathering.

"It is by education alone that man has his faculties brought out," said the mayor. "Education insures man freedom from those things which have oppressed him in the past and makes him the right sort of citizen. As we stand here on the third anniversary of that great disaster, we have good reason to congratulate ourselves on the growth of the city; especially ought we be proud of the school buildings that are going up. This building is an index of what San Francisco has done in behalf of her children."

Mrs. Anna F. Lacey, grand marshal of the Native Daughters, read a paper dealing with native daughters in school work in the city.

Alfred Ronoveri, superintendent of schools, delivered an address.

Others who made brief remarks were Miss Edith Krause of Dolores parlor, N. D. W. who spoke on "Landmarks in the Mission," and Miss Susie Christ, grand treasurer of the Native Daughters, who spoke on "Patriotism."

MAID SERVANT PLANS TO BE ROBBED IN PARIS

Chicago Woman's Attendant Confesses Plot With Waiter

PARIS, April 18.—The maid servant of Mrs. William H. Bartels of Chicago, who was robbed and beaten in her apartment in the Avenue Eylan Friday afternoon, confessed to the police this afternoon that she planned the robbery in complicity with a waiter in a cafe, who also has been arrested. A number of the stolen jewels were found in their possession.

GOVERNMENT DREDGER IS BURNED AT GALVESTON

Vessel Is Sunk to Prevent Destruction of the Hull

DALLAS, Tex., April 18.—Fire today destroyed the government dredge boat General H. M. Roberts in Galveston bay, causing a loss of \$100,000. When it was found the boat could not be saved the sea cocks were opened and the hull sunk, which when raised will salvage about \$30,000.

SAVING SUICIDE WILL REVEAL DEEP PLOT

Customs Agent Hints at Complicity of Paris Secret Agent

"I Am Victim of a Diabolical Conspiracy," Writes Dying Man

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, April 18.—A customs officer stationed here is authority for the statement that despite denials made at Washington the suicide of Treasury Agent Bainbridge in Paris yesterday will reveal a conspiracy to defraud the United States government of millions of dollars in tariff duties.

"In my opinion the death of this official will lead to startling disclosures, which may involve the names of prominent society people in New York and other moneyed centers of the United States. About two or three months ago the word was sent abroad by certain dress makers who make a special business of catering to the ultra fashionable set in New York and whose shops are to be found along Fifth avenue or in Thirty-fourth and Thirty-third streets that everything had been fixed on this side for the smuggling of the most expensive creations of the modiste.

"The tip was caught up by a government official, an investigation was ordered. One result was the capture of \$52,000 worth of empire and princess gowns and laces, for which the parties interested in this particular plot have offered to pay the government \$100,000.

"But this seizure is only a raffle on the surface. Smuggled goods began to come into this port in such quantities and in such apparent disregard of ordinary prohibition that the government began to make an investigation abroad. A probe was applied to the consular offices in France for the purpose of finding if there could possibly be a conspiracy between the United States officials abroad and the smugglers.

"How far this investigation on the other side of the Atlantic had progressed only Washington knows. It will all be forced out by this tragedy and the dying statement of Mr. Bainbridge that he had been hounded to his death.

"I Am Victim of Plot"

PARIS, April 18.—"I am the victim of the most diabolical plot ever devised, to ruin an innocent man."

This was the note as it ran in a farewell letter to his wife, which William Bainbridge, who committed suicide yesterday.

Bainbridge's colleagues at the American consulate say they know nothing of a plot involving an agent. Later it was noticed that Bainbridge was extremely nervous from overwork and worry when engaged in ferreting out information in connection with the New York trunk smuggling cases.

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Philip Bolger, Who Has Passed Away



MANY CLUBS MOURN PASSING OF MEMBER

Philip Bolger Dies in Home of Physician After Illness Lasting Three Weeks

Philip Bolger, one of the most prominent men in the club and business circles of San Francisco, died yesterday afternoon in the home of Dr. A. P. O'Brien, 2056 Pine street, at the age of 56.

Bolger came to California from his birthplace in County Wicklow, Ireland, when 18. He grew with the state and at the time of his death was the senior member of the firm of Philip Bolger & Co., Pacific coast representatives of the London guarantee and accident insurance company.

In addition to the host of friends who mourn his death there are many poor families and children who had learned to lean on Philip Bolger when their needs surpassed their means. At Christmas he was the only Santa Claus that scores of little children knew.

Bolger was one of the best known and most highly respected members of the Press club, the Elks, the Olympic club, the Young Men's Catholic union, the Family club, the Knights of the Red Branch and the Young Men's Institute.

On coming to California Bolger went to live with an uncle, who owned a large cattle ranch in Humboldt county. Later he came to San Francisco and for several years was connected with the old Kearny Street railway company.

When he left the car company Bolger associated himself in the accident insurance business with Edward Bosquil. For 15 or 16 years he had represented the London guarantee and accident insurance company, with Edward C. Landis as his partner.

Bolger had been ill for three weeks. Before going to Dr. O'Brien's home Bolger lived at the Press club.

LOS ANGELES PIONEER BUSINESSMAN DROWNED

Father of Oil Magnate Victim of Hawaiian Surf

HONOLULU, April 18.—John E. Chanslor, a pioneer businessman of Los Angeles, was drowned yesterday in the surf at Waikiki beach.

The authorities have been unable to determine whether the death of Chanslor was due to accident or suicide.

Chanslor came to Honolulu some time ago accompanied by his son and a trained nurse. He was suffering with melancholia and his physician advised a trip to the islands. He was apparently much improved, and on Saturday morning the nurse left him asleep in his room at the Moana hotel at Waikiki.

While his attendant was absent Chanslor awoke, dressed and went alone, to stroll along the pier. A little later his body was found floating in the water by a party of natives in a canoe.

The body will be cremated and the ashes shipped to Los Angeles for interment.

OIL MAGNATE'S FATHER

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—John E. Chanslor of this city, who was drowned yesterday at Waikiki beach, was 72 years of age and father of the well known oil magnate, Joseph Chanslor of this city.

He was president of the Anderson-Chanslor company, grocers, and a pioneer business man of Los Angeles.

The relatives here have received no news of the body of their father, who those given in the dispatches from Honolulu.

FIGS EATEN FOR DATES TO MARK PALM SUNDAY

Several Counties in England Observe Peculiar Custom

Among old customs prevailing in this country is that of eating fig puddings on Palm Sunday, or "Fig" Sunday, as it is called in some districts. It is difficult to trace the exact origin of "Fig" Sunday, but the "Grocer" points out that in early ages the common folk had very little knowledge of oriental fruits, and many, preferring the fig to the date, evidently thought it immaterial which they ate to commemorate the palm. A quarter of a century ago it was the custom in Bedfordshire, Northants, Hertfordshire and some other counties to eat figs on Palm Sunday, but to some extent the custom has disappeared.—Westminster Gazette.

SAYS POOR IRISH FOLK BUILD CHURCHES IN U. S.

Massachusetts Chaplain Addresses Big Meeting in Dublin

TAFT AND SHERMAN TO BOOST RAISINS

President and Vice President Promise to Observe April 30 by Eating Fruit

Fresno Chamber Will Hold Meetings During Week and Send Delegation Here

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

FRESNO, April 18.—President Taft will observe raisin day. At a conference in Washington between Taft, Vice President Sherman and Congressman Needham Saturday the president and vice president gave assurances that they would set an example to the American people by eating raisins April 30. Word of this conference reached this city today, and an answer will be sent to the president immediately thanking him for his courtesy in assisting in the raisin day movement.

Complimentary boxes of raisins were presented to Taft and Sherman by Needham for the California raisin day committee.

SUPPORT FROM SENATOR

In a letter addressed to William Robertson, secretary of the raisin day committee, Senator Perkins promised to give his hearty support to the raisin day movement. Perkins also stated that an effort was made before the senate finance committee to have the tariff on raisins and currants reduced by importers of these articles, but he added that thus far the Californians had succeeded in defeating all such attempts.

Senator Flint has also addressed a letter to the raisin day committee, in which he promises to give his hearty support and boost raisin day.

SALES MANAGER REBUFFED

M. P. Smith, traveling sales manager for the Delrey local of the farmers' union, writing to the raisin day committee from Denver, Colo., states that he has been unsuccessful thus far in selling any raisins shipped by the Delrey local on consignment.

Shipping by consignment is the method by which the farmers are seeking to dispose of the holdover crop. He further states that Denver merchants will not buy the farmers' union raisins and suggests that possibly they might be sold at actual cost for advertising purposes.

The Denver and Rio Grande railroad has promised support to the raisin day movement and will serve free raisin dessert on all its trains April 30.

MEETINGS NEAR FRESNO

The delegation of local merchants which was to have gone to San Francisco today to interest the merchants of that city more fully in the raisin day movement and will serve free raisin dessert on all its trains April 30.

GIRL TAKES POISON TO "SCARE" HER LOVER; DIES

High School Girl Ends Life in Dramatic Way at Ukiah

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

UKIAH, April 18.—Miss Irene Howard, a local high school girl, committed suicide this evening by taking a large quantity of carbolic acid.

Miss Howard started out riding and on passing a drug store stopped and purchased the acid. She then drove up before a crowd of bystanders and swallowed the contents of the bottle.

After taking the poison she said that she did not want to die, but to tell a young gentleman friend of hers, whom she was in love with, that she had taken it to scare him.

NOT ROBBER BUT "BROKE," SAYS HARRY D. BROWN

Los Angeles Money Broker Will Be Examined Today

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—Harry D. Brown, arrested in Oakland and charged with being an absconder in a large amount, was brought to this city by Detective Boyd of the city force today. Brown refuses to make any statement except to say that he was "broke," but did not make away with the large sum he was alleged to have taken from people who placed money in his hands. He will be examined tomorrow on the charges against him.

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Votes Cast Friday, 6 p. m., April 2, 1909

Table listing names and vote counts for the piano contest.

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