

AMERICANS SLAIN ABROAD; RUSSIAN HELD

MRB. MARY SCOTT CASTLE CHARLTON, WHO FIGURED IN NEW YORK SHOOTING, VICTIM OF BRUTAL MURDER IN ITALY.

Washington, June 11.—Paul Charlton, law clerk in the bureau of Insular affairs of the war department, and father-in-law of Mrs. Mary Scott Castle Charlton, whose body was fished out of Lake Como, Italy, believes his son was also murdered. He says the couple were much devoted to each other, and intimates that possibly one of Mrs. Charlton's former admirers followed them to Italy and is the instigator.

Como, Italy, June 11.—One arrest has been made in the mysterious murder of Mrs. Charlton, whose body was found yesterday in a trunk in Lake Como. The prisoner is Constantine Ispolatoff, a Russian, who has been seen frequently in the company of the Charltons. No trace has yet been found of the woman's husband. Another man whom the police are anxious to get hold of they say, fled to Switzerland immediately after the murder, but they give no intimation as to who he is. A postmortem today revealed that the woman died of suffocation. There were seven wounds in the head sufficient to render her unconscious, but they are not regarded as of a nature to cause death. The victim expired some time after the body was placed in the trunk.

Body Found in Trunk. The terribly mutilated body of Mrs. Mary Scott Castle Charlton, who was that of Mrs. H. N. Castle, who was Mary Crittenden Scott of San Jose, Cal., was found in a trunk yesterday afternoon submerged in a lake near the village of Moltrasio. Several persons who had known the woman in life and viewed her body declared that she had told them she had been married to Porter Charlton, the son of an American naval officer. Charlton is described as being 23 years old and is said once to have been a student at the University of Pennsylvania. The woman apparently was about 35 years old.

When the body was found it was recalled that recently a young couple had occupied a villa on the shore of the lake. Three days ago they disappeared and have not since been seen by the people of the neighborhood. The woman spoke English. Her companion attempted French, but obviously it was not his native tongue.

Her Career Spectacular. New York, June 11.—Mary Scott Castle was an emotional woman with a spectacular career. She started New York on August 3 last, by shooting Wm. B. Graig, a New York lawyer as he stood on "Peacock Alley" at the Waldorf-Astoria. But her revolver was pathetically small, the bullet was deflected by a fountain pen in Craig's pocket and he was uninjured. No confirmation has ever been obtained in the country of the reported marriage of Mrs. Castle to young Charlton. There were rumors that a couple answering their description had been married in Philadelphia last spring, but young Charlton, who was afterward in New York, issued this statement:

"Porter Charlton, son of Judge Paul Charlton of Washington, married on March 12 Miss Mary Scott of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Clay of Philadelphia. My wife never knew Mrs. Mary Scott Castle."

San Francisco, June 11.—Mrs. Castle, whose body was found in Lake Como, was formerly Miss Mary Crittenden Scott, daughter of the late H. H. Scott, at one time the leading coal merchant of this city.

She was the sister of Lieut. Harrison Scott, U. S. A., who married a daughter of Admiral William T. Sampson, of the United States navy.

RICHLAND

Mrs. Henry Pringle started Tuesday for an extended trip in Nebraska and Colorado.

Dr. W. E. Dodds and Miss Minnie Hacock went to Brighton Sunday afternoon.

Harry Walker, who visited relatives in Oskaloosa the first of the week, returned home Wednesday morning.

H. A. Wall of Rubo was in town on Tuesday. He has sold out and started Wednesday with his family for Cedar Falls, where he will attend school this summer.

John Pendergrass has gone to Clarinda, where he will visit his mother, who is seriously ill.

A. C. Bradley returned Wednesday from Burlington.

The Woman's club was delightfully entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Greenlee.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church met Wednesday afternoon at the church and put in a quiet session.

Fred Smith boarded the early morning passenger going east Wednesday. Mrs. Clarence Nevil and daughter are visiting Mrs. Nevil's father and mother in Washington, Iowa.

Mrs. Byron Vastine, who was visiting in Rock Island, has returned home. Mrs. Gable, Miss Ida Brown and

B. F. Gillam started June 1 for Winona Lake, where the annual conference of the Brethren church is being held.

Children's day will be held Sunday at the Methodist Episcopal church. A good program is being formulated.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Johnson are visiting their son in Clarence, Dakota.

Miss Opha Steele goes to Cedar Falls next week to attend summer school. She is fitting herself for a teacher.

The W. C. T. U. members met with Mrs. Anna Stalker th. afternoon and enjoyed a social afternoon after business hours.

At the primary election Tuesday Carroll received 90 and Garst 24 votes. Not half of the voters were out. The election was a quiet one.

Anderson Cox, son of J. Cox of Oskaloosa and a brakeman on the Iowa Central railroad, while on duty near Keithsburg caught his foot in a frog and while pinioned thus the train backed on him, severing one leg and one arm. They took him to the hospital in Monmouth, Ill., where he died Wednesday. Wednesday night his body was shipped to Oskaloosa for interment Thursday afternoon. Joshua and Enoch Cox, N. D. Cox and wife, Frank, Flora and Milo Cox, near Oskaloosa, are expected to attend the funeral of the unfortunate young man. Ezra Mendenhall of Oskaloosa arrived here Thursday for a visit with relatives and friends.

MARS HILL

Miss Margaret Curry of Village Creek and cousin, Tom Cosgrove of Ottumwa called at the Ross Turner home and the Mowery home Tuesday evening.

Roy Fitzgerald was in Ottumwa Wednesday.

John Connor of Lacona was an over Sunday visitor at the Deiter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Turner attended the carnival in Ottumwa Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Warren and children of Ottumwa spent the latter part of last week with Mrs. Warren's mother, Mrs. Mowery.

BRIGHTON

J. L. Bidwell was a business caller in Washington this week.

John Harkness has been taken to the hospital at Mt. Pleasant to undergo a surgical operation for gall stones.

Mr. Hinchman who has been so seriously ill has so far recovered as to be able to be taken to the home of his daughter about two miles west of here.

Mrs. Jim Lenly is on the sick list this week.

Roy Douns has come to Washington to work this summer at the carpenter trade.

The Presbyterian Endeavor has purchased a new organ for the church.

Edwin Burnett is able to be up and about after his seizure of rheumatism.

Chas. Murphy has improved his place by adding a new cement walk.

Last Sunday was quite a day for the I. O. O. F. lodge at this place, it being their fraternal Memorial day. The Rebekahs and M. W. A. were invited to join in the services which met at the club house at 2:30. The following is a list of those who were present:

Opening ode—Mrs. Vera Friend, Miss Belle Brinton, Messrs. Foote and Peterson.

Invocation—Rev. Hamilton. Singing for the Quartet. Prayer by chaplain.

Noble Grand's charge. Lead Noble Light—Quartet. Address—Rev. W. S. Kight.

Hark, Hark my Soul—Quartet. Benediction.

Following the services the lodge fell in line and marched to the cemetery and decorated the graves of their deceased brothers and sisters. The band furnished music for the occasion.

Seth Hart has returned for a few days' visit with friends in Missouri.

Mrs. Minerva Weidner has returned home from Fairport where she went to care for her daughter, Laura Hicks who is ill.

The Rev. S. K. Coats and Mart White of Washington were business callers here this week.

Miss June Emery of Fairfield is a guest of Miss Rhea Armstrong.

Mary Wycoff is in Wellman visiting her sister Mrs. Bidwell.

W. S. Kight who gave the I. O. O. F. address Sunday afternoon preached at the Methodist church Sunday night at a special service.

Vern Madden is in Washington visiting his sister Myrtle Hanlon.

Mr. Mullen of Oskaloosa is visiting friends here.

C. C. Hendrick is building an addition to his printing shop.

MOTHER OF 9 CHILDREN BLIND.

Terrible Case of Destitution Near Fairfield; Oldest Child Ten; Youngest 4 Months.

Fairfield, June 11.—One of the most pitiful cases of poverty and destitution that has been found in the city for many months is that of William Hines and family out in College addition. The woman is blind and the children, of nine children, the oldest being ten years of age and the youngest four months. The husband has secured employment in the Raney brick yard, but his modest wages are not sufficient to cope with the present high cost of living. The little ones are barely covered with clothing and there is little in the way of house-furnishings or home comforts. The mother without her sight is unable to care for the house or the children and the conditions may be better imagined than described. The woman lost her sight following the birth of her last child. It has not been determined as yet whether the case is a hopeless one or not. The case was reported some days ago to the city authorities and was referred to the commissioner of the poor and city Marshal Shan Campbell went down to look into the matter. On his return he circulated among the men on the street and secured funds to meet the immediate needs of the family.

77 Graduates at Cedar Rapids. Cedar Rapids, June 11.—(Special)—Seventy-seven young people graduated from the Cedar Rapids high school last night.

Beats the Signatur of Chas. H. Hitchcock

FATHER KILLS UNBORN CHILD

FORMER CEDAR RAPIDS MAN WHO ATTEMPTED TO KILL WIFE MURDERS INFANT

Cedar Rapids, June 11.—(Special)—G. W. Layton, who shot his wife and killed himself at Springfield, Mo., was formerly a piano salesman traveling out of here. The particulars of the tragically disclose the horrible deed of a father murdering his unborn child. Both Mr. and Mrs. Layton were quite well known and had many friends in this city.

Layton died instantly as the result of the shooting of himself. But his wife lived. One of the two bullets he fired at her lodged just above the heart and the other in the abdomen.

Mrs. Layton was at once removed to a hospital in Springfield, where she gave birth to a child, in whose brain were found the bullets its own father had fired.

Word from Springfield conveys the news that Mrs. Layton is getting along nicely and will doubtless survive the attempt made on her life.

Layton conducted a piano store at Grundy Center and it was there that he met and married his wife. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rockwell of Gladbrook.

It was said that Layton was cruel to his wife and that she was forced a few months ago to leave him. With her parents she moved to this city and lived for a short time on North Fifth street. About six weeks ago they moved to Springfield, where Mr. Rockwell, father of Mrs. Layton, had purchased a fruit farm. Every effort was made to keep their address from Layton, but in some manner he secured it.

Two weeks ago Wednesday Layton went to a real estate dealer in Springfield and told him that he wanted to buy the farm the Rockwells had settled on, saying that he would pay a certain price and give the dealer a \$200 commission. The real estate man agreed to drive out to the place and Layton accompanied him to a spot near the farm, where he got out after advising the real estate man to get Rockwell away from the house before talking business to him, claiming that if Rockwell knew that he (Layton) wanted the place he would not sell, because they had had trouble.

Layton's plans worked out admirably. When he saw Rockwell and the real estate man leave the house he went in. He asked his wife if she was willing to return to him, which she refused to do, when he said she could take her choice, go with him or be killed. Mrs. Rockwell ran out of the house and screamed for help, which soon came in the form of several armed men. Layton stood them off, after having given his wife ten minutes in which to make up her mind to go away with him. At the end of eight minutes she again refused, when Layton fired upon her twice, then he turned the gun upon himself and fell dead.

Insurance Men to Des Moines. Several Hundred Risk Agents of Iowa Will Gather for Annual Convention Next Week.

Des Moines, June 11.—Several hundred Iowa insurance men will gather in Des Moines on June 15 and 16 for the fourth annual convention of the Iowa State Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents. Many interesting addresses will be given at the sessions and there will be many enjoyable amusements and entertainment features. A banquet at the Savery on Thursday evening, June 16, will end the convention.

Following is the complete program for the convention:

Wednesday, June 15.—Opening session, 2 p. m.—Appointing of committees, general business, adjournment.

Thursday, June 16, morning session, 9:30 a. m.—Address, H. W. Ender, Council Bluffs; address H. R. Powell, president Hawkeye Insurance company, Des Moines, "Relationship of Local Agents and the Home Office"; address, H. H. Putnam, secretary and treasurer of the national association, Boston; address, B. F. Kaufman, president, Des Moines; address, J. W. Warnshuis, state agent Home Insurance company, New York, "Fire Prevention"; address, H. P. Guiney, Sioux City, "Non-admitted Insurance Companies and Their Evils."

Short talks—A. F. Fitz, Dubuque; W. H. Harrison, Davenport; John L. Lutz, Council Bluffs; Lew Benedict, Cedar Rapids; W. R. Weir, Davenport; recess.

2 p. m.—Reports of committees, new business, good of the association, election of officers, adjourn.

8 p. m.—Banquet at Savery hotel.

Iowa Pioneer is Dead. Des Moines, June 11.—Levi Marsh, one of the pioneers of Iowa, died at the home of his son, F. L. Marsh, at Irving, Iowa, aged 93 years. Mr. Marsh came to Iowa in 1853 and settled in Tama county. He was one of the first men to come from the east and make his home in the state of Iowa, which at that time was in its infancy. He is survived by three sons and seven grandchildren. The funeral services will be held at the home of F. L. Marsh at Irving today and the interment will take place at Irving.

Masons Will March Cornerstone Day. Des Moines, June 11.—Masons, 1,500 strong, will march together and be one of the big features of the great parade on Cornerstone day, June 14. They will appear in all of their regalia and in full uniform. Leading the Masonic section will be the Knight Templars.

Many of the officers will be absent from the city to attend the Grand lodge, which will convene next week in Waterloo. Several, however, will stay at home just to take part in the parade and assist in the exercises connected with the laying of the cornerstone. F. S. Treat, master of Pioneer lodge, is in charge of the Masonic arrangements.

TOWNER GIVEN MORE THAN 1,000 COMPLETE RETURNS FROM THE EIGHTH DISTRICT SHOW DARRAH'S LOSS.

Des Moines, June 11.—Complete returns from the eighth district give H. M. Towner, standpat, for congress, 2,141; Darrah, insurgent, 1,138. Towner's majority is 1,003.

Exactly 238,393 votes were cast for the six candidates for state railroad commissioner in ninety-two counties at the republican primary Tuesday.

In the other seven counties practically 11,958 votes were cast for the republican candidates for governor, so that in all probability twice that number, or 23,916 votes were cast in the nine counties, for state railroad commissioners.

It is figured then that approximately 257,309 votes were cast in the state for the six candidates for railroad commissioners.

44,000 Votes Necessary. In estimating what is thirty-five percent of the total vote for commissioner should the total for all candidates be divided by two and thirty-five percent taken thereof? If so, 44,000 is about the number of votes required to come out on top.

The returns by counties in the ninety-two counties give the candidates for commissioner the following number of votes:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Votes. Includes Palmer (53,357), Throne (46,986), Wilson (44,222), Ottosen (40,803), Ferguson (28,550), Sitz (18,517). Total 233,393.

The friends of Mr. Wilson state that the figures so compiled are in error in that they give Thorne more votes than he received. They say that he will lead Thorne about 1,500.

Wilson or Thorne? If the basis of computing the 35 percent described above is adopted, then either Wilson or Thorne will be nominated. It will take the official count to determine.

The canvass is in the counties next Monday.

The returns on supreme court clerk, almost completed yesterday, disclose the nomination of Burgess V. Garrett, unless large discrepancies are discovered in the returns on the official vote Monday. The vote in ninety-two counties was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Votes. Includes Bousquet (42,097), Garrett (58,144), Grubb (31,965), Convention to Name Superintendent. Returns on county superintendent in fifty-one counties in Iowa disclose the fact that the nomination will go to the convention. Total in the fifty-one counties is: Riggs (22,030), Pickett (11,454), Deyo (10,833), Brainerd (9,930), Heminger (8,972), Walby (7,761), Lark (7,118).

LEWISTON CATTLE GOING MAD

MADDENED COW ATTACKED HORSES AND GORED THEM TO DEATH.

Lewiston, Ia., June 11.—On the ranges of the Salmon River district scores of cattle are going mad, but it has not been determined surely whether they have been suffering from true rabies or not. A maddened cow from the range attacked and gored to death a valuable span of horses near White Bird a few days ago and when corraled battered her brains out against the rails of the pen.

There has been an epidemic of supposed rabies in dogs, and a dog believed to have been mad was killed in Grangeville recently. A rabid coyote was killed on the farm of E. G. Ellis near Waha, after it had bitten several dogs, and the dogs were killed to prevent possible spread of the disease.

Enthusiasts Rushing Things Right Through—To Aid Official Transcontinental.

Belle Plaine, June 11.—The Commercial club at its meeting last evening took action of the most favorable nature on the good roads matter, and also raised a sum of money for road improvement in the vicinity of Belle Plaine, including the proposed line of the Transcontinental Official Automobile route which will go through Belle Plaine. It is expected that the official map makers and surveyors of this road will be here soon to make out the route.

Rev. D. Smith of Belle Plaine is the representative of Benton county of this good roads movement. Arrangements have been made here and funds raised for grading and dragging these roads, which are high ways running from Belle Plaine. At this meeting of the Commercial club, officers for the next six months were elected. J. F. Miller is president, L. S. Van Scoy, vice-president, H. R. Mosnat, secretary, and G. F. Messner, treasurer.

Moulton Banker Dead. Geo. Holbert, Dry Goods Merchant and Prominent Citizen Passes Away.

Moulton, June 11.—(Special)—Died at his home Friday evening at 5 p. m., Geo. R. Holbert, one of Moulton's best citizens, a dry goods merchant and bank president of the First National Bank.

HOTEL GUESTS ROUTED BY FIRE

ELLIOTT AT DES MOINES IS THREATENED WHEN STORE BUILDING BURNS.

Des Moines, June 11.—Fire which entirely gutted the building of Brinsmaid & Co., wholesale and retail china and glassware dealers, and threatened the Elliott hotel and the personal charge of the work of getting the guests from the building. An alarm was sounded and all the roomers in the hotel were forced to vacate.

Guests of the Elliott hotel were badly frightened by the fire, but the management of the hotel succeeded in preventing a panic and all the guests were gotten out of the building without the slightest injury. George M. Christian, president of the hotel company, took personal charge of the work of getting the guests from the building. An alarm was sounded and all the roomers in the hotel were forced to vacate.

The blaze was confined by the fire department entirely to the Brinsmaid building, but water and smoke caused damage to the Elliott hotel and to the building and stock of the Wolk Clothing company. The Brinsmaid and Wolk buildings are owned by O. H. Perkins and the hotel building by the State Insurance company. Both are fully insured.

Loss to Owners. Value of Brinsmaid stock \$60,000. Loss to occupants of apartments above Wolk store (water damage) 1,000. Total loss \$61,000.

George M. Christian, president of the Elliott Hotel Co., stated this morning that the business of the hotel will continue and that all patrons will be cared for without interruption. Several of the guests who were last night routed from their rooms while the fire was raging next door, later went back to their rooms. The flames did not penetrate the thick wall between the Brinsmaid building and the hotel and the only damage to the hotel proper is by water.

No Ottumwans were guests at the Elliott.

WARDEN SANDERS IS KNOCKED OUT

FT. MADISON PENITENTIARY CHIEF HAS SCRAP WITH ANGRY FARMER.

Fort Madison, June 11.—Warden Sanders, head of the Iowa penitentiary at Fort Madison, was knocked down twice and both his eyes blackened by William Schenck, a farmer living near Sawyer, Lee county.

Schenck not only laid the warden low, but mounted his prostate form and proceeded to pommel him with his fists in the good old fashioned manner.

Lusty calls for help from the warden brought several convicts to the scene. These men pulled the angry farmer off and helped Sanders to his feet.

The row was over a horse trade. Recently, the story is, Schenck sold a horse to Sanders for the use of the state. Schenck came to get his money and he says Sanders repudiated the sale. Words passed between the two. Schenck was ordered off the grounds and went, Sanders following him to the street. Here it is said that Sanders raised his fists and Schenck promptly responded with a knock down. He followed it up with another. Then, violating all Marquis of Queensbury rules, while the warden was down, he pounced upon him and beat a merry tattoo on his head and face until pulled off by the trustees, who came in response to the warden's calls for help.

Miss Betty Bonnette who has been attending the state normal school at Cedar Falls for a few weeks' vacation and will return for the summer school.

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George Chalfant of Courtland, N. Y.

William Helbert and Miss Bertha Evans spent Sunday in Cantril, guests of Miss Evans' brother.

Jacob Young and daughter, Cora, are visiting in Fort Madison this week.

Miss Meta Bennett of Ida Grove is visiting her parents north of town.

Miss Carrie Winslow visited the last week with relatives in Ottumwa.

J. S. C. Osdon, wife and daughter have returned from an extended visit with their daughters at Muscatine and Oskaloosa.

Frank Parsons and son Earl returned home from Oto, Ia., last week where they have been visiting Mrs. Henry Cecil the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Boies attended the commencement exercises at Parsons college Wednesday, their daughter Grace being a graduate of that institution.

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MEN CONVICTED OF SUGAR FRAUD GRANTED STAY

SENTENCE OF SECRETARY HEIKE AND SUPERINTENDENT GERBRACHT SUSPENDED UNTIL AUGUST 30, PENDING APPEAL.

New York, June 11.—The sentence of Charles R. Heike, secretary of the American Sugar Refining company and Ernest W. Gerbracht, superintendent of the sugar trust's Williamsburg refinery, convicted last night in connection with the sugar frauds has been suspended until August 30 pending an appeal. Bail in each case was fixed at \$25,000.

Charles R. Heike, secretary and treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company, and Ernest W. Gerbracht, formerly superintendent of the Williamsburg refinery, were found guilty of complicity in the sugar weighing frauds against the government.

The third defendant, James F. Bendernagel, who formerly was cashier of the Havemeyer & Elder refinery, was the subject of a long fought disagreement among the twelve jurors during the twelve hours in which they deliberated.

Millions Involved in Case. This ends the government's second attempt to imprison the group of men responsible for the vast underweighing frauds to which the so-called trust has virtually confessed by the restitution of more than \$2,000,000 in duty. It is charged that millions more were involved in the frauds, which have been practiced for years. Of these frauds to the extent of \$4,000,000 are alleged to have been committed within the time limit of the statute of limitations.

Heike is the highest official of the company upon whom blame has been fixed, and he faces a possible sentence of two years in the federal penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000. He is 65 years old. His counsel declared repeatedly that a prison term meant death.

Convicted on all six counts, Gerbracht can be sentenced to twelve years in prison, with a minimum fine of \$10,000. Like Heike, he is past middle age.

History of the Trial. The trial which ended last night was started on May 16 with six defendants included in the indictment. Besides Heike, Gerbracht and Bendernagel, there were three minor employees—Harry W. Walker, assistant dock superintendent, and John M. Walker and James F. Halligan, checkers. The trial had not progressed far, however, when the testimony so incriminated these men that their counsel entered pleas of guilty. They have not been sentenced.

Bendernagel had been tried previously with Oliver Spitzer, the pardoned dock superintendent who testified at the trial just closed, but as was the case last night, the jury found Spitzer and Bendernagel guilty. They are still serving time on Blackwell's island, but Spitzer, conscience stricken, made a confession and told a story that resulted in Heike's conviction.

The sixth count on which Heike was found guilty charges him with "unlawfully and willfully conspiring with Oliver Spitzer and others in making and effecting an adding in effecting a series of raw dutiable sugar at less than their true weight, by means of false and fraudulent statements as to those weights prior to March 1, 1907.

He visited his sister Mrs. George Countryman several days last week at Cedar Falls, where she is attending school.

COUNTY PAID FOR JUNKIN'S APPEAL

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALLOWS BILL FOR \$350 TO JUDGE J. C. MITCHELL.

The feature of the meeting of the board of supervisors today was the allowing of a claim for \$350, presented by Judge J. C. Mitchell for defending murderer John Junkin before the supreme court. Before acting on the claim the board had recourse to the advice of County Attorney Seneca Cornell and upon his recommendation allowed it. The statement called for the fee for defense of Junkin before the supreme court which took twenty or more days in the language of the statement presented. The board members anticipate further accounts because of Junkin before the debt from this case is closed.

The visit of the board to the county farm yesterday resulted in a septuple tank being ordered installed for the disposition of the sewage from the county farm. It is probable that there is sufficient business before the board at this session to make the sitting drag through next week.

Fire Wrecks Vestry. Des Moines, June 11.—(Special)—Fire of unknown origin wrecked the vestry of St. Anthony's Catholic church in South Des Moines at 8:45 o'clock this morning. The loss will reach several hundred dollars.