

"JAP" STAFFORD DIED AT EARLY HOUR TODAY

Had Been Ailing Several Weeks, With Pneumonia—His Untimely Demise Causes Sorrow.

J. M. Stafford (affectionately known to every acquaintance since his early boyhood as "Jap") died at his home in this city, this morning at 3 o'clock, just prior to the dawn of another day, when, after a heroic struggle with a complicated attack of pneumonia, the tired body gave up the unequal fight against the disease and the spirit took its flight to the unknown shore.

"Jap" Stafford was taken ill, several weeks ago, with pneumonia, and was confined to his bed for several days before his hosts of friends about the city even knew that he was absent from his accustomed chair in the Stafford & Dennis barber shop. As time passed and "Jap's" cheery "howdy" was still missed from the shop, constant inquiry made of those who visited the Stafford home elicited the fact that he was very ill, the attack of pneumonia having taken a turn for the worse.

For some two or three weeks, anxious friends hoped that the sick man would master the disease, and word was sent out that the pneumonia was gradually being broken up, but that there was still danger from the collection of matter in the chest; but none could realize that the life of the robust barber was in jeopardy, although attending physicians who were doing all that was possible to do, realized the gravity of the situation and constantly watched for complications.

Yesterday, the matter had collected in the chest in such a manner that was deemed necessary to perform an operation, to which the patient consented. The operation was apparently highly successful, and it was not until late last night that "Jap's" condition changed, and the end soon approached.

Arrangements have not quite all been completed for the funeral and burial of the deceased, but the services will be held in the city hall Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, under the auspices of the Bemidji fire department, of which Mr. Stafford was an honored member, and the local lodges of Modern Woodmen and the Eagles (with which orders Mr. Stafford affiliated) will attend in a body. Rev. S. E. P. White will be in charge of the services. The body will be buried in Greenwood cemetery, where lie a number of former members of Bemidji's peerless fire department.

The following, personal friends and fellow barbers, of the late J. M. Stafford, will act as pallbearers: L. G. Crothers, Everett Kain, Martin Longballa, Charles Bunker, William Garrison and Albert Brabitz.

J. M. Stafford was born in Meeker county, Minnesota, in the year 1887, being the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Edward Stafford. He moved to Fosston, Minn., with his parents and other members of the Stafford family, in 1892, where he lived until the spring of 1892, when he came to Bemidji to live and has made his home in this city since that time.

Mr. Stafford was married, in 1898, to Miss Mayra Atkins, and three children were born to them, one daughter and two sons, the oldest of which is now 7 years.

Besides his wife and three children, the deceased is survived by his father and mother, three sisters, (Mrs. Houghtaling of Washington, who is in the city; Mrs. Redfield, who lives in Canada, and Mrs. Bjorus, a resident of Washington), and two brothers, Bartlett, a resident of Bemidji, and John, of Harvey, N. D.

Of a genial and kindly disposition, broad-minded and true and steadfast to his friends, "Jap" Stafford's was a splendid life; and it almost seems cruel to those whom he loved and the friends he held most dear that his bright life should be snuffed out ere he had reached more than early manhood.

It is sad at any time to stand by the bedside of the dying and watch life's ebbing tide drifting the loved one slowly, perhaps, but surely into the great ocean of eternity, but when there comes whispering from parched lips: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me," it brings a balm to the wounded heart. Thus closed the life of this noble young man.

Biggest Picnic of the Season.

Next Wednesday afternoon, June 9, the Presbyterian men will give a trip down the Mississippi river with a supper at the Electric company's dam. The first boat will leave the city dock at 1 o'clock; afterwards boats leave every hour until 5 o'clock thus giving everyone an opportunity to go, either to spend the afternoon or just in time for supper. One ticket entitles you to the round trip and a good supper. Secure your tickets early.

To Detroit and Return \$12.00.

Via the South Shore in connection with steamers of the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Co. Leaving Duluth June 11th, 16th and 18th. Return limit three weeks. Toledo \$12.50; Cleveland \$13.50; Buffalo \$14.00. For particulars and reservation write A. J. Perrin, Duluth, Minn.

Summer School Boarders.

All parties who are in a position and wish to take teachers to board during the summer school are requested to notify the undersigned.

—W. B. Stewart, County Superintendent.

Theodore Gullickson, the local representative for the Hamm Brewing company, went to Kelliher last evening to interview the users of the popular amber fluid manufactured by the Hamm folks.

JUDGE STANTON GIVES GRAND JURY A "TALK"

Instructs that Body Not to Tell of Their Deliberations.—Gives Good Advice.

Just before the adjournment of court, Saturday afternoon, Judge Stanton requested the grand jury to appear before him. He then stated to them that their prolonged session had given rise to the belief, on his part, that it was advisable for him to again instruct them upon some of their duties and powers in the hope that a better understanding of their legal prerogatives would expedite their work.

The judge called attention to the fact that the jury was in session at a cost to the county of about \$75 a day and urged them to consider and dispose of all matters demanding their attention as speedily as circumstances would permit.

Judge Stanton explained that the duty of a grand jury is to inquire into all public offenses committed in the county and then to make report to the court by either presentment or indictment, and suggested that any other form of report was unauthorized.

The judge told them, in substance, that if a charge was made against any person that their first duty was to determine whether it constituted a criminal offense, in which matter they should be guided by the opinion of the county attorney; and if it did constitute a criminal offense that then they should proceed with their investigations by hearing legal evidence only; that if the act charged did not constitute a criminal offense they should have no evidence.

He further stated, in effect, that any statement to the court of the grand jury's conjecture or surmise regarding any matter would be of no value and could accomplish no good. He urged them to proceed along legal lines and diligently.

The regular panel of the grand jury is as follows: J. M. Fuller, N. W. Helmer, Carl Peterson, Ernest Miller, William Hines, William Geringer, Henry Stechman, L. D. Johnson, John Thoreen, N. J. Hickerson and Nels O. Rippey.

The special venire of grand jurors who reported at the adjourned session, which convened June 2, is as follows: Peter Dicatre, M. Flint, D. C. Smyth, Ole Gennes, M. Fartham, Allen Benner, Esten Estenson, Timothy Craig, Axel Peterson, D. W. Carter, Charles Hayden, Olaf Hawkins and Isaac Peart.

The grand jury returned a "secret" indictment this morning, and Judge Stanton again charged the jury concerning the secrecy of their actions, and advised them that they must not in any way give out to anyone any information concerning their deliberations.

The attention of the court has been occupied with the trial of the damage suit of Jacob L. Brown

against the Douglas Lumber company et al, so far this week, and the case is still on.

The court denied the motion of the defendant company to dismiss the case against them and the defendant began introducing testimony yesterday.

BLACKDUCK

Blackduck, June 8.—(Special correspondence of the Pioneer.) Let, Moon has recently purchased a fine tent and his family are planning to spend the summer camping near the lake.

Rev. R. L. Barackman of Souix Falls, S. D., who delivered the commencement address, arrived Tuesday morning and spent a few days visiting his brother and family.

Dr. Freeburg and family expect to take a two weeks' vacation this month, beginning the 15th. The time will be spent in Minneapolis and Charles City, Iowa. During this time Dr. Freeburg's office will be closed.

Mrs. E. C. Carlton went to St. Cloud last Friday to attend the graduation of her daughter, Letha, from the state normal. Later they were joined by Mr. Carlton in Brainerd, where they spent the week visiting another daughter, Mrs. Schultz.

Dr. and Mrs. Koch entertained with their usual charming hospitality on Saturday evening in honor of the teachers of the schools. Those present were: Miss Flora Koch, Prof. Jardine, Mrs. Jardine, Miss Helen Boyle, Miss Belle Boyle, Miss Fila Zimmerman, Miss Alma Swanson, J. F. Sullivan and Will Cross.

The Missionary Society met on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rice. The topic was "India and its Religion."

Mrs. Rice had charge of the following program: Scripture Reading and Prayer, Rev. Barackman. Hymn, "Near My God to Thee." "The Mohammadan," Mrs. F. J. Doohar.

Solo, Mrs. Oberg. "The Parcus," Mrs. W. L. Stevens. Piano Solo. "The Christian," Rev. Barackman. Piano Solo, Nina Leak. Mrs. M. J. Leak was elected as delegate to the annual Missionary Convention which will be held at Warren June 10 and 11.

Week-End Excursions.

Via the South Shore for Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland and Buffalo by rail to St. Ignace thence D. & C. N. Co.'s steamers, leaving Duluth every Friday. June 4 to July 30. To Detroit and return \$17.00. Limit Sept. 15th.

MURDERER KILLED ON WAY TO COURT

St. Louis Tragedy Culmination of Political Feud.

St. Louis, June 8.—Fred Mohrie, who killed Constable Sam Young in North St. Louis several weeks ago, was assassinated in the corridor of the criminal court building by William Kane, a former deputy under Young.

The shooting occurred as Mohrie was being taken to court to stand trial for the death of Young and is the culmination of a bitter political feud.

Mohrie had asserted shortly after the Young shooting "that the gang" had threatened to "get him," but following the ethics of the "gang" he refused to reveal the identity of the men who had threatened him, saying that he could take care of himself.

ESCAPE ON WAY TO GALLOWES

Three Filipino Murderers Make Successful Dash for Liberty.

Manila, June 8.—Word was received here that the three Filipino murderers of Dr. William Jones of Chicago, who were being brought to this city for execution, escaped from their guards in the mountains of the Nueva Vizcaya province, near Pangasinan.

The escape was made during the night and a thorough investigation has been ordered in the belief that the guards were guilty of gross carelessness, if not complicity in the escape.

Dr. Jones was killed while studying the hill tribes. He misinterpreted a challenge by the natives and received a half dozen spear wounds, from which he died shortly after reaching his boat.

Woman Kills Three and Self.

Corsicana, Tex., June 7.—Mrs. J. M. Green of Richland, near here, killed herself and three children, aged twelve, seven and two, with a razor. Domestic trouble is said to have been the cause.

DISTINCT VICTORY FOR DISTILLERS

Solicitor General's Opinion in Whisky Case.

SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT

While Not Final It Reverses the Position Heretofore Taken by the Department of Agriculture and Sustains the Contentions of the Manufacturers in the Matter of Blended Liquor.

Washington, June 8.—Lloyd W. Bowers, solicitor general of the United States, has submitted to President Taft his opinion as to what the term "whisky" means in law.

In effect Solicitor General Bowers holds, after discussing at great length what the term "whisky" meant at the time of the passage of the pure food law, that the public does not consider that added coloring or flavoring matter can make whisky out of what otherwise is not whisky. Whisky is regarded generally and naturally as having a flavor and properties of its own. "There is no more reason for saying that alcohol becomes whisky because colored and flavored like some true whisky than for saying that alcohol becomes brandy because colored or flavored like some true brandy," he says. On the other hand, the mere addition of harmless coloring or flavoring matter to what is previously whisky does not destroy its whisky character unless such addition unduly dilutes or otherwise affects the essential properties of the whisky.

While the opinion of Mr. Bowers is not final and may be overturned by a subsequent proceeding it is distinctly a victory for the contention of the blended whisky distillers and is a reversal of the position heretofore taken by the department of agriculture. The opinion is very voluminous, consisting of thousands of pages of testimony and a resume of the testimony and the opinion of Solicitor General Bowers.

President Taft authorized the opinion of Solicitor General Bowers to be made public, but announced no opinion himself, because it was his desire to hear further testimony taken from what are known as "straight whisky" distillers.

ARRAIGNMENT IS POSTPONED

St. Paul Girl's Attorney Demands Inquiry Into Sanity.

St. Paul, June 8.—Louise Arbogast, clad in black from head to foot and with a heavy black veil covering her features, was called before Judge Lewis in the district court for arraignment on the indictment charging her with murder in the first degree for the killing of her father, Louis Arbogast, the West Seventh street butcher.

William D. Mitchell, attorney for Miss Arbogast, asked the court before plea was made to take up consideration of the present mental condition of the young woman. Judge Lewis said that he was not prepared to do so at the present time and that, in view of the request of counsel, the arraignment should proceed no further. As a result no plea was entered and over the reading of the indictment was waived.

KILLS HER SON AND HERSELF

Prominent Salem (O.) Woman Commits Double Crime.

Salem, O., June 8.—With a revolver Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp, wife of G. V. Sharp, a politician and manufacturer, killed herself and her twelve-year-old son Harold. The tragedy came when the mother and boy had retired after spending the evening together playing the piano and singing. The motive is believed to be the woman's sorrow over the fact that the son had a maddeningly incurable disease. He had been mentally deficient from birth. Mrs. Sharp was thirty-eight years of age and was prominent in society. Mr. Sharp heard the shots, muffled by bed clothes. He found the door locked, broke it open and discovered his wife and son dead in bed.

FOR ASSAULTING POLICEMAN

Texas United States District Attorney Arrested.

San Antonio, Tex., June 8.—Attempting to interfere in the festivities of a party of society people who were bidding farewell to Miss Bessie Yoakum, daughter of B. F. Yoakum, president of the Rock Island-Frisco lines, at the railroad station here, Eugene Wahraund, a policeman, was assaulted and beaten. The policeman's gun and club were taken from him. United States District Attorney Charles C. Cresson and Samuel Bennett, a prominent lawyer, were arrested in connection with the affair.

Criminologists in Session.

Chicago, June 8.—Criminologists from all sections of the country gathered in conference here under the auspices of Northwestern university law school. No set speeches are on the program, although numerous important subjects have been assigned for discussion.

MME. STOESSEL IN TROUBLE

Alleged Shortage Found in Funds Under Her Control.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—The Port Arthur Benevolent society held a meeting here and as a result of an investigation found a deficit of \$7,500 in the accounts of the society under the presidency of Madame Stoessel. It was decided to lay the matter before the crown prosecutor. Madame Stoessel is the wife of General Stoessel, who was in command of the Russian forces at Port Arthur at the

time of the capitulation to the Japanese, at which period the deficit occurred.

Banker Fatally Injured.

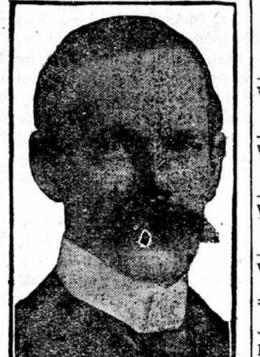
Albert Lea, Minn., June 8.—Charles Both, one of the prominent men of the city, is in the hospital lying at the point of death as the result of an accident while he was on an elevator in the packing plant of which he is a leading stockholder and promoter. He is president of the Freeborn County State bank and has other commercial interests here.

NOTABLE GUESTS PRESENT

Dr. MacLaurin Becomes Head of Institute of Technology.

Boston, June 8.—Before an assemblage of notable guests and thousands of alumni from nearly every state in the Union Dr. Richard Cookburn MacLaurin was formally inducted into office as president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

President MacLaurin, who was formerly connected with Columbia university, actually assumed the reins of government of the institution on June 8.



RICHARD C. MACLAURIN.

1, succeeding Acting President Arthur A. Noyes.

On the stage of Symphony hall where the exercises were held, were seated the special guests, who included Ambassador James Bryce of England, Governor Dreyer, President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard, Bishop William Lawrence, President Henry S. Pritchett of the Carnegie foundation and formerly president of Technology; Arthur A. Noyes, chairman of the faculty, and James P. Monroe, former president of the alumni.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF KENTUCKY FEUD

Ex-Sheriff of Breathitt County Shot From Ambush.

Jackson, Ky., June 8.—Ex-Sheriff Edward Callahan, noted for participation in the feuds that have disrupted Breathitt county for years, was shot from ambush and, it is believed, fatally wounded. The shooting took place in his home town, Crockettville, sixteen miles from Jackson.

Callahan had swept out his store preparatory to opening for the day and was brushing the refuse from the door when the shot was fired. The ball took effect in the left side of his abdomen. Bloodhounds have been put on the trail of the assassin, who, it is understood, hid behind a pile of coal to fire the shot. Callahan was in Jackson Saturday in attendance upon court, a warrant having been served upon him for malicious shooting in a family affair some time ago. His case was continued and he at once left Jackson, telling one or two friends that lately he was fearful of his life.

It is said that the immediate cause for the shooting of Callahan was a dispute over the management of a church he built at Crockettville and of which he is a deacon.

Callahan was the chief lieutenant of Judge James Hargis. Judge Hargis was shot and killed by his son, Beach Hargis, who has received a life sentence for the murder.

AERO CLUB'S NATIONAL RACE

All but One of the Contestants Heard From.

Indianapolis, June 8.—All but one of the balloons that started in the Aero club of America's great national race here have been heard from. The St. Louis III is supposed to be sailing toward the Gulf of Mexico. The New York, with A. Holland Forbes pilot, came down at Corinth, Miss., and the Hoosier, Captain T. S. Baldwin pilot, landed at Greenburg, Tenn.

The Indiana, Carl Fisher of Indianapolis pilot and G. A. Brumbaugh, assistant, came near enough to ground at Schackle Island, Tenn., to let down two buckets and get a fresh supply of water. They then lightened ballast and mounted again to the higher currents to continue the race. Schackle Island is twelve miles north of Nashville.

Mrs. Taft Saves Condemned Man.

Washington, June 8.—Mrs. Taft, through her womanly instinct of mercy, has saved from death a Russian named Porovich, convicted of murder at Fairbanks, Alaska, and sentenced to be executed. It is said that her intercession with the president influenced him to change the sentence to life imprisonment.

Business Section in Ruins.

Valley City, N. D., June 8.—Fire destroyed the greater portion of the business section of the village of Nome, in the southern part of this county. The loss is \$75,000, principally on a general store, drug store, bank, hardware store and small offices. The fire started in the general store of Ferguson Bros.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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WANTED—Good lady cook for hotel work. Inquire at this office.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Rubber stamps. The Pioneer will procure any kind of a rubber stamp for you an short notice.

FOR SALE—Seven-room house at 1111 Lake Boulevard. Inquire of Henry Stechman, 719 Bemidji avenue.

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FOR SALE—One 6-horse G. R. E. gasoline engine, for sale cheap. Floyd Brown.

FOR SALE—Cheap saddle pony, by Bislar & Murphy, 117 3rd street.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—The barn known as the S. P. Hayth barn at the rear of the postoffice. Inquire at 406 Minnesota Avenue.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PUBLIC LIBRARY—Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 2:30 to 6 p. m., and Saturday evening 7:30 to 9 p. m. also. Library in basement of Court House. Mrs. Donald, librarian.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, ss.

County of Beltrami, ss. In District Court, 15th Judicial District.

Earl F. Heath, Plaintiff.

vs. Amore Heath, Defendant.

The State of Minnesota, to the above named defendant.

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint of the plaintiff in the above entitled action which said complaint is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office in the city of Bemidji, county and state above named, within thirty days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in said action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.

Dated June 1st, 1908.

FRANK A. JACKSON, Plaintiff's Attorney, Bemidji, Minnesota.

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