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SAVES MAN AS PAIDIES OF GAS IN HOTEL

KEEPER RESCUES GUEST ON THRESHOLD OF DEATH ROOM AT THE SHERMAN

John Haney, Formerly a Farmer of Near Marston, Asphyxiated.

John Haney, 57, retired farmer of near Marston, Ill., met death by asphyxiation at the Sherman hotel Wednesday evening and James Raver, 46, Peoria, narrowly escaped death from the same cause in a small kitchen on the second floor of the hotel. The gas escaped from the kitchen stove, but neither of the men had seemed to have noticed the odor.

Haney, who had left his home on the farm last March and who had since that time lived periodically at the Sherman hotel, was preparing the unused kitchen as a place to prepare his own meals.

Raver, who came to the hotel from Peoria about two weeks ago, was called into the kitchen by Haney at 6 o'clock in the evening. The two men talked a few minutes and Raver went out to mail a Christmas package. On his return to the hotel he went to the kitchen and set down his Haney.

Shortly after Raver was overcome with illness and told Haney that the pipe that he, Raver, was smoking was evidently not agreeing with him. Haney replied that he was feeling sleepy and rested his head on one hand.

He seemed to have gone to sleep immediately and Raver walked over and shook him without waking him.

Raver at the instant became aware of what was wrong in the room and feeling that he was also slipping into unconsciousness, made for the door. He took a few steps and fell to the floor, his head close to the door. He attempted to reach up and grasp the knob on the door, but fell back unconscious. Such was the story he told when brought back to life a few minutes later by one of a pulmonologist and the administrations of Dr. F. D. Paul.

Hotel Manager Saves Life. It is due to Lawrence Pedigo, hotel manager, that there was not a double tragedy. Shortly after 6 o'clock the manager returned to the hotel and immediately detected the odor of gas. Knowing that there had been some trouble with a gas plate on the third floor recently he thought that gas might be escaping from it. He made a hurried trip to the third floor, but found nothing wrong. He then thought of the second floor kitchen and ran down the flight of steps from the third floor. Opening the kitchen door he saw both Haney and Raver unconscious. He dragged the two men into another room and opened the windows and then called a physician.

ROMAN DECREE TELLS BISHOPS TO BE ON GUARD

Young Men's Christian Association Mentioned in Document.

Rome, Dec. 22.—The holy office issued a decree today asking Catholic bishops to watch "an organization which, while professing absolute freedom of thought in religious matters, instills indifference and apostasy to the Catholic religion in the minds of its adherents."

The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian Association by name, saying it is upheld by many Catholics who do not know its real nature. The decree says the organization corrupts the faith of youths.

Clauses of the canon law which forbid papers, periodicals and organizations favoring religious radicalism and indifference are recalled in the decree, which requests the bishops to communicate with the Holy See within six months the decision taken on the subject at regional congresses.

Y. M. C. A. Astonished. New York, Dec. 23.—Officials of the overseas department of the Young Men's Christian Association expressed astonishment today when they learned that the holy office in Rome had issued a decree warning its bishops against the American organization and adding he could think of no reason for its being the subject of a papal attack.

APPROVES LOAN TO RAILROADS

Interstate Commerce Commission Assists in Financing Purchase of New Equipment.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A loan of \$26,775,000 to eight western railroads to help finance improvements and the purchase of new equipment and additions and betterments. The roads are to furnish \$30,000,000 for this purpose and the fund will be expended jointly.

FORDNEY BILL PASSED BY AID OF DEMOCRATS

Attitude of Party Towards G. O. P. Tariff Measure Surprising.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Special to The Argus). Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Abnormal economic conditions are producing abnormal political divisions everywhere but the attitude of the Democrats toward the emergency tariff bill about to be passed by the house of representatives is the most significant thing that has happened since the political upheaval which the country experienced at the polls last November.

Informally canvassing the Democrats in the house, the leaders found a few days ago that about two-thirds of them were getting ready to vote for the Fordney tariff bill, and that in spite of the fact that the wool schedule is much higher than the famous schedule K which President Taft finally admitted was "indefensible."

Democratic leaders began to reason with their brethren and found out that fear of the farmers and the cattle raisers was at the bottom of the protectionist feeling of the Democrats who were not afraid of Republican opposition but the prospect that protectionist Democrats might arise in the next primaries to contest their seats.

The Democratic leaders found that the Democratic rank and file had been persuaded to believe that they would not be held to task by low tariff Democratic constituents for voting for an emergency measure. The upshot of the conference, however, was a considerable return to the original Democratic position on the tariff and there will not be as many Democratic votes for the Fordney bill as it seemed at first. The vote, however, will be surprising.

The contention of the Democratic leaders is that if a Democrat votes for the principle of protection in an emergency measure, he will find it difficult to oppose the tariff measures which the Republicans will unquestionably offer as a permanent policy when the extra session of congress has been convened.

OPPOSE FORDNEY BILL

How, it is asked, can a Democrat reverse himself when the real tariff bills are before him next spring? Accordingly many Democrats, especially those in the senate, are announcing that they will bitterly oppose the Fordney bill when it reaches the upper house and that they will insist on thorough discussion and considerable debate. Democrats, however, will be found supporting the bill. Senators Randall and Gay of Louisiana as well as some western Democrats in whose states the cattle raisers are clamoring for tariff protection to stop the fall in the price of wool, will form a sturdy coalition which will assist the Republicans materially in getting the measure through the senate.

Southern Democrats are inclined to line up against the measure together with some eastern Republicans who want foreign markets and fear a disturbance to trade if retaliatory tariff wars are begun.

BESIEGERS TRY HARD TO TAKE FIUME

D'Annunzio's Forces Expect Battle With Government Troops.

London, Dec. 23.—D'Annunzio has proclaimed that "a state of war exists between his Fiume government and Italy," and has forbidden the population of Fiume to leave the city, says a Rome dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph, quoting official advice.

The proclamation says the Central News' Rome correspondent, adds that anyone speaking against D'Annunzio is liable to be shot. Military operations have been begun by the Italian government troops against forces in and about Fiume commanded by Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio, who refuses to evacuate the city and permit Italy to put into operation the provisions of the treaty of Rapallo.

Dispatches received here state that military works along the line marking the frontier of the "regency of Quarnaro" have been raided, and an Italian destroyer is said to have shelled d'Annunzio batteries on the island of Veglia, southwest of Fiume.

An attempt on the part of d'Annunzio to seize control of the Montagna canal, running down the Dalmatian coast behind a screen of low islands, has been foiled. Men dispatched to Castle Venier, north-east of Zara, a point which commands the southern entrance to the canal, were forced to retreat, some of them being captured and others disarmed. D'Annunzian legionnaires which have been acting as garrisons at Zara, are said to have fled from that city.

Frustrated Scheme. It is asserted that d'Annunzio planned to abandon Fiume and land somewhere along the Dalmatian coast, where he would raise the banner of revolt, hoping to create a situation which would nullify the treaty of Rapallo. His scheme, however, is said to have been frustrated by government troops, which have prevented the departure from the city of vessels loaded with legionnaires.

Rome dispatches reflected a desire on the part of the Italian government to bring about the peaceful retirement of d'Annunzio from Fiume. It is reported the Duke of Aosta, the cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, may go to Fiume and attempt to dissuade the poet-soldier from continuing his opposition to the Rapallo convention.

Searchlights Playing. Trieste, Dec. 22.—(Associated Press).—Strong cordons of carabinieri and alpine, brigaded into probably a score of battalions, have been thrown about Fiume and have completely isolated that city by land. The Italian fleet, which has its headquarters at Pola, is scouring the Gulf of Quarnaro day and night for d'Annunzio raiders, and searchlights play on the waters from twilight till dawn.

General Cavaglia gave Captain d'Annunzio until 6 o'clock last night to reach a decision to accept the treaty of Rapallo, but the poet-soldier permitted the time limit to expire, when he replied that the pact could not be accepted and he would resist its enforcement. Following the issuance of orders to establish a close blockade, General Cavaglia directed that foreign citizens and civilians in Fiume be given 48 hours to leave the city.

Holdup of Street Car Is Climax of Two Nights of Fearless Moline Banditry

Moline police were combing the city today for holdup men and burglars whose successful operations Tuesday and Wednesday nights netted cash and jewelry amounting to \$300. After a long period of lethargy, outlawry seems to have taken the city by storm and to have led Police Chief De Jaeger to warn merchants and pedestrians not to carry large amounts of cash.

Tuesday night, what police believe to have been an organized gang of bandits, swooped down upon the east end of the city in the vicinity of Fourth avenue and Thirty-eighth street and broke into four residences while the respective families were downtown Christmas shopping. Last night, armed highwaymen held up and robbed a street car conductor, a grocery store and a lone woman pedestrian. Two hundred dollars in cash and jewelry comprised Tuesday night's loot. Last night the burglars got away with \$100 in cash and a gold watch. Scattered reports of other holdups and robberies last night brought the total number of crimes within the last 48 hours to 10, according to the police. All city patrolmen today were searching for trace of the robbers, while their superiors directed the man-hunt from headquarters.

CLARA STARTS FOR OKLAHOMA TO FACE TRIAL

Accused Girl in Hamon Case Leaves Mexico for Ardmore Home. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—Clara Barton Smith left El Paso at 6 o'clock this morning bound for Ardmore, by way of Fort Worth. She was accompanied by her lawyers and Sheriff Garrett.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—(United Press).—Clara Smith Hamon neared the trail's end today. The woman charged with shooting Jake Hamon, oil king and politician, was in the hands of the authorities here and prepared to return to Ardmore for arraignment on the charge of murder.

Mrs. Hamon arrived here from Chihuahua City last night. She was taken into custody by United States officials at Juarez and later turned over to Sheriff "Buck" Garrett of Ardmore. She was allowed to spend the night at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Hamon made the trip with her brother Jimmy. The girl greeted the sheriff affectionately, as they are friends of long standing. Garrett said the sympathies of Carter county and "all Ardmore" are with the accused girl. Mrs. Hamon will be held in \$10,000 bond at Ardmore. After that is furnished she will return here to live with her parents until the trial starts.

The prisoner was attired in a fur coat, small close-fitting hat and blue serge dress. Arrangements were made to get her two trunks, sent to Kansas City when she fled after the shooting, back to Ardmore. The clothes she was wearing, she told officials, were all she had with her on her flight.

With the arrival of the woman here, a mad scramble of attorneys for the right to defend the woman and to advise her began. There was an apparent belief among the attorneys that she would be plentifully supplied with money with which to conduct her defense.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 23.—(United Press).—Russell Brown, (Continued on Page Seven.)

LABOR ACCEPTS CHALLENGE AND PLANS BATTLE

Federation Will Fight Attempt to Establish "Open Shop."

Washington, Dec. 23.—(United Press).—Secretary Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, today accepted the challenge of William Butterworth, president of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, who issued a call yesterday for manufacturers of the country to hold a congress to plan a nationwide battle to establish the "open shop."

"Labor is alive to what its enemies are doing," said Morrison. "We are prepared to meet them at every point."

Mr. Butterworth's proposal is a phase of the agitation of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to establish non-union conditions in industry throughout the country.

The trade union movement is not only strong enough to sustain the conditions in industry which it has established but also to win new victories each year and improve on present conditions for the workers.

President Gompers discussed the plans employers are reported to be making with members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor at a recent meeting here.

Working Out Plan. President Warren S. Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and President William H. Johnston of the International Association of Machinists, now are working out details of their plan to establish a legislative office to fight the plan.

It is believed likely that congressional investigations of the open shop, wage cutting and living costs may be asked of congress by members of the so-called liberal group. Textile workers whose wages have been slashed—are reported to want such an investigation.

ADVOCATES SWEEPING MEASURES

Senator Frelinghuysen Presents Reconstruction Program.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A sweeping "reconstructive" program for the next administration, to effect a return to "constitutional government" and to place the public administration, on a "business-like and efficient basis," was advocated in an address in the senate today by Senator Frelinghuysen, Republican of New Jersey. If the Republican administration fails to do the things the people expect of it, the senator declared, "they will turn on us as they have on the Democratic party."

As immediate steps in the direction of cutting down of government expenditures, Senator Frelinghuysen advocated reduction to a pre-war basis of the number of government employes; abolition of the bureau of war risk insurance and transference of its function to the pension office, and establishment of public works and public welfare departments to eliminate duplication of work in governmental bureaus and to increase efficiency.

Declaring that 90 per cent of the ex-service men who took out insurance policies with the government had dropped them, the senator said the government could not conduct "an insurance business at a loss," and that it was a "fair conclusion that the war risk insurance bureau was a failure."

Repeal Unwise Laws. Pointing to the nation's progress in world trade and commerce as a result of the opportunities presented by the war, Senator Frelinghuysen declared these economic advantages could not be held "unless we repeal unwise tariff laws and rescind unwholesome physical practices."

"American industry must be protected and fostered by a scientific tariff law," he said, "along with a scientific method of securing foreign trade."

The senator declared he was in "heartily sympathy" with pending tariff legislation to protect the farmer from falling crop prices, but that other producers also were suffering from price declines and that the farmer "must not ask that his prices be kept up and the price of articles he has to buy be brought down."

He was opposed generally, he said, to "keeping up" fictitious prices "created during a saturnalia of inflation."

Discussing the question of maintenance of naval forces as affecting the tax burden of all nations, the New Jersey senator declared it was impossible for this country to act alone in the matter of disarmament and that he was in favor of proposals to Great Britain and Japan "that their naval forces and ours be disarmed pro-ata."

Extra Sinking Fund. Turning to government finances Senator Frelinghuysen advocated extension of the present sinking fund operations to cover the nation's floating indebtedness as well as its bonded war debt.

"We should remedy our entire present fiscal arrangements," he said, "by taking the tax from small incomes, removing the excess profits taxes and the surtax taxes and at the same time gain more revenue from a protective tariff and by a tax on manufactured sales. For rendering less complicated our entire fiscal affairs, the enactment of a budget system is vital."

Asserting a need for increased efficiency in the government departments of labor should "be reorganized and social system eliminated."

The department of commerce "made an aggressive, reliable and efficient instrumentality for the development of trade, and not an adjunct of the consular service."

LET SCIENCE HELP WHEN WASHDAY COMES

There are a thousand ways in which time and labor may be saved in the arrangement and equipment of the home laundry room.

Any housewife may apply tests to soaps which will tell whether they are too strong or too mild and warn her of the effects they may be expected to have on cottons, silks, or woollens.

In ironing clothes there are certain facts an understanding of which may save gingham from scorches, taffetas from fading, woollens from shrinking.

There is starch lore and blueing lore. All of these are to be found in a government bulletin distributed FREE through our Washington Information Bureau. It is another of our helps to housewives.

Frederic J. Haakin, Director, The Rock Island Argus Information Bureau, Washington, D. C. I enclose herewith two cents in stamps for return postage on a free copy of the "Home Laundry Bulletin."

PILGRIMS TOOK TOO MUCH WATER

Drinking of "Aqua Pura" Caused Disease—Morse Tells Story of Pastor Who Drank.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—"Much drinking of water" was considered by Governor William Bradford of Plymouth, a contributory cause of the ravages of disease and the shortness of life that afflicted the Pilgrims in the early days. Horace H. Morse, head of the historical department at Mount Hermon school, told the Bostonian society at a meeting last night. He quoted from the diary of Governor Bradford.

The speaker also pointed out as a fact of curious historic interest that Pastor John Robinson, who led the Pilgrims into Holland but did not accompany them to New England, had taxes remitted on one-half a case of beer a month and one hog-head of wine every three months because he held a professorship in the University of Leyden.

BURCH FUNERAL AT CATHEDRAL

Bishop of New York Buried This Afternoon—Russian and Greek Bishops Attend Burial.

New York, Dec. 23.—The body of Right Rev. Charles Sumner Burch, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York, who died suddenly last Monday, was taken to the cathedral of St. John the Divine this morning to lie in state until the public funeral services at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Thousands were given the opportunity of passing by the bier and paying their last respects to the prelate. Thirteen bishops, more than four hundred clergymen, dignitaries of the Russian Church and the Greek Church of America, Governor Alfred E. Smith and prominent city officials were invited to the services.

The deportees, who were rounded up in raids last winter, and had been at liberty on bail, allowed by Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of labor, surrendered yesterday.

Many of them carried toys and other Christmas presents for relatives in Russia. One carried a small Christmas tree to be lighted at sea for the special benefit of the children of two members of the party.

Believed to Be Dead. Rockaway, N. Y., Dec. 23.—For the first time since the disappearance of the naval balloon A-556, nine days ago, officers of the Rockaway naval air station here reluctantly expressed the opinion that the three occupants of the missing craft are dead in the wilds of the Adirondack mountains.

WHISKY GUARD FATALLY SHOT

Thieves After "Booze" Wound Joseph Kline of New York—Followed Truck From South.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Joseph Kline of New York city, a guard on a truck loaded with \$10,000 worth of whisky, bound from Frankfort, Ky., to New York city, was probably fatally wounded when several shots were fired last night near here in what police believe was an attempt to steal the whisky.

The shooting, police were told, was done by six men in a touring car, who had followed the truck from Kentucky. After firing the men in the automobile sped away.

THE WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Friday. Colder tonight with the lowest temperature about 5 degrees above zero.

Highest yesterday, 34; lowest last night, 19.

Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 15 miles per hour.

Precipitation last 24 hours, .01 in. 7 p. m., 7 a. m. yesterday, yesterday, today.

Dry bulb temp., 32 23 20

Wet bulb temp., 32 21 19

Relative humid., 89 77 84

River stage, A: a fall of 2 last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Meteorologist.

2,000 LOSE LIFE BY EARTHQUAKE

Town of Peng Liang in Chinese Province of Kan-Su Wrecked by Shock—Villages Suffer.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—(United Press).—(Delayed).—Two thousand lives were lost in an earthquake in the isolated province of Kan-Su, according to reports here today. The shocks were still continuing at last reports.

The town of Peng Liang, with several surrounding villages, was reported wrecked. Rescue work was carried out with great difficulty because of the isolation of the province and its extreme ruggedness. Kan-Su also is in the famine district.

Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio, on the other hand, is launching appeals. He is praising sailors of Italian destroyers which recently took their ships over to the d'Annunzian side, and is inviting other Italian soldiers and sailors to follow their example. He says that the mutiny of the sailors is worthy of imitation and that his rebellion is a "holy war."

GOODYEAR SUIT IS NULLIFIED

Judge Sustains Motion to Quash Summons in Action Brought by Frank S. Monnett.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Common Pleas Judge Kinkaid today sustained a motion to quash summons in the suit filed by Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general of Ohio and a minority stockholder in the Goodyear Rubber company, asking appointment of a receiver for the company. This nullifies the action in this county. It was said, unless service can be made on an agent.

LAST CHANCE TO SHOP BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Frederic J. Haakin, Director, The Rock Island Argus Information Bureau, Washington, D. C. I enclose herewith two cents in stamps for return postage on a free copy of the "Home Laundry Bulletin."