

PLUNGES TO DEATH

Miss Herbert, While Inane, Jumps from Third Story Window.

FALL INSTANTLY CRUSHES OUT LIFE

Tragic Fate of Daughter of the Former Secretary of the Navy.

RASH ACT IS CAUSED BY MELANCHOLIA

Injury While Horseback Riding Produces Great Mental Depression.

DEAD WOMAN WAS A WASHINGTON BELLE

One of the Leaders in Social Circles While Her Father Was a Member of the Cleveland Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Miss Lella Herbert, daughter of ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert, died at her home in this city this morning as a result of a fall from the third story of her home on New Hampshire avenue, in the most fashionable part of the city, just off Dupont Circle.

The sudden death and tragic features surrounding it were a great shock to the large circle of friends she had made in the course of her life in Washington as the daughter of a popular representative in congress from the south and later as one of the cabinet circle of ladies when she presided over her father's household during the four years he was secretary of the navy under the last Cleveland administration. Her death was traceable indirectly to an accident while horseback riding in Virginia last September. She always has been enthusiastically fond of riding, and while paying a visit to her old home started home on a horse that had not been broken. It stumbled and she was thrown violently to the ground, sustaining severe injuries to her back.

She was brought back to Washington, but recovery was exceedingly slow and it was not until last Sunday that she was able to get out of the house. On that day she went driving for the first time since the accident and Dr. W. W. Johnston, the attending physician, noticed considerable improvement. This morning she was unusually bright and cheerful and chatted animatedly with her married sister, Mrs. Myron, who made her home with the ex-secretary and his daughter. It had been Miss Herbert's custom for several years to take her breakfast in her room and later prepare for the social obligations of the day. Shortly before 10 o'clock she dressed to go down stairs, but instead of descending to the parlor went to the rear room of the third story of her home, whence she fell to the ground, sustaining injuries which caused her death before Dr. Johnston could arrive.

Her father was not at home at the time, being on his way here from Alabama. The death was reported to police headquarters as a case of suicide due to melancholia and temporary aberration of mind as the result of long illness, but friends of the family believe that the fall was the result of an accident.

POPULAR IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

Miss Herbert was the eldest daughter of ex-Secretary Herbert and was a favorite in Washington society. She came with her father to Washington when he was elected to congress and at once took charge of his household affairs, making the Herbert home one of the most attractive and comfortable in Washington from the spirit of true southern hospitality, which gave it an atmosphere of its own among the fashionable homes. Her father became secretary of the navy in President Cleveland's second administration. Miss Herbert was called upon to take her place in the circle of cabinet ladies, where she met with success the heavy social responsibilities placed on her. Socially she was exceedingly popular and her presence was sought at all gatherings. Her social triumphs here were repeated in Europe, where she went to attend the great naval demonstration at Kiel.

Within a few past years she has not enjoyed robust health, but this only induced her to redouble her devotion to out-of-door sports and exercise, and it was while regaining her health by outdoor riding that she met with the accident that indirectly resulted in her death.

This afternoon the following authorized statement was made by a gentleman familiar with all of the facts of the case:

SUFFERING FROM MELANCHOLIA

"Miss Herbert at the time of the occurrence was suffering from acute melancholia. It developed several weeks ago as the final result of injuries received by being thrown from her horse last spring. The melancholia was not insanity in the sense of being accompanied by delusions. At the time there was profound depression, as is always the case in this type of disease. There was danger that suicidal tendencies would develop. For this reason nurses were provided to maintain the closest watchfulness. No suicidal tendency was developed from the time yesterday when for the first time Miss Herbert made an attempt to get out of the window, but was restrained by the nurse. This led to additional caution, and two nurses alternated in constant watchfulness. She was at all times rational, quiet and gentle and it was supposed the disease would yield to treatment.

"Early this morning the nurse on duty noticed a small spot of blood on the bed covering. She inquired what it meant, but she in vain endeavored to pass it by lightly. On making an investigation, however, the nurse found that the water bedclothes were saturated with blood and that Miss Herbert had severed the artery of her wrist with a pair of scissors. Feeling that the emergency was great, the nurse hastened to the door and called an alarm. In this momentary withdrawal from the bedside, Miss Herbert leaped out and sprang from the window. The plunge was made head foremost so that she landed on the top of her head on the pavement. This blow was sufficient to have caused her death from concussion of the brain, and it was doubtless the immediate cause. Aside from this a cursory examination indicated that the skull was fractured. The severing of the artery would also have resulted fatally. When the physician reached her, Miss Herbert was still breathing, but died about an hour after the leap."

The coroner returned a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity. As the facts in the case were clear he decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Ex-Secretary Herbert reached Washington tonight, having been on his way from Alabama to spend Christmas with his family when the news of his daughter's death came.

ENGLAND TO MAKE PROTEST

Will Oppose Division of China Unless it is Consulted in the Deal.

DEMONSTRATION TO BE AT CHEE FO

Reports Are Now That Great Britain and Japan Will Unite to Prevent a Dismemberment of China.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai the British squadron will make a demonstration at Chee Foo on the north coast of the Chan Tung promontory, as a warning, it is supposed, that Great Britain intends to oppose the division of China without being consulted. It is reported there that Russia has offered China a loan to pay off the indemnity of the war with Japan, and it is believed, says the dispatch, that Japan and England are acting in concert to preserve China from disintegration, favoring the idea of a protectorate over central China, with a capital at Nan King.

A German-Chinese commission has been arranged, according to a dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Mail, to settle the boundaries of the occupied district at Kiao Chau, and it is evident, therefore, that the occupation will be permanent. The same dispatch says it is rumored in Shanghai that the British intend to occupy Tientsin, south of Port Arthur. The Daily Mail's correspondent at Tokio says there is no excitement here over the news from Port Arthur. The press is calm and the public indifferent. It is rumored also, the dispatch alleges, that a large Russian military force is coming over from Siberia.

COLOGNE GAZETTE'S SURPRISE

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The Cologne Gazette embarrassed the government today by declaring that the other powers would soon follow the example of Germany and Russia, now that the partition of China had actually commenced. Other papers expressed opposition in a similar vein. It has been hinted that Prince Henry's destination is another point other than Kiao Chau, and that he will receive the supreme command in China seas.

BRITISH TO TAKE OVER KASSALA

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Pascos Pasha and other officers have arrived at Kassala to arrange to take over the place from the Italians. The troops will not arrive there until Thursday. The town of Kassala, which under an agreement between the Italian and British governments is about to be taken over by the latter in Egypt, is one of the three keys to the Soudan, the others being Dongola and Berber. It is an important strategic center between the river Nile and the Red sea, situated on a torrent named El Garza, which during the rains is 400 or 500 yards wide, and produces one face of the desert. The Egyptian force occupied the town they fortified it and made it a "place of arms" against the Abyssinians. On the outbreak of the Mahdi revolt a force under Osman Digma was sent to capture Kassala, then held by a small detachment of Egyptians under Murid Ali Bey Afaf. For twenty-two months he held out against the dervishes, frequently being forth in search of food.

On one occasion the starving garrison made a sortie and succeeded in capturing 2,000 head of cattle against overwhelming odds.

When at length all the ammunition was gone Ahmed succeeded in September, 1886, on condition of the lives of the inhabitants and soldiers should be spared. In spite of a promise to respect the condition, the dervishes committed terrible atrocities and Osman Digma had the mudis and several of the officers executed.

In 1891, when Great Britain and Italy settled their boundaries in East Africa, the latter power was permitted to occupy Kassala until such time as the Egyptians should be in a position to resume possession of the town. In 1894 General Baratieri availed himself of this permission and captured it by a brilliant attack.

On May 8, 1896, the Italian government, answering a question in the Chamber of Deputies, announced that Kassala would be retained, as it was to Italy's interest to fulfill claims to Great Britain's friendship, which it is understood, is being held for the holding of Kassala by Italian troops, but even then it was believed Italy would hold the place only temporarily. Since that time events have caused the practical abandonment of Italy's colonization schemes in Africa, and Kassala, therefore, is to be occupied by the British.

Parsons Pasha takes with him a battalion of infantry and detachments of artillery, engineers, and a camel corps, altogether about 1,800 men. The force was embarked at Suakin in the latter part of last month, and carried to Massowah, the chief port of Abyssinia, from which point it is marching overland. All the diplomatic arrangements for the cession of Kassala to Great Britain had been completed before the end of September last.

ARAB MAKING TROUBLE IN TRIPOLI

TRIPOLI, Dec. 19.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—Several thousand Arabs who had been making a demonstration outside the gates of this place have been surrounded by Turkish troops. The shops of the city are closed and the Arab agitation against the government is increasing. There were disturbances on December 17 at Armus, near here. All the houses inhabited by Hebrews were pillaged. Thirty of the rioters were arrested by the troops.

FUNERAL OF ACTOR TRIESTI

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The funeral of William Triesti, the actor, who was stabbed to death Thursday last outside the Adelphi theater by a super named Price, took place today at Bromhampton cemetery. There was an immense crowd present. The principal mourners were the two sons of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hicks (the latter an actress), daughter of the murdered

ALLEN AND INDIAN EXHIBIT

Nebraska Senior Senator Calls on His Brethren to Help.

ADDRESSES A LETTER TO EACH OF THEM

Asks Them to Lead Their Aid to Secure Passage of the Bill Providing for Red Men's Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Allen today addressed the following letter to all members of the upper branch of congress in relation to his bill asking an appropriation of \$50,000 for a congress of Indian tribes at the Omaha exposition next year:

"My Dear Senator: I take the liberty of calling your attention to the bill introduced by me (S. 2508) to provide for the holding of a congress of the Indian tribes of the United States at the city of Omaha, in the state of Nebraska, in the year, A. D. 1898, and for other purposes. You will greatly oblige me if you will read the bill and the report accompanying it, and if you can, consistently with your sense of public duty, do so, I would be pleased to have you support the measure. I beg to suggest, if the bill should become a law, this will be the first and probably the last general exhibition of the savage tribes of America, and will be a source of great interest to many people who have never had an opportunity of observing our Indian tribes, their habits and customs. No doubt the educational features will be of great advantage to thousands. Omaha is geographically well situated to hold such a congress at a minimum expense to the government. I believe the money will be well expended in authorizing this congress."

THURSTON GOES HOME

Senator Thurston left for Omaha this afternoon to participate with his family in Christmas cheer and in the celebration of his twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. He had several important conferences with President McKinley previous to leaving and made the round of the departments in the interests of his Nebraska constituency. He particularly urged upon the president the importance of giving his state another consul. He called upon the second assistant postmaster general in relation to the proposed change in the mail route between Alliance and Camp Clark. The general proposition is to embrace Alliance on the route from Alliance to Gering and Bayard on the route from Alliance to Camp Clark. If this route were adopted it would do away with the present route from Camp Clark to Gering and would give the postoffice at Bayard and Minitare the means of receiving and dispatching mails in much less time than is now required.

UPHOLD THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW

Question Discussed at a Full Meeting of the Department of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Today's cabinet meeting was devoted almost entirely to a discussion of the operation of the civil service law. The resolution adopted by the senate last Friday calling upon the executive heads of the several departments of the government for information concerning the application of the civil service law to their departments, notably those of the Navy and State, comparatively few changes could be made that would be an improvement upon present conditions. In some other departments exceptions to the operation of the law, in the opinion of the cabinet members, it would, in the judgment of the heads of these departments, be quite proper for the president to modify Mr. Cleveland's orders. While the system was pretty thoroughly discussed it can be said upon the authority of three members of the cabinet that no definite policy was outlined beyond a determination to maintain the principle of the civil service. No effort was made today to adopt a reply to the senate that would embody unqualified approval of the law. It is likely that each member of the cabinet will prepare his reply in his own way, embodying such suggestions as he may deem proper, the replies to be well within a definite scheme to be outlined later.

NEEDS OF THE REVENUE SERVICE

Chief Shoemaker Shows Necessity of Better Equipment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Captain C. F. Shoemaker, chief of the revenue service, in his annual report says that of the thirty-seven vessels in the service two years ago there were nineteen wooden hulls, fourteen of iron, three of steel and three of iron, wooden sheathed. Continuing, he says: "It is asserted that no class of seamen has been compelled to go to sea since the general introduction of steam motive power for marine purposes in such a type of water craft as for the most part comprise the list given. No one with competent judgment will say the vessels have at any time within twenty years were fit for the duty done in them. The measure of success obtained has been wholly due to the indefatigable labors of the personnel which fills the commissioned ranks of the service and the faithful, trained and disciplined crews."

French Cruiser Ordered to China

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A special despatch from Brest says the French cruiser Jean Bart has been ordered to proceed immediately to China. The Jean Bart is a second-class cruiser. It mounts four six-inch quick-firing guns, six five-inch guns, fourteen two and five-tenth inch guns and has nine guns of smaller caliber. Its crew numbers 322 men.

Uruguay Minister Resigns

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 21.—General Le Perez, minister of war and marine, has resigned. General Le Perez was appointed in August last by Senator Jose Cuestas, who assumed the presidency of the republic of Uruguay at the previous ministry, which was dismissed by Cuestas.

Revolt Among the Arabs

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A special despatch from Vienna says: The Arabs along the Persian gulf, notably at Basrah, Bushrah and El Falfah, have revolted and troops are on their way there.

Weyler Will Protest

MADRID, Dec. 21.—Lieutenant General Weyler is preparing to make a protest against President McKinley's message to congress.

THE BEE BULLETIN

Weather Forecast for Nebraska—Fair; Warmer; Westerly Winds.

1. Miss Herbert Committee Succeeded. England Will Object to China Gobbling. Allen Pushes the Indian Congress. Sensational Murder at Maryville, Mo. 2. Omaha May Get a Base Ball Franchise. Phil Armour and His Wheat Deal. 3. State Penitentiary Investigation. Silver's Shortage Shows Up. 4. Editorial and Comment. 5. Proceedings of the City Council. 6. Holla Bondsmen Want Another Trial. Affairs at South Omaha. 6. Council Bluffs Local Matters. Iowa Crops Make a Good Showing. 7. Commercial and Financial News. 8. Female Toilet Preaches on Her Pails. Shriners Make the Poor Happy. 9-21. The Bee's Circulation Statement. 22. "Brakeman and the Squaw." 23. Some More Union Pacific Gossip. 24. Plans for the Exposition Medal. 25. Design for Extending the Park System. Senator Dawes and the Indians.

Temperature at Omaha

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Data points for various hours and temperatures.

RETALIATORY TACTICS OF FRANCE

Increases Duty Against American Meat Products.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The action of the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday in passing a bill increasing the duties on hogs, hog products, lard, etc., is regarded as retaliatory in its effects against the United States. For some time negotiations have been proceeding between France and this country toward making a reciprocity arrangement. They came to a stop recently when the authorities here asked as a condition of such arrangement that France would raise its restriction against American cattle and meat products. The French ambassador, M. Patenotre, communicated with his government, but no reply was given. He was soon afterwards directed to return to Paris, where he is now in conference with the French authorities. No word has been received as to the purpose of France since the ambassador left, but the action in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, when the rate of duties on certain meat products was put through by the premier M. Meunier, leads to the conclusion that the French policy will not be toward abolishing the restrictions, but toward increasing their stringency.

ISSUES A QUARANTINE CIRCULAR

Secretary Wilson Creates a New Infectious Disease District.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has issued a circular to railroads and transportation companies notifying them that a contagious and infectious disease, known as southern fever, exists among cattle in the region south of a line beginning at the northwestern corner of California, thence east and south and southeasterly along the western line of Arizona, thence along the southern boundary of Arizona and New Mexico, and northerly to Colorado, along the southern border of Colorado and Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee to Virginia, and along the northern boundary of Virginia to the Atlantic ocean. From January 15 to November 15 of each year no cattle are to be transported from south of this line to any portion of the United States, either by boat or rail, except for immediate slaughter.

JAPS KILL AMERICAN SAILORS

State Department Takes the Matter Up for Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Department of State has undertaken an investigation of two very disagreeable incidents. They are the killing by Japanese of two sailors attached to the United States fleet on the Asiatic station. The exact conditions under which the killing occurred are not known here yet, and the State department is trying to learn through the United States minister in Manila and the United States consuls in Japan, preliminary to determining what steps shall be taken to secure reparation. If the killing was, as is expected, unjustifiable, the first killing was of a sailor named Montgomery, formerly attached to the Yorktown while it was on the Asiatic station, and the last was that of Frank Epps, a sailor, native of New York, and an apprentice on the flagship Olympia. He was killed at Nagasaki.

RETIHING NATIONAL BANKNOTES

Effect of Low Interest Rates and Plenty of Money.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Mr. Coffin, the acting comptroller of the currency, calls attention to the fact that the retirement of national banknotes during the first twenty days of this month reached \$3,000,000. This is said to be the first time during the last ten years that the voluntary retirement has reached this amount in any one month. This exceptional condition, Mr. Coffin says, is due to the prevailing low rates of interest arising from the overabundance of money for investment, which has advanced the price of United States bonds.

Pertaining to Postoffice

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The following fourth-class postmasters were appointed today: Nebraska—Julius A. Sandax, at Crazon, Sheridan county, vice John Peters, removed; G. S. Comstock, at Oak, Nuckolls county, vice B. P. Philby, removed. Iowa—Charles H. Dunn, at Springfield, Lyon county. South Dakota—E. G. Kneeland, at Garden City, Clark county.

Another Death in McKinley Family

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The death yesterday of Mrs. Charles R. Miller of Canton, a cousin of the president, was a sad blow to both the president and Mrs. McKinley, with whom Mrs. Miller was a great favorite. It was the first intention of President McKinley to go to Canton to attend the funeral, but owing to a pressure of public duties he was compelled to forego the trip.

North Dakota Bank Fails

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The comptroller of the currency has received word of the failure of the First National Bank of Pembina, N. D. The bank has a capital of \$150,000, and according to its last statement had deposits aggregating \$95,000. Bank Examiner Acheson has been placed in charge.

News for the Army

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The leave of absence to Lieutenant Harold Jackson, Twenty second infantry, has been extended two months.

SHOT ON THE STREET

Tragedy Enacted in Broad Daylight at Maryville, Mo.

JOHN F. JOYCE KILLS R. C. MONTGOMERY

Retired Farmer Takes the Life of Prominent Business Man.

ASSAILANT FIRES TWICE AT HIS VICTIM

One Shot Lodges Near Breast Bone and Other Enters Heart.

REPORT OF A WOMAN IN THE CASE

Shooting Said to Have Been Caused by Alleged Intimacy Between the Dead Man and the Wife of the Avenger.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—R. C. Montgomery, a leading citizen of Maryville and senior member of the real estate, abstract and loan firm of Montgomery, Gilliam & Graves, was shot twice and almost instantly killed at noon today by John F. Joyce, a retired farmer.

Montgomery was standing in front of the court house square, a few feet from the front gate, talking to some man, whose name it has been impossible to learn, when Joyce came up to them. He did not say anything for a few moments. When he did finally speak he accused Montgomery of having wrecked his home. At the same moment he drew a pistol from his outside coat pocket and fired twice. One shot lodged near Montgomery's breast bone and the other entered his heart.

After the shots were fired the man separated and Joyce started to run down the walk, putting his pistol in his pocket as he did so. Montgomery pursued him and drew a revolver from his pocket as he ran. The men ran probably twenty-five yards only a few feet apart before Montgomery succeeded in getting his revolver in position to fire, but apparently at the very moment he put his finger on the trigger he threw up both hands and fell forward on his face in the snow.

SEEN BY A CROWD

The shooting was witnessed by a large number of people and a crowd immediately gathered around the prostrate man, and he was raised to a sitting posture. But by this time life was extinct. Joyce continued to run a short distance after Montgomery fell. When he perceived that he was no longer pursued he stopped. He was taken into custody a few moments later by Egan and Wood and was taken to the county jail. Montgomery's body was carried into S. G. Walker's drug store.

When Joyce was seen at the jail a few minutes after the shooting by a Bee reporter he declined to make any statement in reference to his action until he had conferred with a lawyer.

"You know the cause of the shooting as well as I do," he said, "and I prefer to say nothing now." It is generally known that the killing was caused by an alleged intimacy between Montgomery and Joyce's wife.

R. C. Montgomery was a leading business man of Maryville, and one of the best known residents of northwest Missouri. He had been in the real estate, loan and abstract business here for more than twenty years and was regarded as quite wealthy. When not drinking he was a fine business man, but he indulged in periodical excesses that lately cost him his work. He was 45 years old, and leaves a widow, two daughters and a son. One of his sons, Frank Montgomery, is located at Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

BOSTON SWEPT BY THE DEMOCRATS

Quincy Re-Elected Mayor by a Good Plurality.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Mayor Josiah Quincy, democrat, was re-elected today by a decreased plurality over ex-Mayor Curtis, his opponent of two years ago, although the city was more republican at the state election. Quincy's victory was caused by the democratic vote in the city by vigorous work on the part of Thomas Riley, running as a silver candidate, proved futile. His rallies were crowded, but less than 2,000 voters supported him at the polls, democrats as a rule remaining loyal to Quincy.

Notwithstanding the strong effort made by the republicans to get out a heavy vote in the suburban wards, which usually poll heavy republican majorities, Mayor Quincy made great gains over Williams at the state election.

The surprise of the election was the small vote for Riley. Even in the wards where he made his greatest efforts only a few were found in his support, while in his own precinct he received but two votes.

The total vote was but little more than that of two years ago, when the registration was 91,408, against 120,420 in the present election. The total vote for mayor, with one precinct missing, is as follows: Quincy, democrat, 39,707; Curtis, republican, 35,741; Riley, Bryan democrat, 2,885; Goldsley, socialist, 776.

ARMY DETACHMENT FOR ALASKA

Four Officers and Fifty Enlisted Men to Go.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Dec. 21.—Major J. L. Rusker, Fourth cavalry, who leaves here on December 23 for Talya on a preliminary investigation, will be accompanied by Lieutenant L. P. Field, Fourth infantry. They will be followed later on by Captain E. B. Eldridge, Assistant Surgeon F. N. Kemp and fifty enlisted men of Company H, Fourteenth infantry, who will take charge of the relief stores and take them over the trail to the suffering Yukon miners. Lieutenant Field will also form one of the party. The company will leave here as soon as its supplies are ready for shipment.

Fireman Killed by Smoke

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Fireman M. J. Oakley was killed tonight at a fire in the basement of a five-story tenement in East Fourteenth street. Oakley was suffocated by smoke and escaping gas. Assistant Foreman F. E. Head, James J. Davis and Peter Donnelly of the same company were rendered unconscious by inhaling smoke and gas and were with difficulty revived.

Noted Confidence Man Arrested

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—James A. Morgan, one of the best known confidence men in the country, was arrested here today. He lives in Indianapolis. He has served time in the penitentiary for confidence work here four years ago. He is said to be wanted in Columbus, O.