

MYSTERY IN DEATH PLUNGE OF WEALTHY N. Y. MAN

New York, Sept. 2.—Alexander Wetherill, related by marriage to Stanford White, killed by Harry Thaw, was instantly killed today when he dropped to the pavement from the window of Miss Marion Thomas' apartment on the fourth floor of a building at 847 Madison avenue. Whether Wetherill fell or jumped from the window was not known. Miss Thomas said she was out of the room when Wetherill fell.

The girl said Wetherill was taken ill at a theater last night and that he went home with her. She told the police she left him in the front room to make some broth. When she returned he was gone and the window casement open. She believes he toppled over the sill when he leaned out to refresh himself in the breeze.

Wetherill was a member of the exclusive Racquet and Tennis Club. At one time he was engaged to Miss Gertrude Emily Gaynor, daughter of the late Mayor Gaynor, and now Mrs. W. S. Webb, Jr. A sister of Wetherill's mother is the widow of Stanford White.

WHERE MILLIONS ARE FIGHTING

Belgium is organized purely for defense. Her army is 200,000 strong. The River Meuse, the largest tributary of the Rhine, is as wide and deep as the Thames. It flows through the center of Liege, a city of some 500,000 inhabitants, surrounded by a ring of 12 forts, powerfully armed.

The Meuse divides Belgium into two parts. To the north is the fertile flat country, with its great and populous cities; to the south is the wild and hilly forest region of the Ardennes. The valley of the Meuse is the natural highway across. The valley is guarded by fortress of Liege, by the rock fortress of Namur, and by the French frontier fortress of Givet. The capture of Liege laid open the whole of industrial Belgium to the sea.

LESSON IN WAR GEOGRAPHY

Mons.—Center of Belgium coal district in the southern province of Hainaut. Has a population of 36,000. It has had no fortifications since 1862, but previous to that time had a long military history during which it was fortified and dismantled on numerous occasions.

Alost.—City of 35,000 on the west bank of the Dender river, between Brussels and Ghent, about 16 miles from each city. Around it lie the famous hop fields. Its chief mercantile pursuit is linen bleaching, its meadow lands being covered in season with the whitening linens.

Termonde.—Also known as Dendermonde. Is one of the fortified spots of Belgium, with a population of 10,000. Is built at the junction of the Dender and Scheldt rivers. The surrounding territory lies below the river levels and can be flooded. A siege by Louis XIV. in 1667 was defeated in this manner.

Ath.—Former fortress 33 miles below Brussels. Center of lime industry and junction point for railroad line to Alost. Population 13,000.

Audenarde.—Very ancient city, 38 miles from Brussels on line to Courtrai. Its population of 7,500 is engaged in linen and cotton manufactories. Was scene of French defeat in 1708.

Courtrai.—On the Lys, 55 miles from Brussels and 27 from Ghent. Is connected with the Scheldt by a canal. Has population of 35,000. Has large lace trade and surrounding region is noted for its flax. Known to medical and dental history as native place of Jan Palfyn, who invented the forceps about 1700.

Douai.—Industrial city of 36,000, 54 miles from Amiens. It lies on the canalized channel of the Scarpe. Its fortifications were demolished. It is a city of great antiquity, probably built around a Roman fort. During various French wars it was often under siege. It is the site of a Benedictine university.