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### ROCKEFELLER "SQUEEZE" MADE HIM LOSE MILLIONS, MERRITT TELLS SENATORS

**Declares When He Turned Down Proposition He Called a Steal He Was Ruined.**

**FORCED TO MEET LOAN.**

**Told Oil Trust Head When He Wanted to Steal He Would Steal for Himself.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—With a bitterness that lent emphasis to his utterances, and at times fairly besides himself with pent-up rage, Leonidas Merritt told the Stanley Steel Trust Committee to-day a personal narrative of his dealings with John D. Rockefeller, and how the latter had forced him out of business in Minnesota.

Mr. Merritt declared that it was after he had turned down a proposition from Mr. Rockefeller, which he characterized as "stealing," that Rockefeller called upon him to pay a million dollar loan, and brought about his downfall. The proposition, Mr. Merritt said, came through Rev. Dr. Gates, Mr. Rockefeller's almoner.

"I hesitated in assentment to it," said Merritt. "It meant that several men would be thrown out of the company and their stock taken. I turned to Gates and said: 'Mr. Gates, you came from John D. Rockefeller's Go back to John D. Rockefeller and tell him that when I steal for a living I will steal for myself!'"

At one time during the remarkable recital of his dealings with Mr. Rockefeller, an encounter between the witness and George W. Murray, counsel for the Standard Oil magnate, was narrowly averted.

Mr. Merritt said that Gates told him Rockefeller was "hard up." He believed it at the time, but to-day he said Mr. Gates had "lied."

**ROCKEFELLER WILL BE CALLED, SAYS STANLEY.**

During controversy between Attorney Murray and the witness, Chairman Stanley said:

"Mr. Rockefeller ought to be summoned here and will be summoned."

The committee, however, up to a late hour to-day had taken no formal action. Representative Danforth, Republican, of New York, at the conclusion of Merritt's testimony, moved that all the testimony of the Merritt brothers be stricken from the record on the ground that it was irrelevant to the inquiry. The motion was lost. Representatives Stanley, Beall and McGillicuddy, Democrats, voting "no" and Representatives Danforth and Gardner, Republicans, voting "aye." Mr. Littleton, the only other member of the committee in Washington, was not present.

The committee adjourned at 2.55 P. M. to-day indefinitely, and will not meet again until after Congress convenes.

Facing the proposition of having John D. Rockefeller called to the witness stand in connection with his ore deals,

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### ROYAL CHAPLAIN'S DISMISSAL CAUSES A COURT SCANDAL

King George's Action Is Declared Unprecedented in English History.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The Gazette, containing the official announcements of the Court and Government, that King George has dismissed the Rev. Frederick Percival Farrar, his domestic chaplain, and also Honorary Chaplain to Queen Alexandra, makes known an action unprecedented in the annals of the royal court.

The Rev. F. P. Farrar, who is a son of the late Dean Farrar, had been one of the royal chaplains for several years and was a trusted friend and confidante of the late King Edward and Queen Alexandra and of the present King and Queen. So much, indeed, was he in the royal favor that it was confidently expected he would sooner or later be elevated to the rank of Bishop.

The announcement of his dismissal has caused the profoundest sensation in court, society and religious circles. Several charges of drunkenness and immorality are now being investigated by the Bishop of Norwich, in which diocese the accused clergyman's parish of Sandringham is situated.

It is also announced that in consequence of the allegations against him the Rev. F. P. Farrar also has resigned the rectory of Sandringham, where the favorite residence of the late King Edward and of Queen Alexandra is situated.

The Rev. Farrar was married July 6 last, his bride being Miss Nora Davis, a daughter of the late Clark Davis of Philadelphia, and a sister of Richard Harding Davis. The wedding, which was one of the principal social events of the summer, was attended by many well known London society people and the guests also included several prominent Americans, among them Whitelaw Reid, the United States Ambassador, Mr. Farrar and his bride were the recipients of several presents from members of the royal family, the King and Queen and Queen Alexandra being among those who sent gifts.

A Central News cable despatch reports that the committee has absconded and that a warrant is out for his arrest.

### SHOOTING SHOW GIRLS' TRIAL DELAYED A DAY.

Postponed 'Until To-Morrow on Account of Absence of Miss Conrad's Counsel.

The trial of Ethel Conrad and Lillian Graham, charged with the attempted murder of W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire proprietor of the Hotel Ansonia, last June by shooting him in the legs, was formerly entered on the calendar of Justice Louis W. Marcus in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court to-day and then set over until to-morrow.

The trial had been put on the calendar for to-day and the District-Attorney was ready to go ahead with the prosecution. Mr. Stokes and his counsel, Terrence J. McManus, were also ready. But Robert M. Moore, counsel for Miss Conrad, was detained in Malone, N. Y., on a murder trial. Clark Jordan, attorney for Miss Graham, who with Mr. Moore will conduct the defense, pleaded with Justice Marcus to delay the trial until to-morrow so that Mr. Moore could be present when the jury was chosen. Assistant District-Attorney Buckner objected, but the Court allowed the postponement after a telegram had been sworn to by the trial certainly for to-morrow.

World Building Turkish Baths, always open, bath with private rooms, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

### DIVES 23 FLOORS FROM A WINDOW OF SKYSCRAPER

Plunge From Ledge of City Investment Building of Discharged Bookkeeper.

TRIES A RAZOR FIRST. After Futile Attempt Johnstone Makes Death Certain by Dizzy Leap.

John H. Johnstone, thirty-eight years old, a bookkeeper, out of employment and ill, today jumped from the window of an office on the twenty-sixth floor of the City Investing building, Broadway and Cortland street, to the roof of a section of the building forming the basis of a quadrangular court opening into Cortland street. He was instantly killed.

From evidence he left behind it appears that Johnstone went to the twenty-sixth floor of the building and entered an office with the design of cutting his throat with a razor and dying there. He changed his mind, evidently, at the last moment, opened the window, stepped out on the ledge, closed the window and jumped. The razor, broken into little bits, was found in the right outside pocket of his coat. His eyeglasses, unbroken, were found in place on his nose.

Johnstone was employed, up to last Saturday, by the New York County Lawyers Association, which has headquarters on the fifth floor of the building. The office had been on the twenty-sixth floor and the task of moving to the lower floor is not yet completed. James W. Pryor, assistant secretary of the New York County Lawyers Association, discharged Johnstone "for cause," as he explained it today. Johnstone had been at the office Monday and Tuesday, assisting his superior in work on the books.

**REMOVED OUTER CLOTHING BEFORE HIS FATAL JUMP.**

Although Johnstone was expected this morning to continue his instructions to the new bookkeeper, he did not appear in the office and library on the fifth floor. Instead, he proceeded to the twenty-sixth floor and entered an office adjoining the suite formerly occupied by the association of lawyers. This office was vacant, but the names of the former occupants, J. Brockway, J. Lindsey Storey and Charles A. Rose, are still on the door. There is but one window in the office, opening on the court. From an overcoat and a hat which Johnstone left behind on the floor of the office, there was little difficulty in reading the last actions of his life. The hat was in a corner, half overturned, as if it had been thrown there.

After taking off his hat, Johnstone removed his overcoat, a lightweight garment of gray goods. In the right hand pocket of the overcoat, outside, he placed a cheap watch, a little Sunday school pamphlet entitled "Herein Primary Stories for Children" and a bill for 20¢. A small tin box, showing that Johnstone owned that tin to N. V. Kennedy, a carpenter at No. 51 Vesey street.

Removing his collar and cravat, Johnstone folded them carefully and placed them in the left hand outside pocket of the overcoat. Then he opened a case containing a razor, removed the razor, closed the case and p'ced it in the pocket with the collar and cravat.

**RAZOR MADE SLIGHT CUTS ON SKIN OF THROAT.**

He opened the overcoat up as though he intended to use it for a pillow. There are bloodspots on the upper part of the coat, indicating that he started to cut his throat but desisted before he had much more than scratched the skin.

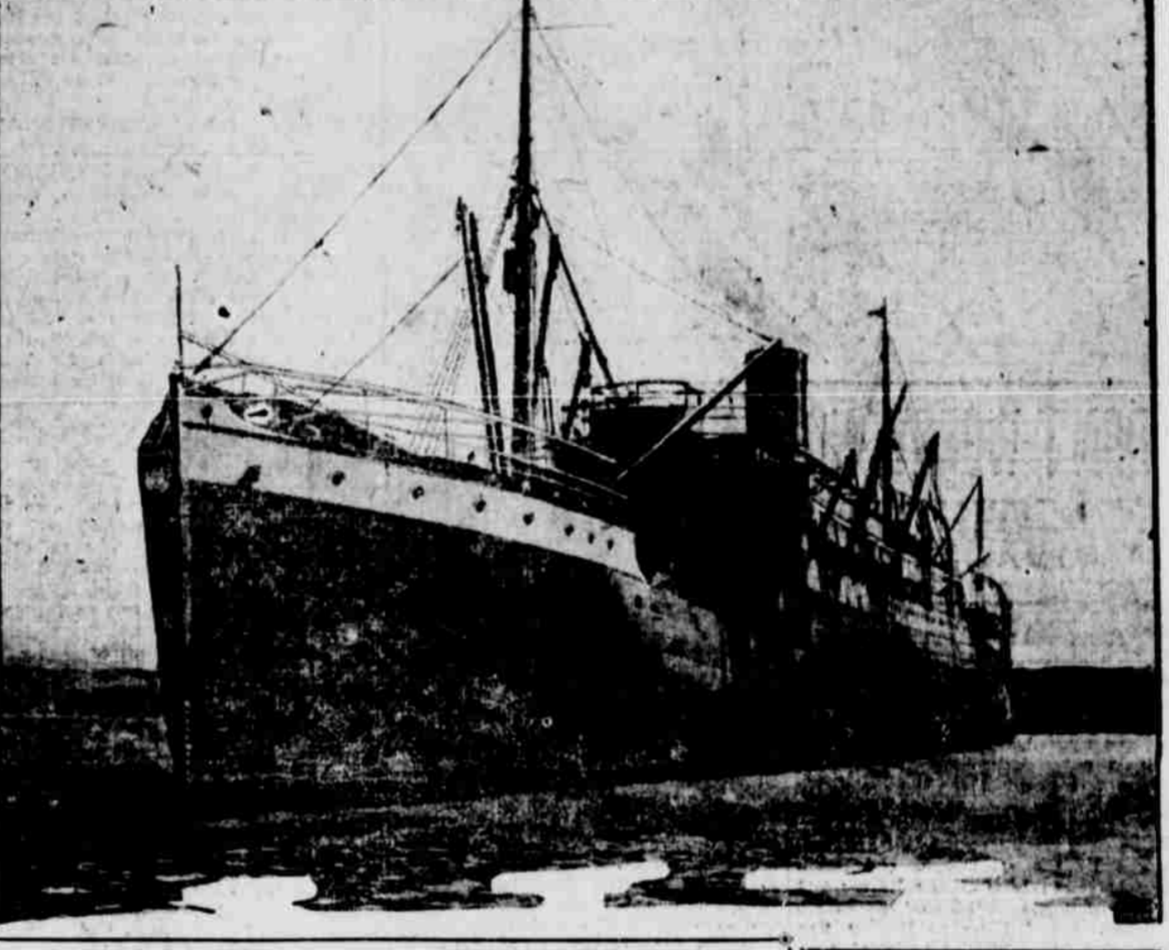
The cut was not deep enough to leave a stain on the shining steel of the razor blade, but a trail of tiny spots on the floor and on a steam radiator under the window traced his movements after he had closed the razor and placed it in his pocket.

He opened the window, climbed out on the ledge, and then, with the care one might expect of a trained bookkeeper, closed it behind him. No one saw him gathering himself for his leap, but several tenants of the building caught a glimpse of his body as it went whirling downward past their windows.

The crash of the body striking the roof was heard in all the offices facing the court. Among the clerks who opened windows and gazed curiously down at the crumpled heap on the roof were those who had worked, elbow to elbow, with Johnstone in the lawyers'

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### Liner Prinz Joachim Now on the Rocks; Captain Who Says There's No Danger



### "DON'T WORRY, NO DANGER," WIRES BRYAN FROM LINER ASHORE IN WEST INDIES

Wireless Appeal From the Prinz Joachim Brings Wrecking Tugs and Other Craft to the Rescue of Tourist Ship.

William Jennings Bryan, three times Democratic candidate for President of the United States, to-day qualified as a newspaper man by getting through the first report from a passenger of the fact that the Hamburg-American liner Prinz Joachim had gone ashore on Atwood Key, near Fortune Island, with eighty-nine passengers, bound for a tour of the West Indies.

Mr. Bryan, with his wife and grandchild, John, were among the passengers who left New York Saturday. Shortly after conflicting wireless reports had announced the trouble of the liner, he sent this message to his brother, Charles W. Bryan, at Lincoln, Neb.:

"Vessel aground, a mile from shore. Don't worry. No danger."

Wireless messages had already told that the ship struck at 3.30 o'clock to-day. It was noon before the New York officials of the Hamburg-American line had any official message that gave the technical position of the liner. The message said:

"First compartment almost filled with water. Others intact."

This statement, said the local officials, assured them that all on board were absolutely safe.

William J. Bryan, his wife, grandchild and fellow passengers on the steamer will be transferred this afternoon to the Ward Line steamships Segurana and Vigilantia, according to an announcement made here by Hamburg-American Line officials. The Segurana is now alongside the Prinz Joachim and the Vigilantia is on her way from Nassau to the disabled ship.

**ONLY ONE OF SEVEN COMPARTMENTS IS DAMAGED.**

It was explained that the steamer is divided into seven watertight compartments, all divided by heavy bulkheads, and with six of these intact, it would be impossible for the boat to sink. The "water compartment" is the first at the bow end of the steamer, and it is supposed from the message that when the boat was struck the bow was somewhat damaged to cause it to leak, and that this is the extent of the damage to the boat.

Before noon to-day arrangements had been made whereby five ships and, possibly seven, had been dispatched to the aid of the beached boat. Two boats which were at Cuba, when the orders

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CAPT. FEY. NEIGHBORS SAW REVELS FROM AIRSHAFT WINDOWS.

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**"POKER" WILL FIGHT LOSES.**

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### "I AM READY TO DIE," BEATTIE DECLARES IN HIS LAST STATEMENT

To Save His Father Further Agony, He Would Sooner Be Executed Next Friday Than Live Thirty Days Longer His Decision.

FULLY PREPARED TO GO; WILL BE BURIED BESIDE WIFE

His Spiritual Adviser Says He Will Not Falter Going to Chair—Has Not Confessed the Murder.

RICHMOND, Nov. 22.—Through the Rev. J. J. Fix, Henry Clay Beattie jr. this afternoon made the following statement:

"I am ready to die. I would just as soon die Friday morning as thirty days from now, because it will end the agony of my father. I don't know but what it is better to die now than to have him suffer thirty days longer. I have accepted religion, and I am prepared for the end."

The preacher said Beattie had become converted, and that he would go to the death chair with the strength of religion in his heart.

Beattie's father also consented to speak to-day, but would say nothing more than that he appreciated Beattie's many kind expressions of sympathy he had his family had received and the kindly consideration of the prison officials.

**WILL BURY BEATTIE BESIDE HIS WIFE.**

Arrangements were completed to-day to bury the body of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., following his execution Friday, beside the grave of his young wife, for whose brutal murder he is about to pay the extreme penalty.

A special permit for the burial, it was learned, had been obtained from the city council. The body will be taken directly from the penitentiary to Maury Cemetery, where a brief Presbyterian service will be held. The father and brother of the condemned man, with a few close friends, will be present.

"The report that Henry Beattie has confessed that he murdered his wife is a pure fabrication. I have just returned directly from his cell, and I know he has not confessed," said the Rev. Benjamin Dennis to-day.

"The boy is holding up well, in view of the situation," said the Rev. J. J. Fix, following his visit to Beattie. "The fact that he has broken down under the strain of facing death, however, gives strong support to the report that Beattie will leave a confession behind."

The chief of police to-day received another "confession" of the crime. This time it came from "A Penitent Sinner" of Jacksonville, Fla., who said he killed Mrs. Beattie and did not want to see another man die for his crime. Several similar letters arrived at the penitentiary in to-day's mail. Although all are carefully inspected, the officials do not take them seriously.

Beattie, who will be electrocuted the day after to-morrow, received communion this afternoon from his family's pastor, Rev. J. J. Fix of the Presbyterian Church. Present with Rev. Mr. Fix was the Rev. Benjamin Dennis of the Episcopal Church. Beattie's personal spiritual adviser, the prisoner's father was the only other person participating in the communion service.

Douglas Beattie, Henry's brother, today denied reports that he would be present at the electrocution, or anywhere near the penitentiary at that hour. He declared the stricken family was sorely hurt by the sensational reports that have been sent out of Richmond during the past few days. No outsiders this far have been permitted to view the solemn act of decorum drawn up by the law around the very prayerful prisoner and the place of his physical expiation.

**BROTHER TO CLAIM THE BODY AFTER AUTOPSY.**

Beattie has made no will, as he has no property to dispose of. He has lived on the bounty of his father ever since he reached an age when he could make

### WOMAN PLUNGES TO DEATH UNDER SUBWAY TRAIN

Scores See Deliberate Suicide From Platform of 96th Street Station.

Mrs. Mary Herzberger, thirty-two years old, of No. 84 Amsterdam avenue, threw herself in front of a north-bound Lenox avenue subway express from the island platform of the Ninety-sixth street station this afternoon and was ground to death under the trucks of two cars that passed over her.

Scores of men and women witnessed the tragedy, and two men who stood near the woman declared afterward that she had deliberately walked to the edge of the platform and jumped out as the head car of the heavy train approached.

Frank Lenning of No. 37 Newark avenue, Jersey City, was the motorman of the train. He did not see the woman until she leaped, almost before his car window.

After a surgeon from the J. Hood Wright Hospital had pronounced the woman dead, Policeman McLaughlin searched the clothing on the body and found a tag that read: "Mary Gocking, No. 84 Amsterdam avenue."

McLaughlin went to that address and brought Gertrude Bartholomew to identify the body. She said she had known Mrs. Herzberger several years and that her maiden name was Gocking. Last July she was married to a pastry cook named Herzberger. Her friends considered that she was happily married and had never heard her complain.

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### Gets \$1,500 Position Through World Ad.

HYMAN BROS., Fancy Cabinet Makers, 213-225 E. 11th St. New York, Nov. 19, 1911. PUBLISHER THE WORLD: Dear Sir—The enclosed advertisement appearing in The World on Nov. 1, secured me the position, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum, with this concern. Being a reader of The World for over 25 years, I send this letter to you unsolicited, in order to encourage other young men. There is always an opportunity for them if they are capable and better still, read The World advertisements very strictly. THOS. A. SHANNON, Mgr. (Hyman Bros.)

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All the Other New York Newspapers Combined.