

B. COHEN SLAYS HIS GRANDMOTHER, TAKES LIFE; MOTIVE DEEP MYSTERY

Son of President of Chamber of Commerce Shoots Woman in Bed.

Father Believes Young Clubman Went Suddenly Insane or Else Fired Upon Hearing Noise—Realizing Mistake, He Committed Suicide.

Henry Barnett Cohen, young society and club man, murdered his 85-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Clotilda F. Cohen, and then shot himself this morning at 334 South 21st street, the home of his father, Charles J. Cohen, president of the Chamber of Commerce and envelope maker of wealth. The young man, who was 22 years old, died two hours later at the Jefferson Hospital.

The motive for the crime is a deep mystery. Two theories have been put forth, both by the father of the dead man. The first is that young Cohen suddenly went insane. The other is that he heard a noise in his grandmother's room and running up there, fired without looking. When he saw that he had killed his grandmother he then shot himself in a fit of despair.

Young Cohen used the heaviest revolver he had, a long barreled Colt. 45. The police think he shot his grandmother while she slept. The bullet entered her chest, passing upward through the head and lodging in a wall.

Charles J. Cohen, the father, his wife and their daughter, Miss Eleanor F. Cohen, were aroused by the first shot. They found Henry Barnett Cohen on the floor, a spot of blood on his temple where the steel-jacketed bullet had entered. His fingers still gripped the big revolver. He was unconscious.

Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, who was called to the scene, found the young man dead. Evidently her death was so sudden that she did not even twitch a muscle. She was lying on her back.

Lighted servants came rushing to the room and gathered around the door. They found Mr. and Mrs. Cohen and their daughter staring at the scene as if unable to grasp the extent of the tragedy. The sound of a shuffling foot in the hallway roused them.

Some one was sent for a physician, Dr. James M. Anderson, of 1905 Walnut street, and Dr. H. B. Owens, of 2045 Pine street, responded. They said Mrs. Cohen's death had been instantaneous. Cohen was still breathing, but even then the physician said he would die.

The young man was hurried to the Jefferson Hospital. A few minutes later he later followed. Physicians tried to revive him but in vain.

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First Convictions Under Primary Law

Judge Balbridge, substituting in Quarter Sessions Court, today suspended sentence in connection with the case of George Kane and Thomas J. O'Brien. Two district officials whose convictions were the first obtained under the new primary law, were sentenced to 30 days in jail.

THE WEATHER

FAIR

The thermometer this morning registered 25 degrees. And on the car coming to work everybody was registering his particular kick. A short time ago the thermometer registered 45 degrees. And on the car coming to work everybody was remarking what splendid weather it was. A short time before that the thermometer registered 25 degrees. And on the car coming to work everybody was remarking what splendid weather it was. A longer time before that the thermometer registered 45 degrees. And on the car coming to work everybody was registering his particular kick.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued cold tonight; Wednesday increasing cloudiness; moderate northwest to north winds.

Observations at Philadelphia

Barometer	30.00
Thermometer	25
Wind	Northwest, 30 mi.
Humidity	67 per cent.
Cloudiness	47
Direction	Northwest
Force	30
Temperature	47

On the Pacific Coast

San Francisco	Temp. 52
San Diego	Temp. 62
Albany	Temp. 62

Almanac of the Day

Day	6:22 a. m.
Night	6:45 a. m.

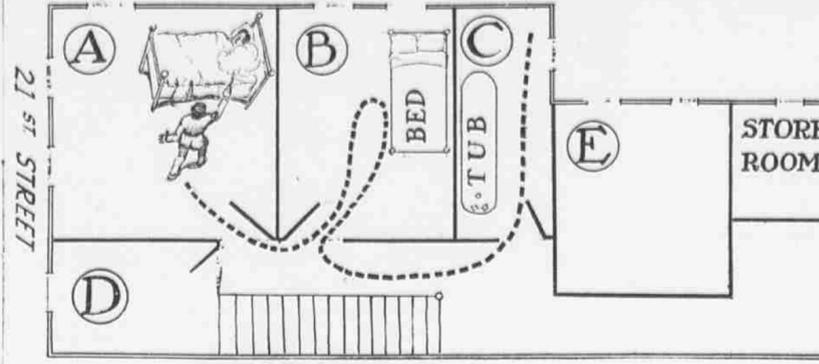
Lamps to Be Lighted

City	6:40 p. m.
Other vehicles	6:40 p. m.

The Tides

PORT RICHMOND	8:31 a. m.
PORT WILMINGTON	8:31 a. m.
PORT PHILADELPHIA	8:31 a. m.

HOW SUICIDE SHOT GRANDMOTHER DEAD, THEN HIMSELF



The diagram above shows the arrangement of rooms in the Cohen home. Henry Barnett Cohen, whose portrait appears below, left the bathroom C where he had been shaving, and entered his bedroom B, where he took the revolver from a suitcase under the bed, after which he entered the room A, shot Mrs. Clotilda F. Cohen when she was asleep and then, standing beside her bed, fired a bullet through his own head falling alongside the bed. E marks the bedroom of his sister, Miss Eleanor Cohen. At D is the maid's room.

SEVENTEEN SURVIVORS OF STEAMSHIP SUNK BY TORPEDO RESCUED

Latest Reports Show 121 Persons Lost Lives on Falaba and Aguilá. Trawlers Report Sighting Number of Bodies.

LONDON, March 30.—Two passengers and 15 members of the crew of the steamer Aguilá, torpedoed off the coast of Wales early yesterday, were picked up today in an open boat after having been given up as lost. One passenger and eight of the crew of the Aguilá are still missing. This brings down the number missing from the Falaba and Aguilá to 121.

MANAYUNK TRAIN OFF RAILS; SEVERAL HURT

Passengers Cut by Glass and Shaken When Car Climbs Station Platform.

Several persons were cut by flying glass or badly shaken up at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon when the drawhead pulled out of the first car of an inbound Norristown local train on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, and the car ran up Schuylkill station platform in Manayunk. The two other cars on the train did not leave the rails.

BISHOP DUBS NEAR DEATH

United Evangelical Church Dignitary Has Had Notable Career.

HARRISBURG, March 30.—The death of Bishop Rudolph Dubs, of the United Evangelical Church, is expected at any moment. He has been ill for several months at his home in this city. His son, Dr. C. Newton Dubs, superintendent of the United Evangelical Missions in Church, who was called home to his bedside, announced today that his father's death was only a matter of hours.

MAN BRUTALLY MURDERED

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 30.—George Fletcher, 45 years old, a watchman at a steam shovel at Park Place, near Mahanoy City, was found murdered today with a pick sunk in his head and five bullets in his body.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION FOR BRITAIN FORECAST AS AUXILIARY IN WAR

Ban on Alcohol, Already Approved by Chancellor Lloyd-George, Considered at Today's Meeting in Council.

LONDON, March 30. All England may go "dry." The Cabinet today thoroughly discussed the proposition that Great Britain be made prohibition territory during the war.

SUNKEN SUBMARINE MOVED 300 FEET TOWARD SHORE

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels today received a cablegram from Admiral Moore at Honolulu announcing that Commander Smith, of the first submarine division, has succeeded in moving the lost submarine P-4 300 feet shoreward from the point where she was located last night.

SEVEN INCHES OF SNOW IN NEW YORK

OSWEGO, N. Y., March 30.—A 40-mile-an-hour gale blew here last night, accompanied by a snowfall of seven inches. The thermometer went down to its coldest day on record for this winter.

BIGELOW QUILTS JOB ON REQUEST FROM GOVERNOR

Commissioner Resigns As Head of Highway Bureau—Leaves Office on Thursday of This Week.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 29.—Edward M. Bigelow has resigned as State Highway Commissioner. He will go out of office on Thursday of this week. Official announcement was made by Governor Brumbaugh, today, that Bigelow has tendered his resignation and that it had been accepted.

The resignation is dated March 28, last Friday. The announcement today was made following a short visit paid to the Governor by the retiring highway commissioner.

Bigelow's letter of resignation follows: Pittsburgh, Pa., March 28, 1915. Hon. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Governor of State of Pennsylvania.

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STEER NEARLY KILLS HIS WOULD-BE SLAYER

Withstands 13 Blows With Ax, Then Charges Butcher, Fracturing Man's Skull.

Twelve times Paul Desliner swung his sledge-like ax and brought it down with all the power of his massive arms on the head of a great steer in the slaughter pen of the D. B. Martin Company, 36th street and Gray's Ferry road. One blow, or three or four at most, will fell an ordinary animal.

MRS. GEORGIANNA TOWER

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HELD AS MORGAN SWINDLER

Herman T. Morgan, believed to be the son of a prominent business man of Hartford, Conn., was held in the Night Court last night, on a charge of having attempted to defraud three of the city's largest hotels. He is 32 years old.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—Monday afternoon, March 29, diamond ring and star bracelet, Howard Street, near 12th and 13th streets, Philadelphia, Pa. Finder, please return to 12th and 13th streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

LATE BULLETINS

NEGRO HITS GIRL ON HEAD WITH HATCHET

George Mattney, 23 years old, 1026 Newton avenue, Camden, used a hatchet on the head of Jennie Lee, 25 years old, 599 Manning street, today because the woman refused to pay him a debt of \$10. Jennie is in the Pennsylvania Hospital with a slight scalp wound. Mattney escaped. Both are negroes.

SUGAR REFINERY PIER ABLAZE

Fire on the pier of the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company, Laurel street and Delaware avenue, late this afternoon threatened to destroy the pier and barges moored alongside. The fire-fighters quickly got the flames under control.

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, PROMINENT CITIZEN, DEAD AT AGE OF 90

Colonel Mark Richards Muckle, one of the most widely known residents of this city died this morning at his home, 1722 Pine street. Colonel Muckle was in his 90th year and the cause of his death is given as advanced age. He had been ill for the past six weeks and his condition grew gradually weaker until his death at 11 o'clock today.

U. S. SENATOR OLIVER INDORSES BRUMBAUGH LOCAL OPTION BILL

"I Am Strongly in Favor of Local Option and Will Be Delighted If Your Bill Is Enacted," He Writes to Governor in Letter.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 30.—United States Senator George T. Oliver has come out openly in support of Governor Brumbaugh's local option bill. Governor Brumbaugh requested him to preside at the public hearing that will be held on the bill next Tuesday afternoon. Senator Oliver declined, but came out strongly in the support of the bill in the following letter:

To Hon. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Harrisburg, Pa.
My Dear Governor Brumbaugh:
I have just received your letter of 26th inst. I feel highly complimented by the request you make, but I have made all my arrangements to go South for a three weeks' vacation. I will, therefore, not be back until some time after the middle of April. Under ordinary circumstances I would travel a long distance to comply with such a request as yours, but just now I feel that I owe it to myself to take a rest. I have been continuously at work for almost two years and have been particularly busy since the adjournment of Congress.

As you know, I am in favor of local option and will be delighted if your bill is enacted.
Very sincerely yours,
GEORGE T. OLIVER.

The passage of Governor Brumbaugh's local option bill by the House rests entirely with the followers of Senator Vane, who represent the respective districts of Philadelphia in the lower chamber of the Legislature.

This was admitted today by the heads of the two factions.

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HOME OF NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER QUARANTINED—FIRST OF KIND HERE IN YEARS

A quarantine has been established by the Bureau of Health over the home of Captain S. B. Gleaves, 2321 South 21st street, whose seven-year-old daughter, Anne, is suffering from epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis. This is said to be the first case of epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis in Philadelphia in years.

Captain Gleaves' daughter was stricken about 10 days ago. Her condition, it was said today, has improved. Captain Gleaves is a member of the National Guard and formerly lived with his family in Monterey, Cal.

Dr. S. Lewis Ziegler, Director of Health and Charities, in discussing the epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis today said: "This malady is a bad type of infection, but, at the same time, it isn't considered very dangerous. The infection in many cases is caused by flies. Some time ago in New York city there were many cases of this ailment, which resulted in a quarantine being established over many homes. The Rockefeller Institute, in New York, at the present time is experimenting in research work in trying to bring about a treatment of this disease."

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THE KENNINGTONIAN SAYS

John McGovern, the popular singer of Alameda and Ann streets, was seen at Broad and York the other evening with a big red rose in his coat.

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