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## CLOSE RELATIVE OF MRS. TAFT SUICIDES

Thomas Laughlin Shot Himself After Vain Quest for Health

## ATTEMPT MADE TO KEEP FACTS QUIET

President Will Attend Funeral, but Mrs. Taft Is Not Well

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 12.—Suicide by shooting caused the death of Thomas Laughlin, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Taft, wife of the president. This confirmation of many rumors was given by Coroner Jamison, after a visit to Laughlin's home today. While Laughlin is reported to have died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the coroner did not receive the official news until 1 o'clock today, when the physician's certificate of death was returned. This assigned the cause to cerebral apoplexy and was made by Dr. McKimmon.

Persistent calls for information caused an investigation, after which the coroner said the physician's return was technically correct, although the cerebral hemorrhage had been caused by a bullet.

Efforts had been made to conceal the fact that Laughlin ended his own life. It was not intended that even the president or any members of the family beyond George Laughlin, a brother, and the widow, should know the actual cause. All traces of the wound are said to have been removed from the body in embalming.

Rumors of the suicide are thought to have been spread through the family servants. The death of his father, Major Laughlin, several months ago, deeply affected Laughlin, who was of a nervous temperament. He had traveled much previous to his death in the hope that his health would be benefited. Upon his return from Europe Sunday night, Laughlin's health and spirits seemed improved.

Laughlin's wealth is estimated at \$20,000,000.

The shock to Mrs. Laughlin has prostrated her. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m. The president is on his way to attend, although Mrs. Taft is reported too ill to leave Washington.

## CORBETT BEATEN IN SEVENTH ROUND

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 12.—Fred Corbett of Philadelphia lost the decision to Frank Piento of Los Angeles in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round bout tonight.

## BILL WOULD MAKE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Sensational Measure Given Approval by House Committee Yesterday

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—A bill requiring compulsory publicity of election campaign contributions and expenses was reported favorably today by the house committee on elections, president, vice president and members of congress.

It was introduced by McCall, republican, of Massachusetts. Action on the measure was accomplished only after prominent men had brought much pressure to bear. The bill has been in the committee since the session began.

Recently, Perry Belmont of New York, Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio and Dr. Charles Eliot, former president of Harvard, addressed letters which appeared in print, denouncing that the committee take action.

The democratic members of the committee, led by Kucker of Missouri, after petitioning Chairman Gaines several times to call a meeting to consider the bill, a few days ago gave out state-

## PEPPER RESENTS ASPERSIONS OF SENATOR

War of Words Marks Yesterday's Session of Ballinger Hearing

## BLACK TENT AFFAIR IS THRASHED OVER

Subordinate of Ballinger Is Accused of Favoring Espee Railroad

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—A sharp clash occurred between Senator Nelson, chairman of the Ballinger-Pinecht committee, and Attorney Pepper, counsel for Gifford Pinecht, near the close of today's session of the inquiry, when Nelson accused the lawyer with "trifling" with the committee.

White with anger, Pepper demanded to know if that was the judgment of the committee and when several members exclaimed, "Let it pass," he said a reflection which he resented had been cast upon him and he questioned the senator's right to make such an accusation.

Pepper was referring to several letters in the record in an endeavor to have Chief Engineer Davis of the reclamation service, who was on the stand, refute several statements made by Ballinger to the effect that restorations of certain lands in the west to public entry after they had been withdrawn by Ballinger, had been made on recommendations of the reclamation service.

Chairman Nelson thought it was a waste of time to go over ground already covered and objected to the reading of the letters. In such instances in which the question was put the witness replied that Ballinger had made a misstatement.

"Now I have come to the point I was after," said Attorney Pepper.

**Black Tent Affair**  
The so-called "black tent affair" figured conspicuously in the Davis testimony. He said E. T. Perkins, purchasing agent of the reclamation service at Chicago, went through the west lecturing in a black tent to advertise the reclamation work under orders from Secretary Ballinger. Officials of the service were subsequently informed, he said, that Perkins was getting allowances of \$500 a month from the Harriman railway lines in addition to his \$3,000 salary.

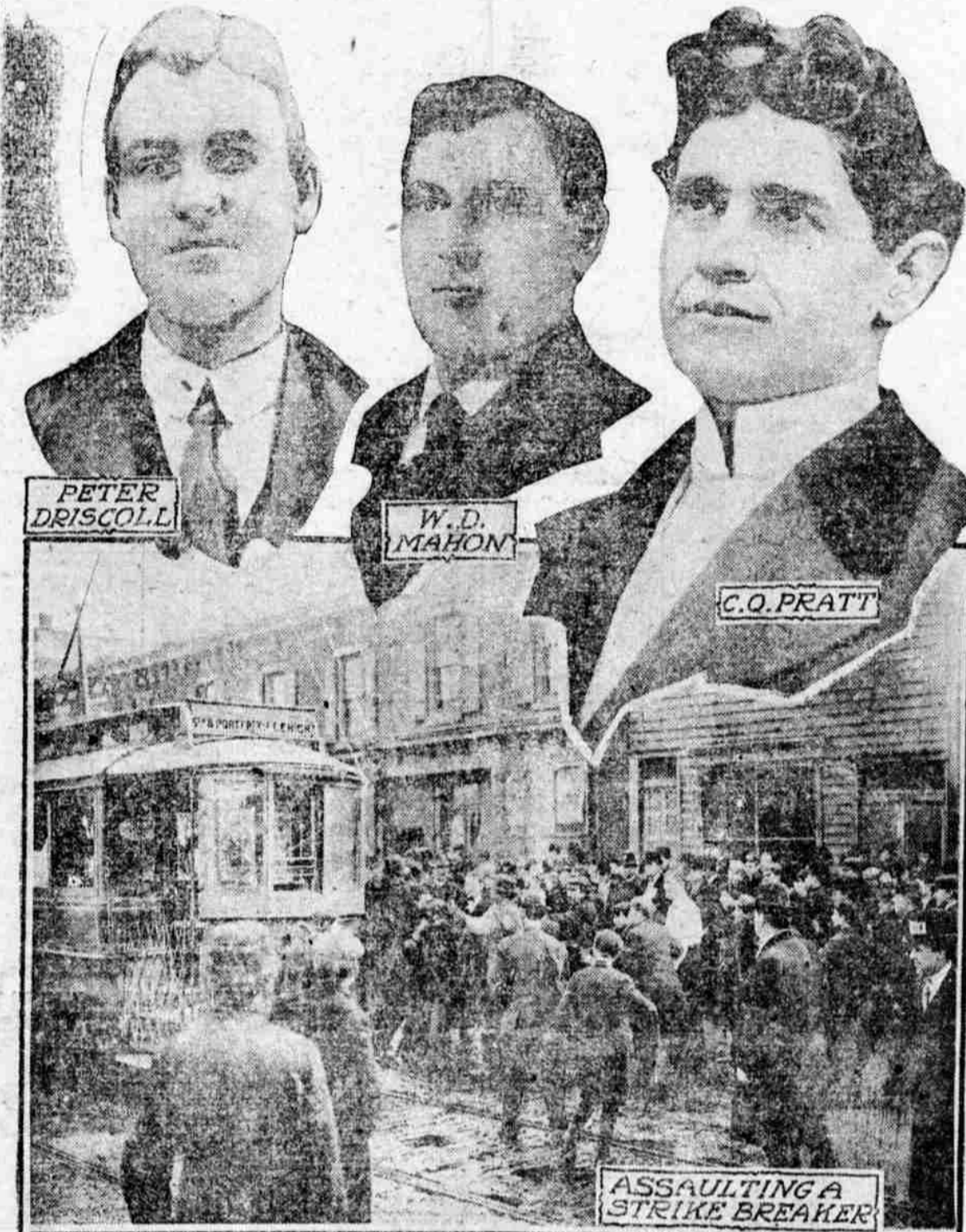
Davis said Perkins had proved his fidelity to the Harriman lines by shipping 50 per cent of the material from Chicago to Mexico, California and Arizona, where the reclamation service has been engaged in projects by way of their lines, which made the longest and most expensive route.

The committee will be in session next Friday and Saturday. It is expected that Director Newell of the reclamation service will be called as the next witness.

## FIVE KILLED WHEN DYNAMITE LETS GO

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 12.—One white man and four Japanese were killed in an explosion at the dynamite works of the Western Explosive company at Rowen Island today.

## Three Leaders of Big Trolley Strike Which Led to Tying Up of Philadelphia.



Three of the leaders of the Philadelphia trolley men in the great strike which called out in sympathy practically all of the union men of the city are W. D. Mahon, president of the street car men's union of the entire country, known as the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees; C. O. Pratt, general organizer of the association, who was sent to Philadelphia to manage the strike because of his known ability in such matters, and Peter Driscoll, president of the local branch of the car men's union.

## TAFT CANNOT TAKE HAND IN STRIKE OF CARMEN

Hopes of Settlement Day by Day Grow Dimmer—Bankers Also Refuse

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 13.—Two of the four mediums through which Philadelphia hoped a strike settlement would be reached today have been practically eliminated.

Yesterday they hoped that either the president, the bankers of Philadelphia, the National Civic Federation or the local conciliatory bodies would find a way to lend a hand to stop the strike.

Today word came from Washington, unofficially but seemingly on good authority, that Taft, through the department of commerce and labor, could not see his way clear to intervene.

The reason given is that the trouble is purely of a local character. The bankers declared that the financial interests would probably keep their hands out.

Whether the National Civic Federation or the conciliatory bodies can be forced to take action remains to be seen.

Another telegram was sent today to Seth Low, head of the federation, asking that body to offer mediation. Low replied that the federation would do so if assured the offer would be acceptable to both sides.

There was no change today in the general strike situation. Employers predict that Monday will see the beginning of a general break among the sympathetic strikers and dozens of unions held meetings today and tonight to lay plans to hold the men together.

Union bakers employed in a big department store have gone on strike and seriously curtailed the supply of bread.

It was noticed today that the police

refrained from using their clubs in dispersing the crowds.

## AFTER FOLK'S SERVICES

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 12.—A tentative proposition that he act as arbiter for the Philadelphia Transit company in the strike of the car men was made today by former Governor Folk by Charles Burton, who claims to represent both sides, and came to St. Louis to see Folk.

Folk said he had decided to await further information before announcing his decision.

## MATCH AUTO RACE IS DECLARED OFF

DAYTONA, Fla., March 12.—The \$10,000 match race between Oldfield in a 200-horsepower Benz and Ralph De Palma in a 200-horsepower Fiat scheduled for March 15, has been called off. De Palma smashed the piston of his car in a race at Los Angeles.

## MILLIONS OF GERMS ON PAPER PELF

New Jersey Statesman Has Bill Providing for Hygienic Money

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Germs—nearly two million of them—of manifold variety—were found on a one-dollar bill microscopically examined at the request of Representative Wiley of New Jersey, according to his statement today before the house committee on banking and currency, in support of his bill to provide clean currency by burning all paper money returned to the treasury.

Among the many diseases found to be circulating about on this money were smallpox, scarlet fever, typhoid, tuberculosis and diphtheria. No germs were found on metal money.

## HAMILTON INJURED WHEN AEROPLANE CAPSIZES

Goes Headlong Into Water at Aviation Meeting in Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash., March 12.—Charles K. Hamilton, the air navigator, was injured while giving an exhibition at the Meadows this afternoon, by capsizing of his Curtiss bi-plane, which fell with him while he was executing a fancy maneuver.

Hamilton is at a hospital suffering from the shock and complains of violent pains in his head, but no bones were broken.

As the closing feature of a highly successful exhibition, he had circled the course at a height of more than 300 feet and at lower altitudes, wheeling and dipping and gliding close to the heads of the great throng of spectators.

Hamilton essayed a rapid descent to a pond of water several feet deep, intending to skim over the surface as seagulls do in their daily sport about this pond. From a height of 300 feet the bi-plane glided gracefully to the bosom of the pond, but the man-bird miscalculated the distance and one of the planes struck the water with the result that the machine instantly turned a somersault and fell a mass of wreckage in the pond.

Hamilton disentangled himself and swam to the shore, twenty feet distant. He was assisted to an automobile nearby, which was started for town. The people dispersed in the belief that Hamilton was unhurt and the automobile went at top speed to Providence hospital, where Hamilton, who had collapsed after reaching the automobile, was attended by physicians.

Hamilton rallied rapidly at the hospital and was able to return to his hotel tonight. He is determined to make a flight tomorrow and declared he would successfully perform the feat that resulted in his fall this afternoon.

## LIQUOR BILL HAS STORMY PATH TO TRAVEL

Many Protests Sent to Governor Sloan Requesting His Influence

## CIVIC BODIES FILE PLEA AGAINST BILL

Claim Passage of "Indian Liquor Bill" Would Hurt Business

Aroused over the possibility of the entire abolition of saloons throughout practically all of Gila county as the result of the adoption of the Hamilton-Owens bill now before congress, protest representing the city council, the county board of supervisors and officers of the Globe chamber of commerce were wired to Governor Richard E. Sloan yesterday, urging him to use every influence to secure the defeat of the bill.

As was stated by the Silver Belt several days ago, the Hamilton-Owens bill provides that no liquor shall be sold within a distance of twenty-five miles of any Indian reservation.

The result of the adoption of this bill in its present form would be to close every saloon in Gila county, with the exception of those located at Payson. That it would be detrimental to the interests of Gila county is the opinion of a majority of the business men of Globe, and as the result, numerous protests have been made.

Pat Rose and William Ryan of the board of supervisors yesterday sent the following telegram to Governor Sloan:

"The people of Gila county are most earnest in their protest against the Hamilton-Owens Indian liquor bill and request that you use your influence to preserve this territory from the fate that would follow the enactment of such a law."

Mayor Alfred Kinney wired as follows:

"I believe I voice the request of every man in Globe when I ask that you use your influence against the passage of the notorious Indian liquor bill, now before the United States senate."

President F. F. Towle and Secretary R. C. Rohrabacher of the chamber of commerce appealed to the governor as follows:

"The Globe chamber of commerce, representing the entire business interests of the great Globe district, protest against the passage of the Hamilton-Owens bill and urges that you do all in your power to prevent the enactment of the proposed law."

As not Gila county alone, but practically every other county in the territory, is affected by the proposed law, it is arousing a storm of protest throughout the entire territory not only from the liquor dealers, but from the general public as well.

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## LOS ANGELES TO BE WELL TAKEN CARE OF

Arrange, practically Computed by Committee in Charge

## LUNCHEON FOR BOTH THE FAIR AND STERN

Day Will Be Filled with Interesting Exhibition of Globe Hospitality

When the big delegation from Los Angeles visit this city next Thursday, the keys to Globe and the entire Globe district will be put in their hands, in a royal welcome that will not be excelled anywhere during the occasion of their trip through Arizona.

At a meeting of the entertainment committees of the chamber of commerce, the provision was made for the entertainment of both the ladies and gentlemen who will make up the party and the reception which has been arranged for the city's guests should leave a lasting impression not only of Globe's hospitality, but of Globe's resources and Globe's position among the cities of Arizona.

In brief, the program is as follows: The special train carrying the visitors will be met by a big delegation of business men of this city, headed by a brass band. Automobiles will be provided for the fair sex and with the hand leading the procession, visitors and local business men alike will march to Banker's garden, the ladies making the trip by automobile.

From Banker's garden, the parade will return to the chamber of commerce. Here an appropriate address of welcome will be delivered by Attorney George J. Stoneman.

**Will Go to Miami**  
The visitors will then be taken on their own special train to Miami. Automobiles will precede the train to Miami and take the visitors to the workings of the Miami Copper company.

With Miami inspected, the train will return to the Old Dominion switch, below town, where it will be met by another train which will carry the visitors to the Old Dominion mine and smelter.

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## AUTO OVERTURNED

One Woman Killed and Other Occupants Hurt on Way to Airship Meet

SEATTLE, Wash., March 12.—A heavy automobile, containing seven persons going to the Hamilton aviation meet, was overturned on the plank road south of the city this afternoon. Mrs. Walter Dresser of Vancouver, B. C., aged 23, was instantly killed and the other occupants injured, but none fatal.

Mrs. Dresser was the wife of an insurance agent of Vancouver, where her family is prominent, and was the guest of Mrs. B. L. Gates, wife of a jeweler and owner of the automobile.

## WEST IS THREATENED BY IMMENSE RAILROAD STRIKE

Managers Refuse to Grant Wage Increase Demands of Firemen

CHICAGO, March 12.—Admissions were made on both sides tonight that the controversy between 30,000 firemen operating on 150,000 miles of railroads in the west, northwest and north-west, and the railroads' managers had become critical, and that the question of a strike, tying up practically all the systems between here and the Pacific coast, would be settled within forty-eight hours.

President Carter of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen on behalf of the firemen today sent the general manager's committee of the railroads a request for a clear statement of the employers' position. The Brotherhood asked information on three points:

The increased wage scale, which the railroads say will amount to 22 1/2 per cent, but which the firemen say is only equal to 12 1/2 per cent.

The right of the union to represent firemen after they have been promoted either to be engineers or to any other capacity.

The right of the union to have authority on the questions of seniority and promotion of oldtime employees.

In previous negotiations the brotherhood said it was willing to submit the wage question to arbitration under the Erdman act, provided the other two points were settled without the aid of a third party.

It was announced by the general managers' committee tonight that an answer was ordered sent to Carter denying the request and leaving it to the union, despite the "strike vote," to take what future course they think best. The answer, it is said, will possibly reach Carter tomorrow. It is said the recent vote showing more than 80 per cent of the men to be against accepting the offer of the railroads, enables the national officers to call a strike at any time.

Negotiations have been on for six weeks. Forty-seven railroads are involved. If a strike is called it is said

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