

POPULAR STAR A SUICIDE

CLARA BLOODGOOD ENDS IT ALL

As a Fashionable Actress in Baltimore's Academy of Music, Clara Bloodgood, the actress, committed suicide by shooting in her room at the Hotel Stafford here this evening.

Mrs. Bloodgood's body was found lying on the bed with a bullet hole through the roof of her mouth. Nearby lay a book entitled "How to Shoot Straight," and a 38-calibre revolver with three chambers empty.

Before retiring to her room she had a talk with her stage manager, John Emerson, who declares that he observed nothing unusual in her demeanor. The only motive he can ascribe is that Mrs. Bloodgood feared an attack of nervous prostration.

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END OF THE RATE HEARING

CAME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Standing Master Montgomery Will Begin Work of Making Out His Report to Submit to Judge Eichelberger, the Latest Hearing Having Terminated Very Abruptly—A Compromise of the Matter May Come at Any Time—Artists Confer Relative to Making Best of Former Governor—Elastic Goods to Be Made at Greensboro—Sherwood Higgs & Co.'s Assets \$27,000 With Liabilities \$21,000—Board of Agriculture Still in Session.

The hearing of the Southern Railway rate case before Standing Master Montgomery was resumed this morning at the office of the corporation commission and Clerk Brown, of that commission, was again put on the witness stand and closely cross-examined by Chief Counsel Thom, of the Southern Railway, Attorney Fred A. Woodard appearing for the State, Attorney Justice being at Washington watching the notable Minnesota Sabage corpus case before the United States Supreme Court.

The hearing ended this afternoon abruptly on the State's side. The Southern may introduce evidence in rebuttal, the standing master to fix the date and place, though a compromise of the whole matter may occur any day.

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A COUNCIL OF COMMERCE

FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS

BIG NATIONAL BODY ORGANIZED

Comprising Representatives of Commercial Bodies From Thirty-odd Cities, Organization of the "National Council of Commerce" is Affected at Washington—The Council's Object is to Embrace All the Leading Cities of the Country—Charlotte Represented and Mr. D. A. Tompkins Made a Member of the Committee on Organization—The Council's Functions to Keep the Secretary of Commerce and Labor Informed of the Needs of the Business World—A Call Made to the President.

Washington, Dec. 5.—"The national council of commerce" with a membership starting with thirty-odd organizations of business men in the large cities expected to be organized practically all of the leading commercial bodies in the country was formally launched at a conference in the office of Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus to-day.

The scheme prescribes that the council's functions should be to keep the Department of Commerce and Labor informed of the needs and desires of the business world as formulated by responsible commercial and industrial organizations representing manufactures, internal trade and foreign commerce, both export and import, and the various professions, and also to keep the business community informed regarding the work of the Department, its plans, methods and results.

The delegates at noon adjourned to visit the White House, where President Roosevelt received the delegates in his office and spoke very encouragingly to them, emphasizing the benefit and importance of having the commercial bodies of the country connected in some manner officially with the government.

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SOME NOTABLE SPEECHES MADE

Men Prominent in the Commercial and Political Life of the Nation Discussed the Vital Topic of Improved Rivers and Harbors—Governor Glenn One of the Speakers—Many Other Governors Addressed the Congress—President Finley Expresses Himself as Heartily in Sympathy With the Purposes of the Congress—Congressman Burton Prepared to Stand by the Programme of \$50,000,000 a Year.

Washington, Dec. 5.—A notable feature of the Rivers and Harbors Congress convention now in session in this city was the address delivered to-day by James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad Company, who was introduced to the congress as "a wizard of transportation and one of the greatest railroad builders in the world."

Notable addresses also were delivered to the congress by Governors of States and by other men prominently identified with the political and commercial life of the nation. Among those present to-day at the sessions of the convention were scores of members of Congress, upon whom it is the duty of the nation to rely.

The Governor referred particularly to the resources of West Virginia, the State being second in the production of coal and fifth or sixth in hardwood timber. The great bulk of the coal has to find a market outside of the State, and the transportation of it to the State could save 10 cents a ton if it would aggregate \$3,000,000 a year.

He pointed out that it was the policy of the Southern Railway to encourage the establishment of new waterway lines as he believed that the providing of additional facilities for water transportation would increase the population and prosperity of seaboard community and thus benefit the railways.

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INSANE MAN USES PISTOL

GOV. GUILD HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Without Warning the Lunatic Walks Into the Office of the Chief Executive of Massachusetts and Begins Shooting—Three Prominent Labor Leaders, With Whom the Governor Was in Conference, Are Wounded, One of Them Fatally—The Governor, Who Was Fortunately Out of the Room at the Moment, Returns Quickly to Aid the Wounded Men—Attendants Have Terrible Struggle in Effort to Subdue the Mad Man's Intention Was to Kill Governor Guild—One of Wounded Will Die.

Boston, Dec. 5.—An insane man walked into the ante-room of the executive chamber of the State House this afternoon and finding Governor Guild's door closed, turned on three prominent labor leaders and fired three shots at them, probably fatally wounding Edward Cohen, of Lynn, president of the State branch of the American Federation of Labor; seriously wounding Dennis D. Driscoll, of Boston, secretary of the same board, and injuring with the muzzle of his revolver Arthur M. Huddell, of Boston, former president of the Central Labor Union, of this city.

The three labor leaders came to the State House to-day to meet the Governor by appointment in regard to a pardon for A. M. Kenney, of Salem, who is serving a sentence in the Essex House of Correction. They reached the State House shortly after 3 o'clock and found that the Governor was receiving a delegation from Rhode Island. The three labor men were asked to wait in one of the ante-rooms until the Rhode Island men should leave.

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APPEALS FOR GOOD WATERWAYS

RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS LIVED UP BY NORTH CAROLINA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE, HIS SPEECH BEING THE BEST OF YESTERDAY'S SESSION—IMMEDIATE ACTION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NECESSARY FOR DEVELOPING INLAND WATERWAYS—RAILROADS CANNOT MEET DEMANDS FOR TRANSPORTATION—FARMERS' CONGRESS PASSES RESOLUTION TO THE SENATE PURPORTING TO MAKE KITCHEN AND FOU INTRODUCE A BILL TO MAKE INTER-STATE PASSENGER RATES NOT MORE THAN THE COMBINED LOCAL RATES.

Gov. Robert S. Glenn, of North Carolina, made a stirring speech to the delegates of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress this morning, and was the most vigorous of the speakers. It was early and Governor Glenn was feeling fine when he arose to address the assemblage of men from all sections of the United States in the grand hall on the tenth floor of the New Willard Hotel.

A majority of the North Carolina Congressmen had gone there to hear the speech of the Governor. It would make the best speech of the day and they anticipated that they would be proud of him. No Tar Heel there had cause to regret his attendance.

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KANSAS CITY BANK FAILS

HAD DEPOSITS OF \$16,000,000

National Bank of Commerce, One of the Largest Financial Institutions in the West, Closes Its Doors and is Taken in Charge by the State Bank Examiner—Three Smaller Kansas Banks, in Which Defunct Bank Was Interested, Also Go to the Wall—President of the Bank Issues an Official Statement—The Failure Alleged to Have Been Caused by Unjust and Unfounded Rumors, Which Prompted the Bank to Withdraw Its Loans and to Collect Outstanding Loan to Meet Calls of Depositors.

The failure of these banks had been predicted for several days, and but little excitement was shown until the announcement of the news, although crowds of depositors gathered about the doors of these institutions. The failure is laid to the withdrawal of outside banks within the past few months of \$18,000,000 of deposits.

The following statement was issued to-day by Dr. W. S. Woods, president of the National Bank of Commerce, for the board of directors:

Effect Not Far-Reaching. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 5.—John Royce, State Bank Examiner, to-day announced that the State banks would not be seriously crippled by the failure of the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City.

Maurentina Breaks Record. Canard Liner Beats the Performance of Her Sister Ship 22 Minutes. Queenstown, Dec. 5.—The Cunard liner Maurentina, passed Daunt's Rocks at 5:49 p. m. to-day, establishing a new east-bound trans-Atlantic record.

Burglars Dynamite Florida Store. Hawthorne, Fla., Dec. 5.—Professional burglars dynamited the large safe in the store of J. H. Adams, at last night, the explosion setting fire to the store, destroying the buildings and a large stock of goods, only two boxes or oranges being saved.