

THINK KENNEDY WAS DERANGED

Such Is Explanation of Suicide Of New York State Treasurer As Given By His Friends.

COMPLETE INQUIRY INTO AFFAIRS ASKED

Arrangement Thought to Have Been Caused By Worry Over Subpoena to John Doe Inquiry.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Accounts from the comptroller's office today reported after examining the books of state treasurer Kennedy that they were in perfect condition. The examination today went back only to last Monday but at that time they were balanced by the same men who made the audit today and pronounced correct. A complete audit of the books from the time Mr. Kennedy took office up to the date of his death probably will follow.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Complete investigation of the affairs of state treasurer John J. Kennedy, who committed suicide yesterday, was demanded today by his friends and relatives. Confidence was expressed that such an inquiry would disclose that the affairs of the state treasurer's office have been correctly administered. William H. Kennedy, the son, sent a telegram to Governor Glynn urging an audit of his father's accounts. No explanation of the suicide was forthcoming today other than first given that Mr. Kennedy took his life while temporarily deranged and that the derangement was caused by brooding over the impending ordeal of a cross examination at the hands of District Attorney Charles S. Whitman, who had subpoenaed the state treasurer to appear in New York today.

Mr. Kennedy killed himself yesterday at noon at the Markeen hotel, where he lived with his wife, son and daughter. He cut his throat with his own hand. The body was found by his son. It is understood the funeral will take place Wednesday and the funeral of the Blessed Sacrament and that the burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery. While the Catholic faithers suicides from certain rites of the church this will not affect the arrangements for the Kennedy funeral, for the fact that he is believed to have taken his life while temporarily deranged, precludes the enforcement of these rules.

New York, Feb. 16.—Besides the proposed legislative investigation into the office of state treasurer, left vacant yesterday by the suicide at Buffalo of John J. Kennedy, District Attorney Whitman resumed today the John Doe investigation into political graft, before which Kennedy was to have appeared. Friends of the late state treasurer attributed his suicide in a measure to the outlook for a public grilling.

John A. Hennessy, who was Governor Sulzer's investigator, said today that he could not believe Kennedy's suicide had been prompted by the investigations.

"As far as we could discover," Hennessy said, "Kennedy was no more than a fears-head. He had no more to do with the matters now under investigation than one of his office boys."

Mr. Whitman repeated today that he was greatly shocked at Kennedy's act and added there was no evidence of criminal wrong doing on Kennedy's part.

The suicide of John J. Kennedy, state treasurer, on the eve of his examination in the John Doe graft investigation, will not halt the inquiry into his office and affairs.

This was indicated today by members of the assembly graft investigating committee. It was said that the committee probably would authorize an immediate investigation after its meeting in Albany tonight.

Speaker Sweet of the assembly, who conferred with District Attorney Whitman today, is one of those who urged the Kennedy investigation. "He is one of my best friends," Sweet said, "but since he took his life the day before he was to be questioned concerning the affairs of his office and his connection with the bonding business, I think his friends will demand that an inquiry be made. I am sure that everything will be found in proper shape."

District Attorney Whitman was shocked at the news of the suicide of Kennedy. He said that he had no evidence against Mr. Kennedy and merely intended to ask him questions about certain information which had reached him. Friends of Kennedy here insisted that his suicide must have been due to a fit of insanity.

the condition of the state's money will be prepared. Mr. Kennedy's successor will be chosen by the legislature in joint session. Attorney General Carmody today thought a majority vote of all the elected legislators would be required to select a new treasurer. In that event, it was pointed out, the republicans would have to receive assistance from the progressives or else face the possibility of a deadlock in case the democrats stood together. The republicans on joint ballot are able to muster only 96 votes, while a majority is 101.

VISCOUNT SIUZO OKI OF JAPAN DIED TODAY

He Was Formerly Ambassador To The United States From Japan.

Tokio, Feb. 16.—Viscount Suizo Oki, former Japanese ambassador to the United States, died today.

News that the diplomat was critically ill became public only a few hours before his death occurred. Viscount Oki was the son of a village doctor, born in 1844, and may be considered a "self-made" man. He was among the first of the Japanese to seek an education abroad, going to Germany in 1869.

A few years later he was appointed secretary to the Japanese legation at Berlin. It was the beginning of a career that eventually led to his being considered the most experienced diplomat in Japan. He was twice minister for foreign affairs and besides his ambassadorship at Washington he served at London and Berlin.

While in Berlin he married the Prussian Baroness Von Raden which was the first instance of a foreign woman of rank and title becoming the wife of a Japanese. Viscount Oki's daughter Hannah emulated the example of her distinguished father, marrying a German, Count Alexander Von Hatzfeld-Trachenberg, while the latter was an attaché of the German legation in Tokio in 1904.

Viscount Oki was ambassador to the United States in 1906 and 1907. At the time of his death he held the post of privy councillor.

REMOVAL OF SNOW IN N. Y. WILL BE EXPENSIVE

Estimated It Will Take Ten Days at Cost of \$50,000 Per Day.

New York, Feb. 16.—Snow continued to fall over greater New York today adding to the layer of nearly ten inches which fell during Saturday's blizzard. With 16,000 shovelers and drivers working constantly since Saturday morning, scarcely a dent had been made in the snow blanket.

In Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx there are 300 miles of streets covered by the snow. With every available man and team engaged in the work only about an inch a day can be removed. This means ten days will be required to clean the streets unless it becomes warmer and a thaw helps.

A rise in the temperature would save the city thousands of dollars because it is estimated that every inch of snow removed costs \$50,000. With continued cold weather the total cost of the recent storm will reach half a million dollars or more.

TWO VICTORIES WON BY PRESIDENT ZAMOR

Cape Haitien, Haiti, Feb. 16.—Two victories were won yesterday by the armies sent to the north by President Zamora to suppress the revolution under the leadership of Senator Davilmar Theodore.

PRES. DEFENDS PERU POLICY

Asserts That Recognition of Present Administration Is In Line With Latin-American Policy.

CIRCUMSTANCES UNLIKE MEXICAN, HE THINKS

Says Process of Setting up New Provisional Government Was Constitutional In Every Way.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Recognition by the United States of the present administration in Peru as a provisional government is in conformity with the Latin-American policy of the Washington government announced nearly a year ago, in the view of President Wilson as set forth to callers today.

The president regards circumstances in Peru as distinctly different from those which caused the United States to withhold recognition from the Huerta government in Mexico. He let it be known that the process of setting up the new provisional government in Peru was constitutional in every way, according to official reports here. He was advised that President Billingshurst had abrogated the congress of Peru and was himself discharging the duties of his office unconstitutionally. Also, the congress of Peru, the Supreme court and all the constitutional authorities in the country had approved the overthrow of Billingshurst, so that President Wilson believes there was a clear constitutional process involved.

Even the show of force was with the approval of congress, according to the information reaching President Wilson and the administration that was set up appears to reflect the wishes not only of the constitutional parts of the government but the people.

The president denied reports that South America looked with apprehension at the administration's Latin-American policy. He emphasized his belief that they would support it.

Hope to Adjourn June 15. Democratic leaders hope to adjourn congress June 15. President Wilson believes the senate and house may work the same time on the trust bills. He told callers today that business men were showing a greater interest in the new legislation and that in many cases it was very helpful. That interest, however, is not so active as he had expected, he attributes to the fact that business men have discounted the character of legislation and that the measures in a general way meet their approval.

The president, incidentally, remarked today that many objections to the publicity features of the trade commission bill were based on misconception. The president sees little difference in the interstate trade commission and the present bureau of corporations which he believes will be merely enlarged by the forthcoming legislation. It already has broad powers of investigation.

The president looks for early action on the measures.

DUTCH SUPPER TONIGHT FOR THE CITY FIREMEN

Affair to be Tendered by The Brown Hardware Company in City Hall.

The members of the local fire department will be given a Dutch supper tonight, in the rooms over the fire stations, by the Brown Hardware company of North Main street. The supper will be informal and will be similar to others held at the department in the past. It is planned to arrange the pool tables on the second floor so that they will serve as one big table, thereby making room enough to serve all those attending.

All members of the department, city officials, newspaper men and several friends of the department will be invited to attend and participate in the good time planned for the night. The supper will be served at 8 o'clock, and after it is over a musical program will be carried out.

SEN. BACON DIED NOT RICH MAN

Principal Possessions Were Home at Macon and Well Selected Library.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Bacon, of Georgia, who succumbed to an attack of illness in Garfield hospital Saturday was said to have died a comparatively poor man. His principal possessions, it was said here today, consisted of his old home at Macon and his carefully selected library.

Incidents of the senator's 33 years of public life were discussed in senate and house cloak rooms today. One of Mr. Bacon's characteristics was his fondness for children. His apartments were near the National Zoological park and nearly every morning he might be seen strolling through the grounds accompanied by a bevy of children. Among the tributes sent to the late senator's apartment today were garlands of flowers from his little friends.

One of Senator Bacon's last acts was to send a note of thanks to Secretary and Mrs. Bryan for a potted lilac sent him while at the hospital. Messages of condolence continued to pour in upon the family today. Among these were telegrams from Senator Tillman in Atlanta and Herbert Clay, son of the late Senator Clay of Georgia.

Desk Draped. Senator Bacon's desk in the senate chamber was draped in mourning today.

The informal committee on arrangements for the state funeral discovered today that the funeral of former Senator Hanna took place in the senate chamber February 17, 1904, exactly 10 years ago tomorrow.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Because of the death of Senator Bacon, Vice President and Mrs. Marshall have postponed indefinitely the reception they were to have given tonight and Secretary and Mrs. Bryan also have postponed the dinner which they planned to give to Senator and Mrs. Kern Wednesday evening.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator A. O. Bacon of Georgia died in a hospital here Saturday. He had been suffering from kidney affection for several weeks.

Senator Bacon's death was announced to the senate while it was in executive session and just before it adjourned for the day. The end came unexpectedly, it having been announced earlier in the day that he was doing better and that an operation which it had been thought necessary to perform for an affection of the kidneys would be avoided. At first it was thought he had fractured a rib by a fall. An illness attended by a high temperature set in. Later examinations and X-ray photographs disclosed, however, that an affection of the kidneys, the exact nature of which it was impossible to determine, was the cause. Two days before the senator was taken to a hospital where he got along favorably, and with a recession in temperature thoughts of an operation were abandoned.

News of Senator Bacon's death so startled the senate that members scarcely could realize the information. Senator Overman, who first got the word, soon verified it and communicated it to his colleagues. He immediately drew a brief resolution which was adopted and the senate adjourned.

WIDE STUDY OF LABOR PROBLEM

Federal Investigation of Unemployment Situation to Cover Large Cities of The East.

THE PRESIDENT THINKS OUTLOOK ENCOURAGING

Mrs. Harriman Points Out that Unemployment Generally Becomes Acute This Time of Year.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Federal investigation of the unemployment problem by the Industrial Relations commission will be a speedy one and will cover large eastern cities between New York and Kansas City.

President Wilson expressed his belief that Chairman Frank P. Walsh had based his estimate of 350,000 men out of work upon current reports and not upon any investigation by the commission. The president added that the figures had been challenged.

Mrs. J. Burden Harriman, the resident commissioner, has issued a statement pointing out that this was the time of the year at which unemployment usually became acute, and the president told his callers he had no reports that conditions throughout the country were rapidly growing more encouraging.

"Anyone who fails to realize that conditions are about the same in the labor market now as they are at this season each year," said Mrs. Harriman today, "is either ignorant of conditions or is insouciant."

The commission hopes to have a more practical answer to the question: "What is to be done about the unemployed?" than the now-famous one made by our public men: "God knows."

"The unskilled laborer, who is chief sufferer from these industrial periods of unemployment and belong to the class known as floating labor. This makes the problem an international one, which can only be adequately studied by a federal body."

At the meeting Saturday afternoon of the board of county commissioners the matter of contributing \$10,000 towards the paving of the street from the end of the brick paving on South Main street to the Biltmore road was taken up and by a unanimous vote the board decided to contribute the amount asked by the committee, composed of Mayor J. E. Rankin, Alderman F. Stilwell, E. C. Chambers, president of the Asheville and Buncombe County Good Roads association, and Frank Weaver, president of the board of trade, when they appeared before the commissioners Saturday morning.

It is stated that the work will cost about \$47,000 and the city will pay \$37,000, the \$10,000 from the county making it possible to begin the work. The work of paving and improving the road will begin at once in the hope, it is stated, of completing the work before early summer, when the tourists begin to arrive.

SIR S. SAMUEL HEAVILY FINED

MAN HELD HERE ON A CAPITAL CHARGE

Police Authorities Are Holding Herman Cruse, Wanted In Tennessee.

Herman Cruse, a well dressed young man, was arrested here yesterday on advance from the authorities of White County, Tennessee, where it is claimed that he is wanted on a capital charge. Cruse is 26 years of age. Word was received by the local police department several days ago to be on the lookout for Cruse, but he was not located until yesterday afternoon. He is held at the local station pending advice from the Tennessee authorities.

SEN. GORE TESTIFIES IN HIS OWN BEHALF

Says Political Opposition Is Responsible For Damage Suit Against Him.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 16.—Political opposition today was held responsible by Thomas P. Gore, United States senator from Oklahoma, for the damage suit for \$50,000 filed against him by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, who alleges that the senator attacked her in a Washington hotel.

Senator Gore testified in his own behalf today. He denied making an attack on Mrs. Bond and said he believed the charge to have been made to injure him in his campaign for re-nomination.

NAVAL TUG POTOMAC HAS BEEN ABANDONED

St. Johns, N. F., Feb. 16.—The United States naval tug Potomac, fast in the ice floes of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, was abandoned on Saturday night by the 26 officers and men of her crew, stated advices received today from Bonne Bay, where the crew landed safely.

The tug was driven seaward before yesterday's gale and soon disappeared from sight. The ice was piled so high about the vessel that it was feared she would be crushed.

THE BILTMORE ROAD PAVING NOW ASSURED

Commissioners Voted \$10,000 Appropriation Saturday—Work to Begin At Once.

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Parliament Member Ordered To Pay \$65,000 For Voting While Firm Had Government Contract.

IS THE THIRD SUIT OF SIMILAR NATURE

Was Compelled to Vacate Seat Last Year on Somewhat Similar Charge—Has Taken an Appeal.

London, Feb. 16.—Sir Stuart Montague Samuel, radical member of parliament for Whitechapel, was today ordered by Justice Sir Sydney Rowlatt of the King's bench division to pay penalties and costs amounting to \$65,000 because he voted in the house of commons while his firm had a contract with the British government. The money will be paid to Dr. William Bird, as informer.

This was the third suit brought against Sir Stuart Samuel under the law which gives any informer the right to claim penalties under similar circumstances. The first two suits were dismissed on technicalities.

Sir Stuart Samuel, who is a leading banker, was compelled to vacate his seat in parliament by order of the judicial committee of the privy council last year because the firm to which he belonged had become purchasers of silver for the Indian government.

The act of parliament under which he was condemned today says that a member of the house of commons may not be even indirectly interested in any government contracts. After vacating his seat in parliament, Sir Stuart Samuel was re-elected. He today gave notice of appeal from the judge's decision.

President at Desk. Washington, Feb. 16.—President Wilson was back at his desk today somewhat hoarse but apparently recovered from the cold which kept him in bed some time last week. The president told callers he was feeling much better and ready to attack correspondence that had accumulated in his absence.

Crown Prince Ill. Berlin, Feb. 16.—Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany, was confined to his bed today with an attack of tonsillitis.

Mosquitoes nearly made the Panama Canal an impossibility. Know about it?

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Gazette-News Monday Feb. 16.

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BLACKSTONE ACADEMY IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Two Boys Seriously Injured in Making Escape—Damage Over \$15,000.

Blackstone, Va., Feb. 16.—Fire originating in the furnace room early this morning destroyed Blackstone academy, a preparatory school for boys, causing a property loss of \$15,000 not including personal effects of the 75 boys.

Forty or more of the boys, with two preceptors, were cut off in a dormitory on the third floor, but escaped by dropping to a broad porch and rolling off into the snow. One of them, Jordan, may have fractured his spine. Another, Crafts, is reported seriously injured.

President Elvion S. Ligon, his wife and three children were among many who escaped in their night clothes.

ORGANIZE ANOTHER SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

Washington, Feb. 16.—The National Democratic Association of Women Voters was announced here today as the latest entry into the political and suffrage field. Mrs. Charles Morton, its chairman, said the object of the association is to carry on a suffrage campaign within the democratic party and attempt to prevent the nomination of any democrat who is not a suffrage advocate.

FREIGHT ADVANCES AGAIN SUSPENDED

Washington, Feb. 16.—The proposed five per cent freight rate advances for eastern railroads, suspended by the interstate commerce commission until March 15 pending investigation were again suspended by the commission today until September 12.