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BANK PRESIDENT KILLS HIMSELF

As Police Chief Opened Room with Warrant

LETTER TELLS GUILT

Irwin Tucker, President Savings Bank of Newport News, Was Defaulter to Amount of Some \$10,000—His Life Insured for \$30,000 Which Will Cover Loss.

(By the Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., May 19.—Irwin Tucker, president of the savings bank of Newport News, Va., committed suicide in his room over the bank in Newport News at 11:30 o'clock this morning just as chief of Police Reynolds of that city opened his door to arrest Tucker upon a warrant charging him with defaulting in the sum of \$10,000. Tucker heard chief Reynolds ask a colored porter on the outside as to the location of his room, and standing in front of a mirror put a bullet through his right temple as the door was thrown open.

The doors of the savings bank have been closed pending an investigation, which is now being made by the board of directors. One report is to the effect that the shortage may amount to \$20,000, but the directors state that the exact amount of the defalcation has not yet been determined.

The first suspicion that Tucker was a defaulter was received this morning in a note written by the suicide himself. This note was found shortly after the doors of the bank were opened today. It having been placed on the desk of Cashier R. Carter Perkins, Tucker admitted that he was short in his accounts, and said if any attempt was made to arrest him he would commit suicide.

Immediately the directors of the bank were called together and a hurried examination resulted in the issuance of the warrant in the case.

Chief Reynolds had left Newport News, and the police of Norfolk and other neighboring cities were asked to look out for him.

Chief Reynolds then went to make an investigation of Tucker's bachelorette apartments over the savings bank, where the tragedy occurred.

An examination of a safety deposit box in the savings bank revealed the fact that Tucker's life was insured for \$30,000, which will cover all of his defalcation.

The savings bank of Newport News was one largely patronized by the laboring classes of Newport News.

President Tucker was about 40 years of age. He was the son of former Mayor John S. Tucker of Norfolk, now a retired lawyer of Washington, D. C.

The Elks of Newport News have taken charge of the body of Mr. Tucker pending the arrival of advices from his father.

Mr. Tucker was formerly city editor of the old Norfolk Virginian, and was postmaster of Newport News under the Cleveland administration.

It is expected that the directors of the savings bank at Newport News will give out a full statement late this afternoon.

Yale-Harvard Games.
(By the Associated Press.)
Cambridge, Mass., May 19.—The pick of the athletic representatives of Harvard and Yale will meet today at the stadium for the annual track and field games between the two universities. Both sides are confident of victory. The return of Parsons, the intercollegiate half mile champion, who ran in the Olympic games at Athens, has cheered the supporters of the blue, and if he is in form he is looked upon as practically a sure winner of the half mile run.

So far this year Harvard has been strong in the track events and mediocre in the field events, while Yale hopes only for places in the dashes, the half mile and one of the distance runs.

The Pope Better.
(By the Associated Press.)
Rome, May 19.—When Dr. Lippold visited the pope this morning, he found his patient in an improved condition of health, although the pontiff passed a somewhat restless night as the result of a slight rise in his temperature. Dr. Lippold ordered the pope to remain in bed for several days.

Montague a Delegate.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 19.—The president has appointed Andrew J. Montague of Virginia a delegate to the third international conference of American states to be held at Rio De Janeiro.

North Carolina Postmasters.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 19.—The following appointments of fourth class postmasters were announced today:
North Carolina—Dresden, Wiley P. Turner; Kerr, Frederick F. Newton.

NAVY IS UNPREPARED

Disaster if War Should Come Soon

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 19.—"Should war break out within the next few years, the condition of the navy will be such as to lead to disaster." Such is the statement made by Rear Admiral Mason, chief of the bureau of ordnance, navy department, in a statement to the secretary of the navy, calling attention to the reduction in the estimates of the bureau or ordnance made by the department and the house committee on naval affairs.

Admiral Mason shows that more than \$20,000,000 has been cut out of the estimates, and he describes the condition of the bureau as "little short of desperate" for the coming year. He says there is not now and will not be any reserve ammunition available for any of the important guns. It will be necessary probably to discontinue target practice, and new ships must be sent into commission without ammunition or ordnance stores. There will be no reserve guns, torpedoes or reserve mines on hand, and range finders and the money to buy them are lacking.

After pointing out that congress provides for increases in the navy without making provision for additional ordnance and ordnance stores, Admiral Mason says:
"The evil effects of this practice are accumulative, and the resulting lack of efficiency has been increasing steadily for the last few years until today the situation is so serious that the bureau believes that it would be guilty of the gravest dereliction in the performance of its duty to the people, to congress and to the department did it not, with the utmost respect, but in plain and unmistakable language, place itself on record as having laid the actual facts as they exist before all those who are in a position to ameliorate the very dangerous conditions which now exist."

Intercollegiate Meet.
(By the Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., May 19.—The intercollegiate games will be held on Technology Field, Brookline, this afternoon. The consensus of opinion among the followers of track athletics seems to be that Dartmouth had the best chance of carrying off the intercollegiate championship.

LITTLE GIRL WITH 8 SMALL BROTHERS
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Glover and their household of nine youngsters from ten miles west of here, Cary township, are spending the day in Raleigh. Mr. Glover drove his span of black mules in front of the Tucker building this morning. The sight attracted much attention for the Glover two-horse wagon looked like a nest of little ones. The father of this healthy, happy lot of children is a successful farmer, a young man hardly 26 years old. His wife, who accompanied him, is his junior by several years, and she shows it. Their wedded life has been blessed with nine children, the eldest not yet thirteen years old. And of these nine bright faced children eight of them are boys. There is just one little queen with eight brothers to protect her and for her in turn to look after.

HANG UP A SNAKE AND GET YOUR UMBRELLA.
"We can get a copious rain in this section within twenty-four hours if some wise man will do as I say," remarked an observant citizen this afternoon. "I would perform this wonder myself, only I can't get my hands on a snake. All that is necessary is for some one to kill a reptile, black snake, moccasin, rattler, or any kind, and hang him on a cloth's line or a tree. It will rain then in spite of everything. I have been chasing the woods, but I cannot find the serpent."

Mrs. Davis Much Better.
(By the Associated Press.)
New York, May 19.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis' condition was reported today as greatly improved, and it was said that she had spent the most comfortable night since her condition became serious. The family are now hopeful of a complete recovery.

WILLIAMS LAST STAND

Clincher Put on the Lee Relief Bill

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 19.—The minority leader of the house, John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, made his last stand today in opposition to the bill paying the heirs of Samuel Lee \$10,400 as allowances for the contest he made for a seat in the forty-seventh congress.

When the house adjourned last night after an all-day's filibuster against the measure on the part of the democrats, the motion to reconsider the vote passing the bill was not made, the members of the house becoming restive and desirous of getting away to dinner and evening engagements.

Immediately after the approval of the journal Mr. Miller (Kan.), having the bill in charge, made the parliamentary motion to reconsider the vote and lay that motion on the table.

Mr. Williams still holding the bridge, but recognizing his growing weakness, made the point of no quorum when the division showed in the affirmative 99, in the negative 55. The speaker immediately ordered the doors closed and directed the sergeant-at-arms to bring in absentees, the vote to table the motion to reconsider being taken by yeas and nays.

At 12:45 p. m. a quorum appeared. The motion to lay on the table was adopted, yeas 129, nays 59, present 32.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION WRECKS 25 HOUSES

(By the Associated Press.)
Cobalt, Ont., May 19.—Several tons of dynamite exploded in the northwestern section of the town yesterday, wrecking twenty-five houses and throwing the citizens into a panic for a time. A number were more or less injured by flying debris, but none seriously.

The explosion was caused by a forest fire igniting the building in which the dynamite was stored. The shock was terrific, and a number of houses in addition to those destroyed suffered more or less, the glass in the windows being shattered.

STARVING MAN CHOKED TO DEATH ON MEAT.
New York, May 19.—Martin Driscoll, a longshoreman, while starving, was given a free meal today, and was choked to death by a piece of meat which he had hurriedly attempted to swallow. The man had eaten only a few mouthfuls for several days, and when a friend offered him a drink today he said that he would rather eat.

HACKETT EXPECTS VICTORY IN EIGHTH

(By the Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., May 19.—Not a single game did Miss May Sutton, the international woman's tennis champion, allow her opponent in the finals today in the invitation singles tournament at Longwood. She defeated Miss Marion Fenno of this city with ease inside of half an hour. Of the twelve games only three went to deuce. Twice Miss Fenno was within one point of winning a game, but Miss Sutton easily evened matters up and won. The summary: Invitation singles, final rounds: Miss Sutton defeated Miss Marion Fenno, 6-0, 6-0.

Miss Sutton will participate in an exhibition match at woman's doubles. Miss Sutton and Miss Fenno played against Miss Sears and Miss Stevenson.

Edison's Narrow Escape.
(By the Associated Press.)
Richmond, Va., May 19.—Thomas A. Edison of Orange, N. J., the inventor, narrowly escaped serious injury in an automobile accident near Winchester this morning. He was accompanied by his son, Charles Edison, and the machine striking a gully he would have been tumbled out of it, but for his son's grabbing him. He is touring the Virginia valley in search of a rare metal to be used in automobile storage batteries.

FATALLY SHOT BY HUSBAND

Both Men Wealthy, Prominent Merchants

(By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, May 19.—A d'atch to the Tribune from Chillicothe, Mo., says: George McWhorter, a wealthy grain merchant of this town, today was fatally wounded by Thomas Harris, also a wealthy merchant, who fired at him with both barrels of a shotgun while he was passing along the street.

This is the second attempt Harris has made to kill McWhorter, the first being made on Wednesday night, when McWhorter and Harris' wife were discovered in McWhorter's office by the angry husband, and the former was stabbed. Harris gave himself up to the authorities. He has instituted a suit for divorce from his wife, who has disappeared.

Mrs. McWhorter and her daughter are prominent socially, and the affair has caused a great sensation. McWhorter is a prominent politician. He is an alderman and candidate for mayor.

ZION'S BIG TOWER DOWN

Bowie Contemplates Leaving Zion City

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 19.—Zion's watchtower, the first structure erected by John Alexander Dowie in the city he founded, has been torn down. The lumber is being used to repair sidewalks.

The structure was 80 feet high and was 20 feet square at the base. It stood in the center of Shiloh Park, and when it was put up the site was dedicated to the wonderful temple which some day was to arise there.

Dowie is contemplating leaving Zion City and taking up his residence at Ben Mac Dhul, his White Lake Michigan house. Emil C. Wetten the apostle's attorney, visited him last night and urged him to make the change. Dowie is leaving apart from the other members of his family in Shiloh house. He has given up all idea of holding more public meetings in Zion City.

A cross bill filed by the Voliva attorneys at Waukegan declares that Dowie's administration cost the Zion industries \$2,000,000. Affidavits describe hallucinations and traces of the "prophecy" in recent months.

MISS SUTTON WON GREAT TENNIS GAME
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Distinguished Guests.
Rev. O. P. Gifford, D.D., will arrive this evening from Buffalo, N. Y., and Rev. Edwin M. Poter, D.D., from Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and both will be guests in the home of Dr. Della Dixon-Carroll who is physician to the Baptist University. They come to take part in the commencement exercises at the University the coming week. Dr. Gifford preaches the missionary sermon and Dr. Poter will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

12 DAYS DRAUGHT

Thus Far Dryest May in 20 Years

(By the Associated Press.)

Precipitation This Month Little Over Half Inch—Local Showers Says Forecast Today but No General Rain in Sight.

"The indications are good this afternoon for a local thunderstorm"—Director A. H. Thiessen of the weather bureau.
The welcome announcement was made by Director Thiessen today but he could not give the comforting assurance that a general rain was imminent. The indications he sees make a shower in this section probable this evening but it may reach only a few miles from the city or it may traverse some strip of country and not quite touch the city proper. The entire rainfall here this month might be summed up in the precipitation on the first Monday in May when half an inch occurred.

Not a single drop of rain has fallen here for twelve days and the total precipitation here this month is only .59 of an inch. During the past twenty years but once has there been a more prolonged drought in May and that was in May, 1903, when no rain fell in 20 days. However, the total precipitation in even that record breaking May was 2.67 inches whereas thus far in this May only little more than half an inch has occurred.

The driest May on record here was in 1902 with 2 inches of rain. The present May is thus far 400 per cent. worse than the May of 1902, which thus far holds the record.

The wettest May on record here was in 1901 with the phenomenal rainfall of 9.50 inches.

The present month, too, is decidedly ahead of the mean normal temperature, which has been 67 degrees, from records for the past twenty years. The situation is becoming serious in this section and the farmers are exceedingly anxious for rain. Crops are beginning to suffer and in the city the streets are fearfully dusty.

The highest temperatures in the weather summary yesterday were 94 degrees at Raleigh and Richmond.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT DES MOINES TODAY

(By the Associated Press.)
Des Moines, Ia., May 19.—Commissioners and visitors to the 118th general assembly of Presbyterians of America were entertained at Fort Des Moines today following a short morning session.

After listening to the report of the board of ministerial relief showing that more disabled members than ever before had asked for aid during the past year, the assembly voted in favor of a resolution offered by this board asking for an appropriation of \$4,000,000 to be expended in this cause. An amendment made it incumbent upon the elders of the church to collect the amount from the entire church membership at the rate of ten cents each.

For Exposition Grounds.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 19.—Henry St. George Tucker, president of the Jamestown exposition, called on Assistant Secretary Newberry today and asked that the navy department detail an officer at once to locate camps on the exposition grounds and take charge of sanitary arrangements.

CUMBERLAND ASSEMBLY MERRILY FIGHTING

Decatur, Ill., May 19.—Laughter and applause greeted a telegram received by the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly this morning from the colored Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly in session at Waco, Texas. It quoted the text "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The Southern Presbyterian Assembly also telegraphed greetings.

The moderator announced a long list of committees.

A Louisiana delegate created a mild sensation by announcing that he had been converted from the loyalist to the union side. Two additional union commissioners arrived, thus increasing the union majority. As no business was ready the assembly adjourned to give the committees the afternoon in which to work.

Before Judge Johns the argument in the injunction suit was continued at length by Judge Gaut for the defendants, who was followed by Judge Menz for the plaintiffs. The court room was crowded with auditors, though most of the commissioners remained at the church until adjournment.

TO M'CALL'S DEFENCE

Publisher of Insurance Paper Speaks Strongly

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 19.—"I am willing to go on record that even the one million dollars which was spent by President McCall, under the auspices of 'Auds' Hamilton was justifiable. And I further say it has not only saved millions of dollars to the policy holders of that company, but millions of dollars to the policy holders of other companies."

The house committee on the judiciary listened to this statement today. It was made by Max Cohen, publisher of an insurance paper in this city. The committee was considering the insurance bill for the regulation of insurance in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cohen made the further assertion that the entire amount of the alleged "graft" which the Armstrong committee discovered was not a tithe of the tax levied upon policy holders by the states. He justified the means which had been employed by the officers of companies to prevent state legislation of the "hold up" character. Officers of companies had taxed its policy holders for funds to prevent legislation to an extent not greater than from 25 to 40 cents an individual, he said, while exactions by states had amounted to all the way from five dollars to 20 per policy holder. Pennsylvania at one time, he said, had a law in force which exacted ten per cent. of the benefit of a policy; Ohio now has a law which takes three per cent. of this benefit. There were a hundred other little items in the way of fees and penalties through which the state obtains the money of the policy holder, he continued.

Then, he said, there was a tendency on the part of the state legislators generally to "hold up" the insurance companies when they endeavored to block such legislation. Mr. Cohen made a vigorous protest against the enactment of insurance legislation on the basis that the managers of the insurance business of the country are dishonest. It was a sad reflection to send out, especially to foreign countries.

TWO TERRIFIC POWDER MILL EXPLOSIONS.

(By the Associated Press.)
Racine, Wis., May 19.—Two terrific explosions which shook buildings throughout this city occurred today and hundreds of persons leaped from their beds, believing there had been an earthquake. Later it was ascertained that the shocks were caused by an explosion at the Rand and Laffin Powder Mills, located in Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha county. Messages from that place state that the glaze and press rooms and the corning mill were blown to pieces, involving a loss of \$25,000. Windows in houses throughout the villages were broken and some damage done, but there was no loss of life, only one man being knocked down by the shock. The main mills are intact and can be operated. The cause of the explosion is not known. It was felt throughout Racine and Kenosha counties.

TWO EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN WESTERN MICHIGAN.

(By the Associated Press.)
Grand Rapids, Mich., May 19.—Two earthquake shocks were felt in western Michigan at 3:20 o'clock this morning. Distinct shocks are reported from Holland, Grand Haven, Fenville and Bangor. The first shock lasted about six seconds and the second about three seconds. Residents of Holland rushed out of their houses in night attire, the quake having thrown open many doors. Rumbblings like thunder were heard around the shores of Black Lake. No serious damage is reported.

Retire From Business.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Gastonia, N. C., May 19.—The Love Trust Company of this place is closing up its banking and trust business with a view of retiring from the banking and trust business. The principal part of the business is being transferred to the Citizens National Bank. The affairs of the bank will be settled up this week and the business of the company will be discontinued the last day of the month. The Love Trust Company has a capital stock of \$50,000. John F. Love is president, Edgar Love vice president and Robert A. Love treasurer.

Butchers' Convention.

(By the Associated Press.)
Buffalo, N. Y., May 19.—The convention of the Amalgamated Meat-Cutters and Butchers Workmen, which has been in session in this city for several days, adjourned last night.

The next convention will be held at Louisville, Ky.

Michael Donnelly of Chicago was elected president, and Homer D. Call of Syracuse secretary.

BRITISH WOMEN WANT BALLOT

Four Hundred Suffragists Visit Premier

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 19.—Escorted by forty members of parliament nearly four hundred women suffragists, representing organizations from all parts of the country, interviewed Premier Campbell-Bannerman at the foreign office today and presented their claims that women be allowed to vote. Only eight members of the numerous deputation were allowed to speak, and in accordance with a previous arrangement each speaker was limited to five minutes. But in the aggregate, for forty minutes the premier heard about all there was to hear in favor of the female suffrage.

The immediate grant of women's rights was the unanimous demand of the speakers, some of whom presented to the premier "their minimum demands," claiming that immediate legislation bestowing on women the right to vote was necessary, and declaring that a promise to take the matter up at the next session of parliament would not satisfy them.

Each speaker menacingly declared that the women were prepared to sacrifice their lives in behalf of their demands.

The premier smiled upon this strangely assorted gathering of women, including as it did ladies of title side by side with factory employes, and said he sympathized with the object of the deputation, but asked his visitors to be patient until the government became more united in favor of the extension of the franchise to women. The cause, he added, had made enormous strides of late years. Personally he believed that women were as well qualified as men, and perhaps better, to exercise the right to vote, and in his opinion the deputation had made out a conclusive and irrefutable case.

Speaking for others, however, as well as himself, the premier pointed out that it was necessary to preach the virtue of patience. Only harm would result if, because of his own sympathies and convictions, he gave a pledge regarding the time and method of achieving the object they had in view. No party or government was entirely united on this subject. He warned the women against indiscreet action, which he said probably would check the flowing tide, and advised them to leave the matter confidently to the growing strength of their cause.

The premier wound up his remarks with saying that he believed it would not be many years before the desired change was brought about. This reference to "years" was met with hisses from the members of the deputation, who left the foreign office evidently greatly dissatisfied.

The arrival of the deputation at the foreign office was preceded by a street demonstration, contingents of women from various local churches marching with banners flying and bands playing to the Victoria Embankment, whence, accompanied by an interested crowd of onlookers, the women marched to the foreign office.

A NOTED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY IS DEAD.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, May 19.—The Presbyterian board of foreign missions has learned of the death aboard the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria on Monday last of the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Labaree. Dr. Labaree was one of the board's oldest missionaries, and he had done a remarkable work among some of the half-civilized native peoples of Persia.

His death was caused by cancer, from which he had suffered for some time. Dr. Labaree was on his way home for treatment. The message which told of his death was received by wireless at Halifax and came overland to New York. The ship is expected to arrive at her pier Sunday day morning.

Dr. Labaree was accompanied by his second son, Robert Labaree, who went out to Persia a year or two ago to take the place of his oldest brother, the Rev. Benjamin Woods Labaree, who while on an errand of mercy was murdered by Kirish brigands in a lonely mountain pass near Urumia, Persia, two years ago.

Nash Primaries.

(By the Associated Press.)
Nashville, N. C., May 19.—The democratic executive committee has called the county primaries for June 16. Primaries will be held under the plan adopted by the state executive committee.