

GIMBEL SOUGHT THE LAST SLEEP

Shame Driven to a Most Horrible Suicide

HIS WIND-PIPE SEVERED

Slashed—He is Determined on Self-Murder. Yet it is Said That the Millionaire Merchant Will Probably Recover.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 20.—Although his throat was slashed, his wind pipe severed and the arteries of both wrists slashed in his terrible attempt to commit suicide with a piece of broken glass, the doctors of St. Mary's Hospital, today declared that Benedict Gimbel, the millionaire merchant of Philadelphia who was released from the Tombs on \$5,000 bail on charges including the bribery of County Detective Reardon, will probably recover.

Gimbel's desperate effort to end his life has resulted in another criminal charge being lodged against him, that of attempted suicide which is a misdemeanor under the laws of New Jersey, punishable by imprisonment. As soon as Mrs. Gimbel was informed of her husband's attempt to suicide, she hurried from Philadelphia and went at once to the hospital. Two of Gimbel's brothers, Charles, of Milwaukee, and Isaac, of Philadelphia and several other relatives also went to the hospital to see what could be done toward saving his life.

During the early morning Gimbel was conscious at intervals. Several times he struggled to tear the bandages from his throat and pleaded with his nurses to let him die. His wife remained at his bedside until morning. A room was then provided for her in the hospital. His brother did not leave until 2 o'clock.

Charles Gimbel today issued this statement at the hospital:

"Mr. Benedict Gimbel has been in poor health for the last four weeks. His brothers have been urging him to take a vacation which he has refused to do. At intervals during the last week, Mr. Gimbel's mind has been a blank. In the last three months Mr. Gimbel has been to New York twice. His condition has not permitted him to go more frequently. Mr. Gimbel has always enjoyed a spotless reputation and his domestic life has been one of complete happiness. Mrs. Gimbel arrived late yesterday afternoon from Philadelphia and is with her husband. Dr. William Jurist, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Farr, are confident that Mr. Gimbel will recover."

Dr. Farr of the hospital, said he believed Gimbel would recover. "His chances are good," the surgeon said.

Gimbel apparently had deliberated for eighteen hours on his determination to kill himself. After stuffing up all crevasses in his room at Palace Hotel, Hoboken, he turned the stop cocks on all the gas brackets. But there was no gas. The hotel used electricity and had had the gas turned off.

Then, in desperation, Gimbel smashed a glass water pitcher in which ice water had been brought him and with one of the jagged fragments in his hand walked into the bath room and slashed his throat from ear to ear. Then he gagged his wrists and staggered back toward his bed, fell forward and slipped to the floor. A maid passed along to the corridor and, trying his door, found it locked. She had been ordered away three hours earlier by Gimbel, but this time she went to the clerk and the door was forced open.

It was seen that Gimbel was not dead. A policeman was found and called an ambulance. The dying man was hurried to St. Mary's Hospital.

"My Husband is Crazy." She was holding one hand of her husband as he lay on his cot in St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, while she made excuses for his sensational arrest in Fifth Avenue and his attempt to kill himself in the Palace Hotel, Hoboken, following his release of \$5,000 bail.

"I did not want Mr. Gimbel to come to New York this time," continued Mrs. Gimbel, "because I realized that he had been acting queerly for a long time and I did not know what would become of him."

"We know that he is absolutely innocent of the charges made against him in New York and we intend to prove them so in and it is evident that blackmailers were informed of his mental condition and preyed on him for money. As to his attempt to kill himself, we can only say that he was insane."

"I wish you would say that the whole Gimbel family is going to stick by my husband until the end. My husband has been overworked for several years working day and night to build up his business. I noticed his peculiar actions a year ago. I tried to get him to take a rest. So did his brothers, but

he was so wrapped up in his work that he would not."

Except to utter the words, "Let me die. Let me die," as he clutched at the bandages about his wound, in an effort to tear them away, Gimbel has spoken no word, not even to his wife, but since her arrival at his bedside last night, she has continually spoken words of comfort and cheer to him. When the reporter saw her she was whispering to her conscious, but silent husband:

"We all know you are innocent. We are sticking by you. I know it is not true. I know you would do no wrong. Everything will be all right."

Gimbel suffered a collapse this afternoon in St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, and death was feared. His wife who came here from Philadelphia on hearing of his attempt to kill himself, was with him when he collapsed, believing he was breathing his last, cried for the doctors who applied powerful restoratives and said the end was apparently at hand.

SHOCKED TO DEATH BY A PHONE WIRE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Bristol, Tenn., April 20.—J. W. Hill, a prominent citizen of Bristol, was shocked to death and his body almost totally burned by a telephone wire charged with over 1,100 volts of electricity, at his home on Windsor avenue, this morning at 8 o'clock. Mr. Hill was about to drive out with his fine span of horses. While the driver was hitching them up, he walked into the alley to remove a fallen wire. He was quickly shocked to death, his clothing burned off, and his body burned almost in two before the wires could be removed. Others who attempted to cut the wire narrowly escaped.

MEN MINUS HONOR AND WOMEN WORSE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Pittsburgh, Pa., April 20.—Congressman John Dalsell last night made a pessimistic speech on the canal zone at the annual banquet of the Homewood board of trade. After pointing out conditions existing when the United States took charge of the work of canal building, Dalsell declared the country to be "a post-hole, a country where the flowers are without perfume, the birds without song, the men without honor, and the women without virtue."

He said, however, that despite unpropitious conditions, the canal would be built, and improvement—moral and physical—would result from the success of this national undertaking.

A & M PLAYS ROANOKE

Big Game Here Monday With Wake Forest

A. and M. Will Most Likely Win Today's Game With Roanoke College—Warm Time Expected Next Monday.

The Roanoke College baseball team arrived in Raleigh this morning for Wake Forest, where they lost a game yesterday by a score of 3 to 0. A. & M. plays Roanoke at the fair grounds this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Chances are in favor of the home team today, as Roanoke has won only two games this season, these with small teams, and after their slow playing at Wake Forest it is thought that they will be in an easy matter for A. & M. One of A. & M.'s new pitchers, Sexton, who showed up well in previous games, pitches today.

Temple will pitch in the game with Wake Forest, to be played in Raleigh next Monday.

A. & M. and Wake Forest have each secured one of the two games they have played together and the contest for the third, to decide the championship between these colleges, will be a keen one.

A special train will bring people from Wake Forest and the stations on the way to Raleigh. Large numbers of school girls will be out with colors flying. Nearly all the A. & M. students will be in rooting time, headed by their brass band, to make things jolly for the red and white.

Manager Hemphill of the local team has arranged to have tickets on sale at the Tucker Building Pharmacy for the convenience of those who wish to avoid the usual confusion at the grounds.

The line-up of today's game between A. & M. and Roanoke is as follows:

A. & M. Position. Roanoke
Sexton p. Smith
Thompson, (capt.) c. Clark
Fox 1b. Straus
Orake 2b. Branaman (capt.)
Farmer 3b. Burgandine
Staples s.s. Welsh
Shuford l.f. Early
Harris c.f. Moore
Temple r.f. M. Meek

THROATIC BASEBALL BOLLERDOM APPEARS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cleveland, Ohio, April 20.—Dr. H.

C. Lyon, physician at the Hollender Hotel, announces that he has discovered a new disease which he declares made its entry into Cleveland with the opening of the baseball season.

He said that the 1,200 telephone girls in the city were in danger of contracting the disease, for which he could offer no remedy. He made this announcement after a half dozen telephone girls had called on him.

The last was Miss Alice Lorets, chief operator at the Hollender exchange.

He found that her throat was affected with laryngeal anthrax. In other words, she had carbuncles in her throat.

"Undoubtedly she has been affected from yelling the scores over the telephone," he said. "I believe that such work will break down any girl's throat in case it is not trained."

Miss Lorets told him that the "tones of her voice came in sections or chunks," as if the voice had been suddenly cut off at intervals.

SYNDICATE TO TAKE WALSH'S HUGE DEBT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Ill., April 20.—John R. Walsh's \$1,000,000 debt to the Chicago clearing house banks will be assumed it was announced today by a syndicate of Chicago, St. Louis and New York capitalists, who have subscribed about \$200,000,000 to finance the completion of the Chicago Southern and South Railway. Walsh leaves for New York tonight to arrange the plan. It is reported that the Chicago Southern and South Indiana roads will become a connecting link for the Hill lines with the gulf ports and the Atlantic seaboard, and that James J. Hill's associates are behind Mr. Walsh, who puts his private fund of \$7,000,000 into the syndicate.

GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY TO WRECK THE BANK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, April 20.—Former Judge Abner Smith, president; Gustave Sorrow, vice president and Jerome V. Pierce, cashier of the failed Bank of America, have been found guilty of conspiracy to wreck the institution, F. E. Creel, man, millionaire lumber man and a stockholder was acquitted. Smith and Sorrow must go to the penitentiary for an indeterminate period from one to fourteen years, and in addition, pay fines of \$1,000 each. Pierce, because of the testimony given by him on the stand, was allowed to escape with a fine of \$500.

"My God, how could they do it," exclaimed Smith when the verdict was read. The other defendants were silent.

CAR LINE EXTENSION

No Action Will be Taken by Board of Aldermen

Old Board Will Hold Its Last Meeting Next Friday Night—Several Important Matters Will Confront New Board Immediately After Coming Into Power—No Scramble Over Office.

The last meeting of the present board of aldermen will be held next Friday night and final action will be taken on what few matters are held in abeyance. It was thought that the present board would take action in regard to the proposed street car line extensions but it is understood that the members of the board have decided that inasmuch as they will be in power only a few more days that it would be better to wait and leave it to the new board. A special committee was appointed at a former meeting of the board to act on the matter but nothing has been done. In about two weeks the new board will take charge of the affairs of the city.

Now that the primary is over, but little interest is being shown in local political affairs for most of the city officers were decided in the primary and not left entirely to the aldermen. The real election amounts to practically nothing for there is really no opposition and the primary settles the matter for once and all, the regular election being only form.

The public is very anxious to see what the new board is going to do in regard to the car line extension, for it is a matter that will affect the entire city, and especially those sections of Raleigh where it is proposed to make the extensions. In addition to the car line extension the matter of a bond issue for an auditorium will have to be acted upon. It is said that the law is drawn in such a manner that if the first election does not carry that a second election can be held under the same act.

IN THE COILS OF WIERD TEMPEST

Struggle of La Provence Amid Roaring Seas

SHIP BURIED IN SPRAY

The Electrical Hurricane Accompanied by Extraordinary Phenomena, is Believed to Have Been Caused by Tremors of the Earth—Shocks in Last Five Months.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 20.—A weird electrical hurricane, believed to have been caused by the earthquake disturbances, was encountered by the French Line steamship La Provence, from Havre, which has just reached this port.

The sea was calm and the sky clear on Tuesday night, the officers report, when the barometer began to show a coming storm. Near midnight the compass began to act queerly and the needle jumped around so violently that it was impossible to steer by it. At midnight the wind jumped into a hurricane. With it came a huge sea that boarded the ship on the starboard bow, causing her to tremble violently. At the same time the sky took on a light purple tinge. Then a blue-gray light seemed to break from nowhere in particular and all around it seemed as if the dawn had broken.

About 1 o'clock the cyclone burst. The ship's compasses were useless. Three had been brought into the wheel house, but they were spinning around like tops. The officers knew the wind had come out of the west so they headed the ship into it and virtually hoove-to.

With the cyclone came monster seas that buried the ship every minute, washing her from end to end. At times the water on the promenade deck was waist deep and the water washed along the deck with the roar and speed of a cataract. Those of the passengers who tried to leave their berths were thrown across their cabins by the pitching of the ship. The storm continued throughout the night with unabated fury. About five o'clock in the morning it abated as suddenly as it had started.

Recent Shocks of Earthquake. The following deaths and disasters have been caused by earthquakes within the past five months:

December 3, eight slight shocks in the West Indies.
December 5, several slight shocks in districts of Maryland.
December 7, four shocks experienced in San Luis, Alsip, California.
December 16, several slight shocks simultaneously in various towns of Asia Minor.

December 19, severe shocks in south and west Australia.
December 20, slight volcanic vibrations at Siena, Italy.

December 22, eight heavy shocks felt at Kopal, Russian Turkestan, with loss of life and much damage. These shocks were recorded by Prof. Milne at his laboratory in the Isle of Wight, at Lallach, Austria and in southern Italy.

December 26, earthquake simultaneously in Chili, northern Saghallen and West Indies. Much damage.

January 2, several submarine shocks in the Indian Ocean.

January 4, earthquake near Ceylon, with series of sharp shocks lasting for two hours. Much damage to property and reported loss of life.

January 10, earthquake at Ekaterinburg, Russia, destroys many villages with loss of life.

January 10, several counties in Pennsylvania shaken by earthquake. Correspondent vibrations felt at Menominee, Mich. Much damage to house property.

January 11, three hundred and forty people drowned in tidal wave caused by earthquake shocks at Sumatra.

January 11, volcanic eruption at Honolulu with thirty successive earthquake shocks.

January 14, Kingston, Jamaica, destroyed by earthquake. One thousand lives lost, many thousands injured and rendered homeless. Twenty-four successive minor shocks felt on January 15 and 17.

January 15, nine slight shocks felt at Apia, Samoa.

January 18, two earthquake shocks felt at Kuba, near Baku, with corresponding shocks at Tolmezzo.

January 19, earthquake at Santiago, Cuba and Udine, Italy, with much loss of property. Corresponding shocks at Jaku, Turkish Armenia.

Kingston. No further damage or loss of life.

April 17, earthquake shocks experienced in Mexico with loss of life and in several parts of Europe namely, at Tortosa and Murcia, Spain; at Constantinople and at Askarabad in the Russian Trans-Caspian district.

April 18, severe shocks felt in Philippines and many buildings destroyed. Shock also felt at Charleston, S. C. No damage.

MANY HURT BY GAS PLANT EXPLOSION.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Philadelphia, Pa., April 20.—James Shaw is expected to die of injuries received in an explosion which wrecked the gas generating plant of Dobson's Mills Falls of Shuikill this morning, where 3,000 men and women are employed. Two other men and a score of girls were hurt by shattered timbers and glass.

Shaw was working on the second floor of the gas plant shortly before the explosion occurred. But he had just gone outside at the time of the accident thus escaping with his life. So nervous were the female employees of the adjoining plant that the plant had to be shut down, throwing 5,000 people out of work for the day. The loss exceeds \$10,000.

DESTROYER GOES TO SEA'S BOTTOM

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Valetta, Malta, April 20.—The British destroyer Ariel, while not under control last night struck the breakwater and sank. One of the crew was drowned.

The Ariel was of 310 tons displacement and carried a crew of sixty men.

HALF A MILLION GIVEN TO SWEDENBERGIAN CHURCH.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cleveland, O., April 20.—The Rev. Thomas E. King, pastor of New Jerusalem Church, states that he has received information from the administrators of the estate of Miss Sarah Roper, who died recently at Salem, Mass., that by her will a bequest of \$500,000 has been made to the Swedenborgian Churches and Institutions in Ohio.

HIS TRIP POLITICAL

Why Hitchcock Is Now in the South

An Ostensibly Social Jaunt is Generally Believed to Be Really to Get Delegations in Line for Roosevelt and Taft.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock is generally believed to be in the south for the purpose of getting delegations in line for Roosevelt and Secretary Taft at the next republican convention. Under the cloak of a social visit to Atlanta's postmaster and to inspect the postoffice, he came here Wednesday, and on Thursday he held a long conference with republican office-holders and members of the republican state central committee.

From Atlanta he went to Macon Thursday afternoon, and that night he held a five hours' conference with Postmaster Harry Stillwell Edwards, the friend of President Roosevelt and one of the Georgia republicans on whom the president depends for information concerning appointments.

A special to the Atlanta Georgian received today from Charleston, S. C., says Hitchcock is now there, in conference, and will remain there until tomorrow. When in Atlanta, Hitchcock said he was on his way to Jacksonville, Fla., on postoffice business. It is known that Postmaster Blodgett of Atlanta was cautioned in a letter not to make public the visit here, and this caution, together with the conference with republican leaders that followed, is looked upon as indicating a political mission in President Roosevelt's interest.

LIFE CRUSHED OUT IN THE MACHINERY

Statesville, N. C., April 20.—While attempting to adjust a belt this morning shortly before 10 o'clock, Mr. H. C. Miller, who, with his brother, own and operate the City Roller Mill, was caught in the machinery and so badly injured about the head and shoulders that he died soon after being taken to the Long Sanitarium.

Mr. Miller was a progressive young man, and his tragic death has saddened the hearts of many. He was married last summer, and his young wife survives.

TWENTY MILLIONS SUFFERING HUNGER

(Special Cable to The Times.) London, April 20.—Writing from the Russian famine district, Dr. Kennard, who was sent by the Society of Friends to investigate conditions among the peasantry, draws an appalling picture of the suffering. After calling attention to the urgent and immediate need of funds he says:

"This is the worst famine Russia has known. No less than 20,000,000 persons distributed throughout the southeastern provinces can not live without aid, to see another harvest, and I may say that this figure has been not only approved by the Zemstvo organization but also by the government itself. The date of the harvest will vary with the latitude, and the famine-stricken region is spread over such a wide area (five times the size of France) that more than ten degrees of latitude are involved. The few cows that are in existence are in such a pitiful condition themselves that they are useless for milking. The result is that babies and young children are the worst sufferers."

IMMIGRANTS ARE COMING IN A FLOOD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, April 20.—Ten thousand immigrants passed through the gateway to the United States at Ellis Island on the eighteenth of April. The indications are that the flood of immigrants to this country is greater than ever before, and that the year's total will exceed the million mark.

They are coming now from Italy, Russia, Poland, and the Slavonic states. Many are Finns, which seems to indicate that when Russia broke its promise of self-government to Finland, the people of that country had courage and enterprise enough to leave it rather than to acquiesce in an unjust and intolerable despotism.

It is easy to understand that this flood of immigration means for the moment a certain degree of over-competition in our labor market. And yet in conversation with the leaders of labor organizations, it is learned that it is not immigration so much that troubles them as the effort of corporations, and great employers of labor to prevent the assimilation of the incoming immigrant with the working people here.

In certain lines of work in the mining districts of Pennsylvania, and along the railroads that employ Italians and Hungarians, the new-comers seem to hold aloof. But in the main those men become Americans in every sense of the word very shortly after they arrive in this country.

FINED FOR LETTING CHILD MARRY NEGRO

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Buffalo, N. Y., April 20.—At Olean Justice Charles Carter has sentenced Fred Hitchcock to serve six months in the penitentiary and pay a fine of \$50 after he had been found guilty of violating public decency in permitting his fifteen year old daughter, Maria, to marry Arthur Jones, a colored man. Rev. W. F. Coffey, the colored minister who performed the ceremony, and who is out on \$500 bail for performing the marriage, awaiting the action of the grand jury, swore that he first objected to marrying the white girl, but that the father insisted and so he did.

PREACHER IN JAIL. ATTACKED HIS WIFE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Charlottesville, Va., April 20.—Rev. Hervey J. Seaman, of this city, a well known minister, was committed to the city jail by Justice Robert Watson, upon his failure to furnish bond in the sum of \$500 to keep the peace.

Rev. Mr. Seamon, who is pastor of several churches in adjoining counties, was arrested on the complaint of his wife that he assaulted her.

Mrs. Seamon swore out the warrant for the better that her husband would take her life, as she said, he had frequently threatened. Her story culminated in the statement that her husband had spat in her face.

TO INFLUENCE THAW JURORS

Alleged Attempt Arouses Jealousy to Investigate

LITTLE FAITH IN IT

Believed That the Policeman Who Spoke to a Juror Was Merely Meddlesome Out of Sympathy With Thaw, But Jerome Strives to Get to the Bottom of Affair.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 20.—District Attorney Jerome today prepared to question John S. Dennee and Henry C. Brearley, two of the Thaw jurors in regard to the accusation that a policeman had tried to sway one of the twelve men by telling him that Harry K. Thaw's father was a Myrtle Shriner, as is also the juror who was approached.

Both jurors Dennee and Brearley had been served with subpoenas from the district attorney's office as soon as the alleged incident became known. It is proposed to get the two men and such others of the jury as know anything about the matter to tell what they know under oath. It was believed improbable that all the others of the jury except George Pfaff, who is out of town, would be brought to the district attorney's office today, as they were in the city in anticipation of a reunion banquet arranged for tonight at the Broadway Central Hotel. It was stated today that the district attorney does not believe any attempt was made to tamper with the Thaw jury. He is said to be of the opinion that the policeman who spoke to one of the jury men was merely meddling out of sympathy for Thaw, but it is supposed to find out the identity of the patrolman and have him punished as an example.

ELY, COREY'S RIVAL, IS A REEL MAD MAN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, April 20.—Edgar Atchison Ely, the rival of W. E. Corey for the hand of Mabelle Gilman, was angry today because he failed to see Mr. Corey before he left the Auditorium Annex for Gary, Ind.

"I will see what these reports that Mabelle is going to marry Corey mean, and I will make him declare his intentions to me," Ely said when he started for Corey's hotel. He sent up his card, demanding an immediate interview, and received a reply that Mr. Corey would see him at 5 p. m. Ely returned at 5 p. m., to learn that Corey had left the city at 2:30.

"Well," said the angry suitor, "I know who Mabelle loves, and she will marry only for love."

It was stated that while Corey was at the hotel the door of his room was opened only when the waiter brought refreshments necessary for a "little game between friends." The waiter said it must have been a stiff game, because silver dollars were used for white chips and Mr. Corey seemed to be loser.

GIRLS MAD WITH FEAR IN BIG FIRE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, April 20.—Fire that caused more than \$200,000 damages almost entirely destroyed warehouse No. 5 of Libbey, McNeill & Libbey at the stock yards today, drove two hundred employees from the building in panic, and for a time threatened to include several other valuable buildings in the immediate vicinity. The cause of the fire is unknown.

One hundred and fifty girls who were employed on the top floor became panic-stricken and attempted to jump from the windows of the place. The young women were so highly excited that it was with the greatest difficulty that special policemen from Swift & Company were able to lead them down the runways and out of the building. Some of them were slightly injured.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF THOMASVILLE.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Thomasville, N. C., April 20.—The organization of the First National Bank of Thomasville has just been effected with a paid in capital of \$25,000. The officers are: President, C. F. Lambeth; Vice-president, T. J. Finch; Cashier, Homer Ragan. Board of Directors: A. E. Wood Cox, of High Point; C. H. Phillips, of Salisbury; T. J. Finch, of Wheatboro; F. S. Lambeth, E. W. Cates, C. E. Harris and J. A. Green, of Thomasville.