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## SAD AND TRAGIC DEATH

### WILSON TRAVELLING SALESMAN'S RASH DEED—HAD BEEN DRINKING SOME DAYS.

### E. J. FERGUSON COMMITS SUICIDE IN KINSTON

He Had Been Missing for a Number of Days—Used a Pistol and Explained Reasons in a Note.

Monday, two weeks ago Mr. E. J. Ferguson left Wilson in the interest of Boykin & Co. and was to sell goods and collect accounts at various points between here and Raleigh, advising his employers each day. For some days no word reached them until finally a telegram dated Raleigh came from Mr. Ferguson saying he was sick in Clayton and would return Monday, Sept. 25. He did not come, but the firm received an order from him for a bill of goods to be shipped to Clayton, the order being sent from Clayton. Nothing further being heard from him Mr. J. R. Boykin left here on the morning of the 28th, making inquiries along the road. He went to Raleigh and heard of him there where Mr. Ferguson had cashed a number of checks paid him for Boykin & Co, but it was impossible to trace him beyond Raleigh as no one knew where he had gone. From that time until Tuesday every effort was made to find him, as it was discovered that he had been drinking.

Tuesday a telegram came, stating that E. J. Ferguson had committed suicide at Kinston. It was a terrible shock to his friends here who telegraphed the sad news to his wife, who had left here only the night before for Fair Bluff, S. C., with her brother-in-law, Captain J. N. Gibbons. Yesterday's Kinston Free Press contains the following account of the terrible tragedy:

"About 2:15 o'clock this afternoon Mr. E. J. Ferguson, of Wilson, N. C., committed suicide near the Gay Lumber company's mills, on the outskirts of Kinston, by shooting himself in the head with a 38 calibre revolver. The ball entered just behind the right ear.

"An employe of the mills saw him from a short distance and heard the report of the pistol. He and others quickly gathered around the suicide. Death occurred almost instantly.

"Sheriff Wooten was soon on the scene and took charge of body and the papers and valuables.

"About \$80 in cash and checks were found in the pockets of the suicide's clothes. There were many bills and papers, most of them being bills of Boykin & Co., wholesale grocers of Wilson, N. C., of whom we suppose he was an employe in the capacity of traveling salesman.

"The suicide left a note in his memorandum book stating that whiskey was the whole cause of his suicide, that his home was in Wilson, that he was a married man, and requesting that a telegram be sent to Boykin & Co. In the same book he left a very touching note to his wife, stating that he had broken his promise not to drink any more, etc. We respect the wish of the dead man, expressed at the bottom of the note to his wife, that the note would not be published.

"He was a nice looking man of 30 years of age. He had been in Kinston about a week and we suppose the sad ending of his life this afternoon is the result of a spree during the time he has been here.

"The coroner's inquest will be held this afternoon and his remains will be sent on tomorrow's train to Wilson."

Besides the above the News learns that Mr. Ferguson registered at the

Kinston Hotel as H. C. Smith and stayed there but one day, leaving the hotel last Thursday morning and being on a spree since. The negro boy who saw him kill himself says that he put the pistol to his head twice, and shot himself the third time. His name was first found on a bunch of keys and Mr. Ferguson was recognized by Mr. J. A. Long, who knew him in Wilson. The body was kept in the court house Tuesday night.

The dead man was a member of the Masonic lodge here, and telegrams were sent to Kinston asking that the Mason's look after the body. This was done and yesterday at 1:16 p. m. the body reached Wilson, being met here by members of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, Rev. Thos. Bell and Mr. B. W. Hargrave being deputized to escort the body to Bon Air, Va., about fifteen miles from Richmond, where the burial took place yesterday. The body reached here in charge of Mr J. F. Webb, an undertaker of Kinston, at which place it had been taken to the train by the Masons. Mrs. E. J. Ferguson and her sister, Mrs. J. N. Gibbons came on the train at 2:25 p. m. The body of Mr. Ferguson was transferred to it and the journey to Bon Air resumed.

Mr. Ferguson was about 33 years of age, and has been with Boykin & Co. for about a year. He is a native of Virginia and leaves a wife but no children. He was liked by all who knew him, and universal regret is expressed here over the tragic end of what promised to be a useful life.

## LIVELY FIGHTING

### Four Days of It Near Imus—Rapid Fire Guns Used.

Manila, October 4.—There have been four days of the liveliest kind of fighting and it appears that the insurgents planned that an attack should begin on Imus last Saturday and then that Calamba Mexico should be attacked.

A large force which has been hovering in that neighborhood attacked Calamba from the northwest yesterday, using two rapid fire guns and one machine gun.

Col. Kline advanced two companies of the twenty-first with one gun, which dislodged the weaker wing of the attacking party south of the hills. Meanwhile two companies of the twenty-first, with a Hotchkiss gun, crossed the bridge and repulsed the vigorous attack from the northeast hills.

The American loss was two killed and seven wounded, including one officer. The insurgents gun was not captured. In the afternoon one cavalryman was wounded.

Bolo men concealed in the grass near Guagau surrounded and killed three members of the ninth infantry who were on outpost duty.

## DEMANDS SURRENDER OF CARACAS.

### Gen. Castro is Moving In—The Intervention of United States Minister Asked.

Caracas, October 4.—Gen. Castro, the revolutionary leader, is fifty-five miles from here and an armistice is in force. President Andrade has sent a commission to interview Gen. Castro, who demands the unconditional surrender of Caracas. It is understood in diplomatic circles that U. S. Minister Loomis has been requested to attempt to settle the trouble between the government and the revolutionists.

## WITHIN AN INCH OF WAR

### THE TRANSVAAL TROUBLES APPROACH A CLIMAX—SITUATION VERY GRAVE.

### PRES. KRUGER SENDS ENGLAND HIS ULTIMATUM

Demands the Withdrawal of English Troops in Forty-eight Hours—The Boers Will Act on the Defensive.

Paris, October 4.—A number of papers say that the Boers have sent an ultimatum to Great Britain demanding the withdrawal of the troops from the frontiers within forty-eight hours. These papers congratulate President Kruger on coming to a decision.

### British Over the Border.

Bloemfontein, October 4.—The Landrest telegraphs that the British troops have crossed the border from Kimberley.

### Affairs Are Very Serious.

Capetown, October 4.—On his arrival Quarter Master General Sir George White found the situation regarded as extremely grave, and affairs looked so serious on the Natal border that the authorities considered it expedient to wire the Admiral at Simons Bay asking if the cruiser Doris was available to convey Gen. White and the principal members of his staff direct to Durban: If the Doris is available Gen. White will sail to-morrow and take command of the forces on the Natal border Sunday.

### Boers on the Defensive.

Capetown, October 4.—Reliable information from Bloemfontein and Pretoria were received to-day to the effect that the Boers will not take the offensive and invade Natal. They feared being trapped between Ladysmith and Dundee. In consequence they will remain in their intrenchments on the border and act on the defensive.

### To Use Their Indian Troops.

Simla, India, October 4.—Under orders from the British War Office preparations are being hurried to embark a large force of Shoorkas and other native troops for South Africa.

London, October 5.—A New Castle despatch says that the Boer advance began yesterday with a general movement of their artillery.

### Up Goes Money.

The Bank of England rate of discount has been raised to five per cent.

### On a Mission of Peace.

Pretoria, October 5.—Premier Schreiner of Cape Colony, and Hofmyer, the Afrikander leader, arrived here on an unofficial mission of peace.

### The State of Change.

London, October 5.—The reported Boer advance has caused apprehension, but prices soon moved upward except consols, which fell flat on the uncertainty of the money market.

### The Fighting Fifth There.

Ladysmith, October 5.—The Fifth, a crack British force, has arrived here and is encamped near the railway.

### The British Back Away.

London, October 5.—The British have abandoned Charlestown, the first Natal town next to Laings Neck and are prepared to evacuate New Castle, fifty miles south.

All Natal, as far as Glencoe will be abandoned by the British, doubtless to prevent them being cut off in the

rear by incursions from the Orange Free State and Transvaal troops from the west and the east.

Commander-in-chief Joubert, has a force of fifteen thousand effectives of the Volkseust with a strong force of Kaffirs.

### Looking After The Money.

Pretoria, October 5.—The government this afternoon commanded a box of gold belonging to the National Bank of South Africa, one of the German group. No objection was offered so long as the government left sufficient bonds.

### RACE AGAIN TO-MORROW.

The Shamrock and the Columbia—The Winds Will Probably be All Right.

New York, October 4.—Yesterday's race between the Columbia and the Shamrock will be resailed to-morrow.

The variable winds promise a breeze which will probably freshen then, and it ought to be a good sailing wind.

The yachts are anchored at Sandy Hook and are being generally overhauled.

### BURN A TOWN.

The Filipinos Set Fire to Paranaque—Some Houses Burned.

Manila, October 5.—Last night the town of Paranaque was attacked in force by the insurgents at midnight, and was set on fire. Two companies of the fourteenth infantry, under command of Major Daggett repulsed the enemy, suffering no casualties. Several buildings were destroyed before the fire was extinguished.

### REMEINY'S DAUGHTER.

Scores a Brilliant Success in New York—The Coming Prima Donna.

New York, October 5.—Adrienne Remenyi, the daughter of Edward Remenyi, the celebrated violinist, made her debut before a New York audience Tuesday night with the great Kaltenhorn Orchestra. Critics pronounce her the coming prima donna with a brilliant future. Her voice is pure, and has a great carrying power.

She sang the Aria from "Mignon" and Gounod's "Ave Maria."

### Has Bought a Balloon.

Berlin, October 5.—Gen. Greely has ascended by means of the Potsdam Military Kite Balloon. Greely has purchased a similar balloon for the U. S. Government.

### Is It a Fake.

New York, October 5.—The Herald bulletins a report which comes to a reporter by wire that the steamer Grand Republic has sunk. Nothing heard of it here.

Later—The Mail and Express and the Post say the Grand Republic story is a fake.

### Capt. Carter in Court.

New York, October 5.—Capt. Carter, the convicted U. S. Army officer embezzler was yesterday in the U. S. Circuit court on his writ of habeas corpus. He was pale and haggard after his confinement on Governor's Island.

### Proposed Telephone Line.

Paris, October 5.—Negotiations have been opened for the establishment of a telephone line between Rome and Milan.

## THE RACE DECLARED OFF

### THE YACHTS FAILED TO MAKE TIME LIMIT. A FAIR BREEZE.

### AT ONE TIME IT SEEMED COLUMBIA'S RACE

But The Shamrock Kept Moving Up Closer—The Columbia Was The Favorite For The Day's Race.

New York, October 5.—A ten mile wind W. S. N. this morning was blowing and the probable course of the yacht race between the Columbia and the Shamrock is along the Long Island shore.

The preparatory gun at 10:44 found the Columbia a quarter mile to the leeward.

The Shamrock crossed the line at 11:11 and the Columbia three and a half seconds later. At 11:26 the Columbia took the lead and at 11:45 was increasing it. At 11:50 the Columbia was slightly leading when the yachts disappeared in the haze. At 12:17 the Columbia was outfooting the Shamrock, the breeze was dying away and the boats were searching for wind. Shortly after they were sighted off Rockaway. At 12:33 the Columbia was one-eighth of a mile ahead. At 12:50 the wind freshened and the Columbia was a half mile ahead. At 1:22 the boats were lost sight of in the mist but an occasional glimpse shows the Columbia leading!

On the Stock Exchange the betting is 100 to 60 on the Columbia winning the series and 100 to 80 on today's race.

At 1:40 the Columbia was a mile ahead at the ten mile mark. At 1:50 the wind freshens and is S. by S. W. If it holds out the yachts will run home.

At 2:16 the wind still freshens and the Columbia is way out but leads by a mile and a half. At 2:32 news came that the Columbia rounded the stake boat at 1:15 ahead of the Shamrock. At 2:45 the yachts had covered twenty miles, the Columbia had a good lead and the chances are for a finish. At 3 o'clock the Shamrock had cut down the Columbia's lead and was only a length behind.

At 3:15 both yachts were on the starboard tack side by side, with six miles to go. It seems impossible for a finish in the time limit.

The race was finally declared off as the yachts did not make the time limit. The Shamrock was ahead.

### A Big Embezzler.

Glasgow, October 5.—James Colquhoun, lately the city treasurer and a representative of the city in the Corporation University has been sentenced to five years imprisonment for the embezzlement of nearly eight hundred thousand dollars.

### Outbreak In India.

Aden, India October 5.—The "New" Mahdi has begun hostilities, and a battle between the natives and the British occurred at Berbera. Twenty-seven of the Mahdi's men were killed.

### Dewey is Relieved.

Washington, October 5.—Secretary Long has issued an order to Admiral Dewey directing him to haul down the flag of the Olympia and detaching him from his command. The Admiral had requested this relief from his command.