

juries which caused her death before Dr. Johnson could arrive. Her father was not at home, being on his way hither from Alabama. The death was reported to police headquarters as a case of suicide due to melancholia and temporary aberration of mind as the result of a long illness.

Miss Herbert was the eldest of ex-Secretary Herbert's three children and was a charming figure in Washington society. She came with her father to Washington when he was elected to Congress and at once took charge of his household affairs, making the Herbert home one of the most attractive and comfortable in Washington from the spirit of true Southern hospitality which gave it an atmosphere of its own among fashionable homes. When her father became secretary of the navy in President Cleveland's administration, Miss Herbert was called on to take her place in the circle of cabinet ladies where she met with success in the heavy social responsibilities placed on her. Socially, she was exceedingly popular and her presence was sought at all gatherings. Her social triumphs here were repeated in Europe where she went to attend the great naval demonstration at Kiel. Within the past year, she has not enjoyed robust health, but this only induced her to redouble her devotion to out-of-door sports and exercises, and it was while regaining her health by outdoor riding, that she met the accident that indirectly resulted in her death.

This afternoon the following authorized statement was made by a gentleman familiar with all the facts:

"Miss Herbert at the time of the occurrence, was suffering from acute melancholia. It developed several weeks ago as the result of being thrown from her horse last spring.

"The melancholia was not insanity in the sense of being accompanied by delusions. At the time there was profound depression. As is always the case in this disease, there was danger that suicidal tendencies would develop.

"For this reason, nurses were provided to maintain the closest watchfulness. No suicidal tendency developed, however, until yesterday, when for the first time, Miss Herbert made an attempt to get out of the window but was restrained by the nurse. This led to additional caution and two nurses alternated in constant watchfulness. She was at all times rational, quiet and gentle, and it was supposed the disease would yield to treatment.

"Early this morning the nurse on duty noticed a small spot of blood on the bed coverings. She inquired what it meant, but the invalid endeavored to pass it by lightly. On making an investigation, however, the nurse found that the under bed clothes were saturated with blood and that Miss Herbert had severed the artery of her wrist with a pair of scissors. Feeling that the emergency was great the nurse hastened to the door and gave an alarm. In this momentary withdrawal from the bedside, Miss Herbert leaped out and sprang from the window. The plunge was made head-foremost so that she lighted on the top of her head on the pavement. This alone was sufficient to have caused her death from concussion of the brain, and was doubtless the immediate cause. A cursory examination showed that the skull was fractured. The severing of the artery also would have resulted fatally. When the physician reached her, Miss Herbert was still breathing, but died about an hour after the leap."

The coroner returned a verdict of suicide through temporary insanity. As the facts were clear he decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 21.—The board of commissioners for the care of the indigent insane for the state of Nevada

investigated the charge of Henry Wood yesterday.

Wood charged that Superintendent Bergstein was in the habit of throwing the brain of deceased patients on whom he held autopsies in the Truckee river. He also charged that Dr. Bergstein kept a corpse last summer until a bunch of maggots the size of a hen's egg made its appearance in one of its closed eyes. Woods continued in proving his charges. In fact Dr. Bergstein admitted telling an attendant at one time to throw the brains in the river. Dr. Bergstein maintains that it makes no difference what disposition is made of one's body after dissolution, that the workings of nature would eventually dispose of it.

Tonawanda, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Tonight on the Elliott creek the ice gave way and precipitated a party of four young people into the water. Three of them were drowned. The dead are:

W. A. Newman, aged 19.

Miss Rose Newman, aged 16.

Michael Coleman, aged 20.

The fourth member of the party, Miss Lizzie Coleman, was rescued.

Gardner, Mass., Dec. 20.—Leda Charland, 12 years of age, George Morin, 15, and Frank Waterman, 18, were drowned today while skating on thin ice.

Madrid, Dec. 21.—Serious strike disorders have occurred at Moreso, where a band of strikers has attacked the non-strikers. Several persons were wounded. Gendarmes are patrolling the streets.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21.—The Auditorium, the largest and finest playhouse west of Chicago and the Auditorium hotel, one of the most fashionable of family hostleries in the city, situated at Holmes and Ninth street, was gutted by fire that started shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. The 105 hotel guests escaped in safety, although many were compelled to leave the building in their night clothes. The loss on the entire property, which is owned by Alexander Frazer, a local businessman, will aggregate \$450,000. The aggregate insurance amounts to but \$85,000. Owing to a high insurance rate, a great deal of the insurance had been allowed to lapse.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 21.—As a result of last night's freight wreck which was caused by a runaway train on the Pennsylvania road three men lost their lives and damages of \$75,000 was done rolling stock.

Dead: S. Kuster, Hagerstown, Ind.; Charles J. Numer, brakeman; S. C. Corbin, brakeman.

Kuster died a few minutes after midnight after being taken to the hospital. The body of Corbin was found in a pile of debris thirty feet in the air. He was instantly killed.

Three locomotives, four passenger coaches and 28 loaded freight cars were wrecked. Besides this loss the damage to merchandise, with which the cars were loaded is heavy.

South Ridge, Mass., Dec. 21.—Notices have been posted at the Fiskdale cotton mills in South Ridge, that on January 1, the scale will be lowered. The notice does not state the amount of the reduction, but it is believed it will be between 10 and 15 per cent. It is thought the cut-down will be accepted.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Japanese legation has been informed that the two new cruisers which Japan is having built in this country, are so well along toward completion that they will both be launched within the next few weeks. The cruiser at the Cramps ship yard at Philadelphia, has been christened Kasagi-Khan and the launching has been set for January 20. Minister Noshi and the staff of the legation will attend the launching and a number of guests will be invited to participate in the ceremony.

The cruiser at the Union Iron Works at San Francisco has been named the Chitos. The launching will occur some time in February, but the exact date has not been set. The cruisers are alike in all respects, having a tonnage of about 5,000, each and the contracts call for a speed of 22 knots an hour.

Marshall, Mich., Dec. 21.—An extra freight train of ten empty cars collided with a westbound passenger train on the Detroit, Toledo & Milwaukee railroad last night, near Wilderville. Both locomotives were ruined and the freight cars piled high in a mass of ruins. Albert Arner, the baggage man, was seriously injured, and a line repairer named McNiff, of Tecumseh, had his back injured.

The force of the collision drove E. B. Williams, a passenger brakeman, head foremost through a door panel. His scalp is badly torn and back injured. Engineer Lott of the passenger train had a leg broken and his fireman sprained his ankle in jumping. Engineer Cooner of the freight admits that he forgot his orders. He and his fireman jumped and escaped injury.

Tripoli, Dec. 21.—Several thousand Armenians who had been making a demonstration outside the gates of this place have been surrounded by Turkish troops. The shops of the city are closed and the Arab agitation against the government is increasing. There were disturbances on December 17 at Amrus, near here. All the houses inhabited by Hebrews were pillaged. Thirty of the rioters were arrested by troops.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—George Thurston shot and probably fatally wounded Mrs. Lizzie Parker and then fired a bullet into his own head in the woman's home last night. After wounding his victim and before turning the weapon upon himself Thurston fired one shot at Mrs. Emma Scott, Mrs. Parker's sister, but missed the mark. Mrs. Parker is shot in the right breast. She is at the Mercy hospital.

HIDDEN TREASURES.

Occasionally old banks discover in their possession money and gems which have been forgotten. A London bank of many years' standing has just found a box containing money and valuables which had not been opened or called for in 160 years and for which there is no claimant. There is no other recorded instance of a package held in trust remaining so long unexamined.

Some years ago the Merchants' National bank of Baltimore discovered a box containing \$10,000 in bonds of the Pennsylvania railroad, the ownership of which could not at first be traced. The coupons for the preceding fifteen years were still attached. It was finally discovered that the bonds belonged to the Hagerstown (Md.) bank and had been deposited as collateral. The president of the Hagerstown bank died, the cashier was superseded and the institution lost all traces of the transaction. The disappearance of the securities, however, always remained an unpleasant mystery until it was thus happily cleared up.

In one of the private banking houses of Frankfurt, during the first half of the century, a box containing a large sum of money and securities was deposited for safe keeping, and when called for a few days afterward could not be found. The banker himself received it, and, as he supposed, put it in a place of security. He was so overcome by the occurrence that he went home and shot himself. The next day the treasure turned up safe and sound, the receptacle having in a moment of absence of mind been stored away in an odd corner and overlooked.