

## RICHARD CROKER'S SON FOUND DEAD.

Was Placed on Train at Kansas City by a Negro Who Gave Him A Purse and Ticket.

### APPARENTLY HE WAS DRUGGED

Asleep When Conductor First Came Round, Dead on Second Turn—  
Foul Play Possible.

Kansas City, May 12.—Herbert V. Croker, a son of Richard Croker, the New York political leader, was found dead on a south-bound Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe train between Kansas City and Newton, Kas., today. He had died during the night, evidently from the effects of some drug administered at Kansas City, where he took the train last night for Bliss, Okla.

The first news of the death of young Croker was received in Kansas City at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the local police were requested to hunt for a negro who is said to have placed Croker on the train at Kansas City.

According to a telephone message from Newton, Croker was found dead in a car seat just before the train reached Newton early today. The body was taken from the train at Newton. His identity did not become known until a message was received from Richard Croker at New York several hours later asking the authorities to hold the remains and stating that he would leave the east immediately for Newton.

The first clue to Croker's identity was a letter found in the dead man's pocket addressed to Zach Mulhall, formerly of Oklahoma, who is now holding a wild west show in New York city. To Joseph S. Miller, manager of the famous "101" ranch at Bliss, Okla. Inquiry by telephone elicited the information that Croker was not known at the Bliss ranch. Evidently he was on the way to the ranch for an outing.

Following a message of inquiry sent to New York city, the coroner took charge of the body and empanelled a jury. An inquest was begun this afternoon.

According to stories of passengers and the conductor on the train upon which Croker died, the young New Yorker was placed on the train at Kansas City shortly after 10 o'clock last night by a negro. Croker appeared to be under the influence of some drug. The negro was seen to hand him a sum of money and a railroad ticket just before the train started, when he jumped off and disappeared. When the conductor came around to collect Croker's fare the latter was asleep and he did not disturb the passenger.

Croker was left to himself all night until nearly 6 o'clock this morning, when the conductor made another attempt to collect his ticket. He was unable to arouse Croker and upon examination found that he was dead.

The coroner at Newton was notified by wire and when the train reached that city the body was removed to an undertaking establishment. It was several hours later before the young man's identity was suspected.

As far as learned Croker arrived in Kansas City early on Thursday and spent the afternoon at the Elmbridge race track. He is known to have been in the company of several patrons of the race track before he boarded the train for the south.

Passengers on the train took particular notice when young Croker was assisted into a chair car at the Union station in Kansas City, by a young negro, because the white man was helpless, as if from liquor. The negro assisted Croker into a seat and then gave him a purse containing a railroad ticket and \$19, counting the money out to Croker.

The passengers heard Croker say: "Now I want you to send me the rest of it." The negro asked Croker to write his address, but Croker refused, and finally the negro wrote while Croker dictated. The address was "Bliss, Oklahoma, care 101 Ranch."

Immediately after the train started Croker fell into a deep sleep, snoring loudly. Later he grew quieter. At the train near Newton, the conductor, who wished to take up Croker's ticket, shook him to arouse him, and found him dead. There are no marks of violence on the young man's body, and the officers here do not believe he died of heart trouble, as he was of fine physical development.

Beside the letter from Zach Mulhall introducing Croker to Joe Miller, of 301 Ranch, Croker's papers contained a letter of introduction from J. D. Carroll, of New York, to Miller, a letter signed "Carter," from New York, and an affectionate letter from a woman on West Twenty-second street, New York. The two latter letters were not made public.

At the race track Croker's manner was not such as to excite notice. Tod Sloan, the jockey, who rode for Rich-

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and Croker, and who was well acquainted with Herbert's brother, was at the track all afternoon, and he did not even hear that Croker was in town. It appears that Croker did not make his identity known anywhere in this city.

The negro who put young Croker on the train last night was Charles Woodson, a porter at the Coates hotel. Woodson says that Croker arrived at the hotel about 8 o'clock last night in an intoxicated condition. After checking a small valise at the hotel, Croker, the negro says, asked him where there was a "hop joint."

After repeated requests Woodson says that he agreed to accompany Croker to such a resort. They went together to a Chinese resort on Sixth street between Wyandotte and Delaware streets, where they remained an hour. Woodson says that he then took Croker direct to the train. Croker's valise is still at the hotel. Croker did not register at the hotel and he is not believed that he stopped at any other hotel during his brief stay in the city.

Woodson, the negro porter, tells a straight story and the police do not think that he was guilty of robbing Croker or otherwise abusing his confidence.

### INQUEST POSTPONED.

Newton, Kas., May 12.—The coroner's jury in the Croker case was excused tonight at 10 o'clock until tomorrow morning at 2 o'clock, after examining the trainmen. An autopsy may be performed during the night. The testimony introduced at the inquest by the trainmen tends to show that Croker was not drunk, but had been drugged.

He was in a helpless condition when led to a seat on the Santa Fe train at the Kansas City union depot by a negro porter.

A brother of the dead man is coming from New York to take the body home, according to a telegram received here tonight.

**CROKER'S MOVEMENTS TRACED.**

Kansas City, Mo., May 12.—The police have traced Herbert Croker's movements in this city Thursday afternoon. On his return from the Elmbridge race track he went to the Coates house and talked with the bartender, giving him his name and saying he was on the way to Oklahoma. The bartender says Croker was not intoxicated and drank nothing there. In the barroom he met Charles Woodson, the negro porter. Woodson says they went out to "have a little fun" visiting a Chinese opium den and two saloons. In one of the saloons Croker took a drink. Croker had a 20-dollar bill and explained that he never carried much money, but used a check book. Woodson says that he and Croker rode to the railroad station in a hack; that Croker went into the chair car because he could not get a Pullman berth that he gave Croker all the money left after paying the hackman—\$17 or \$18. Woodson is held at the police station, but there is no charge against him.

### HURT IN A WRECK.

**Ten Persons Injured in One of Frisco Meteor.**

Kansas City, May 12.—Ten persons were hurt in the wreck of the "Frisco Meteor," the Oklahoma and Texas limited train, in the Rosedale, Kan., railroad yard tonight, by a meteor crashing into five box-cars which stood on the main line.

### INJURED.

John Cleveland, engineer; will die. Tom Johnson, fireman; hip and shoulder hurt. J. N. Atherton, mail clerk; back bruised and bruised. Hughes, Oklahoma City; thrown from Pullman berth and cut. Andy Boyman, baggage man; leg crushed by falling trunk. E. H. Hawkes, baggage man; leg crushed by falling trunk. H. A. Bauer, Custer, Okla.; side hurt. S. V. Post, arm crushed. A. D. Harclerod, Bronson, Kan.; wrist sprained. Dorrr Harrington, Cheboygan, Wis.; face bruised.

### PANAMA CANAL PROBLEMS.

**Shonts Says They Are by no Means Insuperable.**

Chicago, May 12.—Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Panama canal commission, declared today that in the few weeks he had been at work on the affairs of the canal he had discovered that, while the immensity of the project is likely to stagger even an enthusiastic supporter of it, the obstacles presented are by no means insuperable.

Mr. Shonts left today for Washington to resume his duties in connection with the canal. He will go to Panama, to remain permanently, about the end of June.

"I have found that, while the building of the canal is a stupendous project, it is by no means one which cannot be conquered and put through to a successful finish. As a matter of fact,

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"The solution for the difficulties involved in securing enough of the right kind of labor lies in fair treatment, fair wages and entire sanitation."

"The engineering problem is not, perhaps, more difficult than others that have been put through successfully. Its immensity is the only staggering thing about it. The same organization and the same force applied to this project as was applied to the Panama canal, and the same kind of, but on a similarly large scale, will in my opinion, make a successful job."

### KAISER WILHELM'S SPEECH TO HIS HIGHER OFFICERS.

Berlin, May 12.—The Frankfurter Zeitung today gives the following remarks made recently by Emperor Wilhelm at Strassburg to the higher officers after a review of troops.

"As we hear it, the emperor the day before yesterday said to the officers at a review that certain aspects of the Russo-Japanese war furnished the necessity for sober, moral living among the officers and men. He pointed out also the significance of the race groups in the east which must become important for the German army."

"The Strassburg Post gives the following version of Emperor Wilhelm's speech to his officers:

"Young men in the army must be given more to do; they must work hard all day so as to be thoroughly fatigued by evening and want to go to bed early instead of seeking pleasures. The officers corps is the soul of the army and must ever be trim. Otherwise the army suffers. The present war furnishes examples of that. The Japanese common soldier, has stood the test fully. The Russian officers' corps on the other hand, has completely failed. Hence the Russian soldiers have behaved well and fought bravely. My son told me Russian officers bought up all the champagne in Kiao-Chau. The soldier in the field must accustom himself to an abstemious life and dare not partake of such things. In regard to field tactics it must be said that the lessons of the Boer war have been confirmed. One must not offer oneself as a target to the enemy and in making attack one must not wait for pioneers, but soldiers must themselves take the spade in hand."

"The Russians have built splendid defensive works, such as could hardly have been better made in peace. The oldest defensive works, like pitfalls and others which are almost forgotten among us, have again come in favor. It is important that all sorts of defenses which were liberally used by the Russians and caused the Japanese many losses."

"In regard to supreme command, this war again confirms the old doctrine that in such extended battlefields the commander-in-chief must be above all things not to front. There is only one view of a part of the field nearest him, but completely loses oversight and direction of the whole."

These remarks were uttered in the usual criticism the emperor makes to higher officers after parades and maneuvers.

### A GERMAN COUNT.

**Juan Claiming to be Such Tried To Enter Vanderbilt's House.**

New York, May 12.—A man who said he was Adolph Radel, a count of the German empire, was taken to Bellevue hospital tonight after having attempted to enter the residence of Cornelius Vanderbilt for the purpose of calling on Mrs. Vanderbilt, with whom he declared he was well acquainted and who had been his guest at his castle on the Rhine. The "count" had a fine gold watch, which hung a large gold and silver trefol on the leaves of which were the following inscription: "Presented to Count Adolph Radel by the emperor of Germany for services to the country." "Presented to Count Adolph Radel by King Leopold for services to the country" and "presented to the Count Adolph Radel by Emperor Francis Joseph for services to the country."

Around his neck he had a wire ribbon from which suspended a silver filigree ornament which he said had been given to him by King Edward. He Mrs. he had just arrived in New York from California.

### WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

**Admires President's Position on The Railroad Rate Question.**

Kansas City, May 12.—William J. Bryan was the guest of honor and principal speaker at a dinner given by the Knife and Fork club of this city at the grand hotel tonight. In an interview, Mr. Bryan said that he admired the position of President Roosevelt and Mr. Taft upon the question of railroad rate legislation. When asked if he thought the president would call a special session of Congress and urge upon that body the necessity of immediate legislation, Mr. Bryan refused to commit himself.

In regard to the recent Illinois banquet in Chicago, at which President Roosevelt was the guest of honor, Mr. Bryan said:

"I was gratified at the expression of good will of the demonstration in Chicago toward the president, and I am glad that the Democrats of the nation are supporting President Roosevelt in his position on the question of railroad rate legislation."

### MISSIONARY UNION

**Of South Baptist Church Elects Officers.**

Kansas City, May 12.—The Woman's Missionary union of the South Baptist church has elected the following officers: Mrs. J. A. Barker, Clinton, Ala., president; Mrs. D. M. Malone, Alabama; Mrs. E. Longley, Arkansas; Mrs. F. P. Wiggins, state of Columbia; Mrs. W. S. Shipley, Florida; Mrs. J. D. Easterlin, Georgia; Mrs. T. C. Carlton, Indian Territory; Miss E. S. Broadbent, Kentucky; Mrs. S. Ammon, Louisiana; Mrs. James W. Maryland; Mrs. W. A. McComb, Mississippi; Mrs. G. L. Burnham, Missouri; Miss F. E. S. Heck, North Carolina; Miss Mary Jane, Oklahoma; Mrs. J. S. Chakman, South Carolina; Mrs. A. J. Wheeler, Tennessee; Mrs. G. W. Truett, Texas; Mrs. W. S. Leake, Virginia, vice presidents. Miss Annie W. Truett, Baltimore, corresponding secretary. Miss M. E. Wright, Georgia, and Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Maryland, recording secretaries. Miss Ella V. Ricker, Maryland, treasurer.

### Resignation Accepted.

Washington, May 12.—The president has accepted the resignation of Capt. John L. Donovan, Twenty-second in-

fantry, now stationed in the Philippines to take effect June 1.

### Linevitch Reports Engagements.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—Gen. Linevitch, in a dispatch from the front, dated May 11, reports a series of small engagements for the possession of a pass seven miles southwest of Chimiote and on May 6 the fighting was resumed and lasted all day long. The result was indecisive.

Simultaneously detachments were engaged seven miles from Ufaugu. The Japanese advanced up to the Russian bayonets, but were repulsed.

The night of May 4 the Japanese were reinforced and the Russians commenced to retire. On May 7 a third Russian detachment advanced to Tavangan pass and met the Japanese, against whom the former operated successfully for possession of the pass.

On May 7 the Japanese resumed a decisive offensive against the Russian right flank.

### JOHN PAUL JONES.

**His Body Will be Buried at Annapolis.**

Washington, May 12.—President Roosevelt today approved the recommendation of Secy. of the Navy that the body of John Paul Jones be buried at Annapolis.

### HAMILTON BROS. CO.

**Forced Out of Business by Postal Authorities.**

Chicago, May 13.—Hamilton Brothers company, a jewelry firm at 265 Dearborn street, has been forced out of existence by the postal authorities.

"The correspondence of this company was excluded from the mails," said Postal Inspector Germer, "because of the manner in which it sold its goods. The plan was to send letters that brought replies. Then the firm would follow up the letters and try to make a sale of an imitation diamond. The men concerned said they did not know they were violating any postal rule, and that they considered their business legitimate."

### Secy. Hay Will Not Resign.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—Spencer M. Eddy, secretary of the American embassy, has returned here from Bad Nakhiev. He said Secy. Hay greatly improved. After completing the cure the secretary will go to London, sailing for the United States June 7.

Mr. Hay informed Mr. Eddy that there is no truth in the reports that it is his intention to resign the secretaryship of state.

### Mute Killed by a Train.

Bisbee, Ariz., May 12.—John Sterling, a mute, 40 years of age, was struck by a passenger train on the El Paso & Southern today and instantly killed. On his person was found a card from the stonecutters' union of San Francisco.

### Order of Railway Conductors.

Portland, Or., May 12.—The greater portion of today's session of the Order of Railway conductors was taken up with the revision of the by-laws of the order. Addresses condemning the treatment of Americans in Mexico were made and resolutions directed to President Roosevelt asking for a more strenuous policy in behalf of railroad men in Mexico were adopted.

The government control of railway rates by a commission was discussed and resolutions favoring the appointment of such a commission will be submitted to a vote at tomorrow's session.

The work of the convention is progressing slowly and it may be Tuesday night before the final work of the sessions, the election of officers and the selection of a place for holding the next convention, will be considered.

### Bryan Makes Return.

New Haven, Conn., May 12.—William J. Bryan today made a return to the probate court of his account as administrator of the estate of the late Philo S. Bennett. Mr. Bryan submitted a bill of \$2,500 for his services. Sailing, dancing tonight, 8 o'clock.

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