

MABEL BECHTEL MURDER SOLVED.

She Was Struck by Her Brother
In a Fit of Anger and
Killed.

HE THEN COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Family Held a Council and Decided
Upon Putting Forth an Untrue Story
To Explain Her Death.

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 29.—Thomas Bechtel, who was held awaiting investigation on the charge of murdering his sister, Mabel H. Bechtel, at her home a few days ago, committed suicide this afternoon in his cell at the central police station.

Bechtel had laid himself on the floor of his cell and cut his throat with a knife. He was dead when found. The knife lay near him on the floor. Bechtel was a single man, 30 years old. He was a laborer and had been a policeman. He had been a hard drinker and when intoxicated was easily angered and prone to fight.

The funeral of the murdered girl took place this afternoon, the services being held at her late home. As the girl lay in her coffin her appearance told its own story. Both eyes were discolored as though they had been struck with a clenched fist. There was a big bruise on the nose and several smaller ones on the cheek and ear. The worst wound, that on the forehead, was hidden by the hair. On a finger was the engagement ring given her by Alfred Eckstein.

The suicide of Thomas Bechtel was followed by the police officials telling the story of the murder of Miss Bechtel as gathered by them. It starts with last Thursday, when Eckstein accompanied Miss Bechtel to Philadelphia. He left her there and returned.

Weisenberg met her in Philadelphia and accompanied her to Allentown. They went to a certain place together, where they remained until midnight. Thomas Bechtel heard of this and, being opposed to Weisenberg, he met the girl on her return. He struck her a powerful blow on the cheek causing her to fall against a bureau door.

Members of the family held a council and decided upon the story made public on Tuesday and upon the disposal of the body and clothing as found. Charles Bechtel later used a hatchet in striking the girl to give the semblance of assault.

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This happened immediately after midnight. The body was concealed in the home until Monday night, when it was placed in the arway, where it was found Tuesday morning. Eckstein knew nothing of the murder, the police say.

Convicts Picked Up at Sea.
Melbourne, Victoria, Oct. 29.—A rowboat containing several men was picked up at sea 400 miles from Noumea, New Caledonia, and brought here. Six of the rescued men have turned out to be convicts who escaped from the French penal settlement in New Caledonia.

VERDICT IN BROWN CASE.

Coroner's Jury Says He Came to
His Death from Poisoning.

Pittsburg, Oct. 29.—The verdict of the coroner's jury on the death of ex-City Recorder Owen Brown was reached tonight after 13 sittings. The jury found that Brown came to his death suddenly at his residence on Sunday afternoon, March 15, 1902, from poison administered by some unknown person or persons.

The death of Recorder Brown occurred a few days after his resignation as city recorder, at the close of a year's bitter factional fighting in local politics. There were vague rumors of suicide at the time, but the death was

generally attributed to collapse from overwork and mental stress. The suicide rumors, however, reached the ear of J. P. Brown, a Nebraska, a brother of the deceased, and he came here to investigate and on April 25 had the body exhumed from its resting place in Bull Creek cemetery at Tarentum, Pa., the boyhood home of the recorder, and a post-mortem examination was held.

At the post-mortem the vital organs were sent to Philadelphia for a chemical analysis. On June 25 the inquest proper was taken up and continued at intervals ever since. In all there were 13 sessions, not counting the viewing of the body. For the past two months nothing has been done, owing to the illness of Col. C. T. Campbell of Louisville, who has been retained by J. P. R. Brown, the dead man's brother, to look after his interests in the case.

Ex-Recorder Brown left a valuable estate, of which his wife, from whom he had been separated, several nephews and close friends were made beneficiaries by his will. The verdict of the coroner's jury leaves the case where it has been all along, as it is believed he did not die from natural causes.

J. P. R. Brown, who has been conducting the inquest, is expected to remain here and investigate further.

WOMAN PROTECTS HER HONOR

Mrs. John B. Sheppard Shoots
Two Sheepherders.

Basalt, Colo., Oct. 29.—Four Mexican sheep herders, accompanying a car of cattle from Thomasville to Utah, attempted in this town last night to assault Mrs. John B. Sheppard, wife of a Colorado Midland engineer, according to the woman's statement. She fought the men off, ran home and secured a revolver and shot Jose Chacon and his son Antonio. It is thought the elder Chacon is fatally injured. The four men were arrested and threats of lynching them have been made.

SAM PARKS' TRIAL.

His Partner, Tim McCarthy, Forfeits His Bond.

New York, Oct. 29.—Before the trial of Sam Parks was resumed today, it was learned that the bail bond of \$5,000 for Tim McCarthy, Parks' partner in the labor union, who is jointly indicted with him, had been forfeited. J. J. Byrne, nephew of Chief of Police William S. Doherty, is the bondsman. Parks was not looking well when he entered court today and in response to Mr. Osborne's greeting, he said that he had not slept well.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Rand said that the prosecution would rest today and the general impression is that the case will go to the jury on Monday tomorrow and possibly this evening.

Charles Avery, cashier of the Tiffany studios, testified to his having drawn a check for \$300 on Jan. 7, for which he received three \$100 bills at the bank and these together with \$200 in bills and gold he handed over to Schmitt on that day, the same day on which Schmitt swore to having paid the "fine" to Parks.

After some minor testimony the prosecution rested.

Mr. Osborne immediately renewed his application for the discharge of the prisoner because of defective indictment. The court denied the motion. Mr. Osborne then began his speech to the jury opening for the defense.

"I will show you and Parks will tell you that this charge of extortion is absurd. Parks and the Tiffany people paid an initiation fee of \$500 for being put on the list of union shop fees receiving valuable considerations. 'It is absurd,' continued Mr. Osborne, 'to imagine for a moment that a man like Parks, dying of consumption would deliberately commit a crime which would consign him to prison to die.'"

At the conclusion of Mr. Osborne's speech, the court took a recess.

November Industrial Dividends.

New York, Oct. 29.—Industrial disbursement dividends during November will be according to reports as far made, \$15,977,800, the smallest monthly aggregate in several years. These figures compare with \$19,854,525 in October and \$17,525,409 in September. In November a year ago, dividends amounted to \$18,870,117. To a considerable extent the falling off in next month's grand total is due to the retirement by the United States Steel corporation of \$130,411,000 preferred stock under the conversion scheme.

A Southern Pacific Oil Deal.

Bakersfield, Cal., Oct. 29.—On Nov. 1, according to contract, the Southern Pacific will pay over to the Reed Crude and Salt Joquin oil companies \$1,500,000 for their holdings of associated stock. The deal was made some months ago, just before the Kern Oil & Trading company was organized by E. H. Harriman to carry on the Southern Pacific's oil business. Work has been commenced by the Santa Fe railroad on the extension of its line into the Westside oil fields.

No Cut in Lumber Prices.

Tacoma, Oct. 29.—That there is no occasion for an immediate cut in the price of lumber was the decision at a regular monthly meeting of the Pacific Lumber Manufacturers' association held here. The members are agreed that the weakness in demand is only a temporary condition, which may no longer endure than the close of next month.

President R. L. McCormick, of the Mississippi Valley Lumber association, was present and made a general statement of the general conditions, resulting from the closing consequent to the co-operation of the Pacific coast manufacturers with those of the middle west in keeping up standards.

PROMOTER CONGER ARRESTED

Technical Charge is Obtaining
Money Under False Pretenses.

New York, Oct. 30.—John B. Conger, a promoter, who until three months ago occupied an office up town, where he was known as president and general manager of the National Carbonate Engine company, has been arrested on a charge of grand larceny. William H. Reynolds, a wealthy broker, asserts technically that Conger obtained from him \$40 by false pretense, but it is alleged by others that the promoter had induced Cornelius Landenberg and others to invest in a carbon engine. Reynolds was the head to the extent of \$30,000 to \$40,000. Mr. Reynolds swore out the warrant on which Conger was arrested after he and a lawyer had laid the case before Dist. Atty. Jerome for investigation.

Conger is said by the complainants to have come from Buffalo about a year and a half ago. He had, so he declared, a patent on a carbon engine especially adapted to use on railroads, and he maintained that it would save 15 per cent of the present cost of fuel. About three months ago, Reynolds alleges, Conger procured from him a loan of \$40 by telling the following story: "My aunt, Mrs. Uphall, is expected home from Europe in a few days. She and I are joint trustees of the estate of her first husband, who was president of the First National Bank of St. Paul, Minn. A box of securities has been shipped from St. Paul by express to a trust company of this city and there is \$40 express charges due. I am temporarily short of funds but will return the loan in a few days. I am to receive \$5,000 worth of the securities in the box, but it cannot be opened except in the presence of my aunt and myself." Reynolds says he loaned the money and upon investigation later found there was no such box of securities as

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Conger described and the express company had not forwarded the box to Conger.

Sexton's Death Not Due to Poison.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—In order to dispel doubts that had arisen in regard to the true nature of the illness which caused the death of P. J. Sexton, millionaire tractor, an autopsy has been held at the residence in Michigan avenue.

Vague rumors have been floating about during the time subsequent to Mr. Sexton's death, to the effect that arsenical poisoning was medical evidence of the cause of death and in the appearance of the body after death.

Neither the widow nor the sons, two of whom survive, placed any credence in the rumors, but to set them at rest they arranged for a post-mortem examination. Its result was to make clear the cause of death as deterioration of the spinal cord, attended by neurasthenia and anaemia.

The quickness with which the final collapse came is thought to have given rise to the baseless poison rumor.

RESULT OF DISOBEDIENCE.

The Son is Dead and the Father
Is Dying.

New York, Oct. 30.—Disobedience of his father has led to the death of Edward Acton, eight years old, and the fatal injury of the parent.

Young Acton was flying a kite from the roof of their home in Brooklyn. His father ordered him down and forbade the boy his dangerous pastime. A few hours later Acton found Edward on the roof again and gave chase. He had run along the edge, missed his footing and fell to the yard, a distance of about 30 feet. Seeing his son falling and apparently with an idea that he must try to save him at any cost, Acton jumped out into space. He landed nearly 10 feet beyond his unconscious boy. Crippled and almost dead from the shock of his fall, the father dragged himself to the sidewalk to his son and when an ambulance arrived, had clasped the boy in his arms. Not until the hospital was reached would the father allow the boy to be taken home. Edward died two hours later and the father is not expected to recover. Acton is a well-to-do machinist.

Arranging Miss Goelet's Marriage.

New York, Oct. 30.—Arrangements for the wedding of Miss May Goelet to the Duke of Roeburg are almost completed, and it has been finally decided that the ceremony shall occur in this city at St. Thomas Church Nov. 10. It will be an afternoon wedding, attended by little display, and there will not be more than 200 guests owing to the recent bereavement in the Goelet family.

Herrshoff Has Pneumonia.

Bristol, R. I., Oct. 30.—Capt. Nathaniel G. Herrshoff, designer and builder of several America's cup defenders, is seriously ill from pneumonia. It is said the disease has not yet reached the critical point, but the patient is in a weakened condition from overwork.

Duke Cyril's Narrow Escape.

New York, Oct. 30.—Grand Duke Cyril of Russia, accompanied by the divorced Grand Duchess of Hesse, has had a narrow escape from injury in a collision at Kronfeld, between his automobile and the carriage of Baron Dungenberg, says a Herald dispatch from Frankfurt-on-the-Main. The baron's coachman was thrown out of the box and badly hurt. The horses ran away.

Argentina Wheat Crop.

New York, Oct. 30.—If the weather continues favorable, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, the next crop of wheat will be splendid. It is estimated that there will be 2,500,000 tons of the grain for export.

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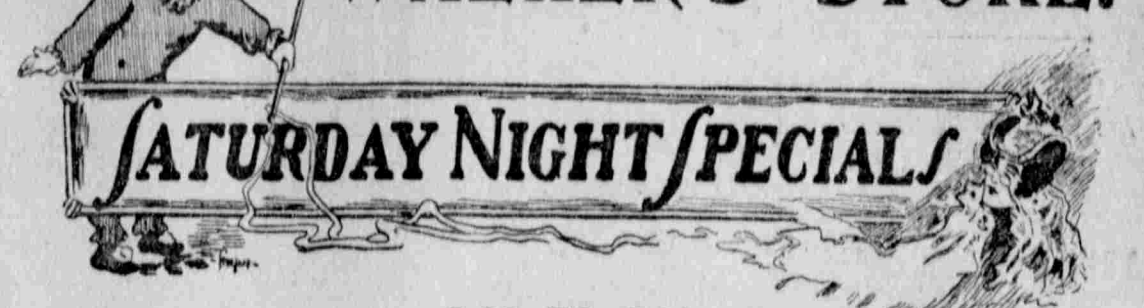
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