



MORTENSEN IS BREAKING DOWN

Admits That Strain is Terrible and That He Cannot Endure it Much Longer—Sleep A Stranger to Him Now.

Mortensen is breaking down. He admitted that much to the Deseret News this morning. In conversation with a "News" reporter he said:

"I have got a pretty good nerve, but it is about in the balance now. The strain is something terrible and it is telling on me fast. I try to sleep but cannot. I got a little rest the first night but since that I have failed to get any."

That is all the suspected man would say concerning himself except that he still maintains his innocence, with all the bravado that he can summon to his aid. If he knows anything of the details of the terrible crime the indications are that he will tell them soon as he is rapidly beginning to assume the woeful condition that the expressions quoted above would indicate. This morning he was exceedingly nervous, pale and haggard and it requires no stretch of the imagination to believe that he and sleep have been strangers for the past few nights as his words imply. He passes his time in the detectives' room at the old city hall and his guard last night was Sergeant Burlidge.

Mortensen's account was being thoroughly investigated today and all of his checks, check books, stubs and receipts were gone over with a view to ascertaining, if it is possible, whether he could have had \$3,800 in his possession at the time of the murder. The county attorney was also getting ready to file a complaint formally charging him with the murder.

SPIRITUALISM AS A FACTOR.

Proposes to Solve the Mystery that has Defied Police and Public.

"There is a woman residing in Waterloo who claims to be in possession of information that will solve the mystery of the murder of Hay," Mortensen said.

Such was the statement made to the "News" this morning. Like numerous others it is a claim that a "medium" can communicate with the dead. The woman in question, who is a native of the state of Ohio, has been in the city for some time and has been making a name for herself as a "medium" and a "spiritualist."

She reluctantly undertook the narration of what she claimed to know, but only after she had exacted a positive promise that her name would not be published at least at this time. She stated that she had just given her story to Detectives Sheets and Janney, a fact the newspaper man was already aware of, as he found those gentlemen in front of the home in Waterloo on the day of the murder.

Mrs. — was evidently much affected by the subject that was burdening her mind, and said she was exceedingly loth to disclose what she knew, and would not do so did she not firmly believe that it would result in bringing the murderer to justice. She introduced the subject proper in this way:

"We," meaning herself and husband, "were lately converted to spiritualism. We had a meeting last night. It was not at our house, but at one in the neighborhood. There were nine of us present. The session opened in the usual way and the two first hymns we sang were 'Nearer My God to Thee,' and 'We Shall Meet on That Beautiful Shore.' On the singing of the first there was no manifestation of any kind except the sweetest solemn influence that always accompanies the rendition of that hymn. When we had finished singing the last stanza of the last hymn, however, there was a marked change, and a voice from a personage of spirit spoke out and said, 'Yes, we shall meet on that beautiful shore—and it is beautiful—very beautiful. There is no suffering or sickness, or anguish there. Husbands and wives are not suddenly torn asunder and cruelly separated.' It was then the spirit addressed itself to my husband calling him by his Christian name and adding in words that started all, 'No, there is nothing like that there. Nothing like the terrible murder of young Hay. That was an awful deed and when he was being dragged to that hole in which his body was found he cried out to me, 'My God, what are you going to do with me now? Where are you going to put me?'"

More than that the woman did not

care to say. She was extremely sorry, she said, that last night's occurrence had been made public. But she could not refrain from telling what she knew as an overpowering force kept pushing her forward. She seemed very sincere and doubtless believes thoroughly every word that she uttered. It is needless to say that neither the officers of the police department or sheriff's force join in that belief. It belongs to the little knot of spiritualists alone who gathered at the meeting last night. The newspaper man was assured that if he would but attend a session of the spiritualists at any time or place he would designate that he could hear the same words for himself, and many more besides. One of the officers irreverently remarked that the spirit whom it was claimed could unravel the mystery was not very well acquainted with persons and conditions "on the other shore" as shown by the fact that whenever he spoke of Mr. Hay, the unfortunate victim of the assassination, he called him Mr. Hale.

CLOTHES TORN.

Mortensen Gives a Reasonable Statement as to How it Happened.

The officers made another discovery last night which they regard as being very important. Whether it is or not remains to be seen. The discovery is that in Mortensen's trousers are three small jagged tears and the officers believe they were caused by a barbed wire. It is impossible to determine now whether they were made by a wire or something else. The holes are near the hip pocket and Mortensen's explanation is plausible. He says they were made by carrying a rule in his pocket. A statement is reasonable to say the least.

Detective Sheets has had him remove his clothing several times in the hope of discovering some mark upon them that would be made by a wire. Mortensen refuses to talk to Detective Sheets. He says his statements might be misconstrued.

His explanation of why he did not have any write "canceled" across the face of the note for \$500, which the lumber company held against him, when he paid Hay the gold, is that the mere fact that he had the note in his possession is sufficient. The lumber company was no longer in possession of it and that was enough for him. On the other hand Mr. Romney is positive that had Hay received the money before he left Mortensen's house he would have canceled the note in accordance with a rule of the company.

EVIDENCE REVIEWED.

Meeting of Officers, Attorneys and Friends of Murdered Man.

At a late hour yesterday afternoon, a meeting was held in the office of the county attorney and the evidence secured to date was thoroughly gone over. Those present at the meeting were County Attorney Christensen and his assistants, Messrs. Lofbrow and Ritter, Chief Hilton, Sheriff Nau, Detective Sheets, Messrs. Janney, Charles R. Rogers, James Sharp, J. C. Sharp and Heber Sharp. It was definitely decided, as intimated in last evening's "News," that the investigation would be held. The investigation is now proceeding from the county attorney's office as that official will have charge of the prosecution and will arrange the evidence in its proper shape. The police and sheriff's forces are working in perfect harmony and they are going at the work in a systematic manner. They propose to keep on working until the mystery is solved. Every effort will be made to locate the missing gun and it will be found if possible.

HEARD THE SHOT.

Shortly Afterwards Mrs. Smith Heard a Man Running.

Sheriff Naylor and his force are still on the scene of the murder working on the clues they have obtained and searching for others. Officers were in the neighborhood until late last night and made some discoveries which they regard as being important. One of the deputy sheriffs holds to the same theory advanced by Mr. Sharp, namely, that when Hay left Mortensen's house someone dealt him a crushing blow on the head and then carried him down the railroad track and left him there for a time. There was a contusion on the side of Hay's head, the result of a blow which, in the opinion of the doctors, would have rendered him unconscious for nearly half an hour. The officer thinks when Hay partly revived he attempted to arise and it was then the assassin fired the fatal shot into the back of his victim's head.

The fact was established last night that soon after the shot was fired a man ran by Hendrie's store and turned around at Stimpson avenue in the direction of Mortensen's house. It was ascertained that this occurred at a time which corresponds with the time Mortensen said he took his sister home. A Mrs. Harris and a man named Johnson heard a shot fired and they place the time a little before 10 o'clock. Mrs. Harris and her mother, who reside over Hendrie's store, also heard a shot between 9:30 and 10 o'clock Monday night. Mrs. Smith says within a very short time, possibly not over two minutes, she distinctly heard some one run over the store porch.

Yesterday afternoon Deputy Sheriff

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CHRISTMAS SENTIMENTS BY SALT LAKE MINISTERS

Bishop Leonard—The song of the angels never ceases in its reverberation around the world. "Peace on earth, good will to men," are hallowed words of which we never weary. Annually we take up the anthem, perhaps in a formal manner, but the lesson which it teaches is ever new. The Christmas event is the greatest in all history of the world. God manifest in human flesh! Who can fathom its meaning? The world at large does not properly appreciate the significance of the incarnation, but it cannot be blind to its effect. Universal peace and general good will towards all men! This is the lesson of the Christmas story. It is the extension of His incarnation. He treated upon it at Pentecost, and it became instinct with life. By becoming incorporated with it, and sharing in its meaning, we will be able to love Him as Father, and to love his fellow men as brothers.

Rev. Dean J. B. Eddy—For us Christians, Christmas should be not only commemorated as an historical event, but as a matter of personal experience. The Christmas child should be born in our hearts, and with Him enthroned there our lives will be governed by the spirit of love and good will. The Christmas message is one of God's humanity, of His generosity and of His love.

Rev. W. M. Paden—Christmas is the most widely observed birthday of the world. All other birthdays fade out when the sun rises. Christmas is, next to Easter, the gladdest festival of Christianity. For Christians it is a day of joy and peace, and as distinctively religious, and as distinctly Christian, as good Friday or Easter. It is not Kris-

King's day or the day of Santa Claus, but Christmas is a happy day because it is His birthday, and because it is a day of peace and good-will towards all men. The first chapters of Luke's gospel are worth more as an account of the origin of this season of love, joy and peace than all the Christmas literature ever written.

Rev. Dr. C. T. Brown, It is fitting that Christmas should be of all memorial days the most universal. Joyfully celebrating it marks the point of God's supreme revelation to man in Christ, the revelation of a perfect man and at the same time of one whose actions were such as became the manifested God.

The Savior of mankind, saving man from his sin, and not man in his sin, is the full fruition of the divine purpose established from the foundations of the world. Christ as saving man, not by any ceremonial, or for money considerations, but by winning his heart to Himself, making him to see and to hate his sin and to see and to love the forgiving God. He has found the meaning of Christmas who has learned to love God as Father, and to love his fellow men as brothers.

Rev. Peter A. Simplin—"Every day will be Christmas by and by." Christmas is not a day, but a spirit. It is the spirit of love and good will that should govern our lives. It is the spirit of love and good will that should govern our lives. It is the spirit of love and good will that should govern our lives.

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is no dear to the heart of the world because for a little while the world is best of its own being is allowed its place and play. The power of love breaking in a profusion of tender deeds charges the atmosphere of the dull days with the influence of that ideal which made entrance to earth by the manger-cradle at Bethlehem. For even the most wretched life there is some bit of glamor and cheer born of the spirit of Christmas.

It is that Christ-spirit which is the glory of the season, and its power is the sure pledge as we labor and pray for the golden day to be, that we labor in vain, and that the Christmas, every day will be Christmas, for it shall be the unending life and life.

Rev. George Bailey—Weary was the world when the Christ child was born. Philosophy and false systems of religion had utterly failed to bring peace to the world. It was then that the child came, and the world was saved. The child came, and the world was saved. The child came, and the world was saved.

Rev. Frank Bennett—I do not lay special emphasis on the observance of this day. It is not in harmony with the teachings of scripture and it has a tendency to drift into forms and formalism. Yet the Christmas is a scriptural one and one of the transcendent truths of God's word, not for one had of the only, but for all the year. Ambrose said of Easter: "To the Christian every day is a Sunday and every Sunday an Easter." So with Christmas it is ever the thought of God manifest in the flesh for the whole year.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

Arrangements for the Last Sad Rites Tomorrow Morning.

Arrangements for the funeral of James R. Hay have been completed. It will take place from the Twentieth ward meeting house at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The services will be conducted by Bishop Romney. The musical numbers consist of two selections by a quartet composed of Messrs. Pyper, Whitney, Stinson and Patrick. The closing piece will be rendered by a quartet composed of Messrs. Ashworth, Graham, Christopherson and Pike. The pall bearers will be W. A. Needham, L. J. Brown, J. B. Ritter, E. L. Parish, A. B. Needham and W. E. Romney. The remains may be viewed at the undertaking establishment of Joseph E. Taylor from 9 a. m. until 10:30 a. m.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Permits issued during the week by the building inspector were:

J. T. Bridgeman, \$15 south First	
West, brick barn	\$3 150
Harris Furniture company, 224	
State, alterations and repairs	1,000
Total	\$1,150

SEC. LONG APPROVES MAJORITY REPORT

Court Could Not Enter Into Question of Who Was in Command at Santiago—Recommends Proceedings Stop.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secy. Long has disposed finally of the Schley case, so far as the navy department is concerned, by acting upon the findings and conclusions of the court of inquiry.

He approves the findings of fact and the opinion of the full court; he approves the majority opinion, where there is a difference in the court; he holds that the court could not have entered into consideration of the command at Santiago and finally he accepts the recommendation that no further proceedings be held. The secretary also has declined the application of Admiral Sampson's counsel to enter upon an inquiry into the question of command and has notified Admiral Schley's counsel of that fact as a reason for declining to hear them on that point.

SECY. LONG'S LETTER.

Secy. Long's approval of the majority report was as follows:

The department has read the testimony in this case, the arguments of counsel at the trial, the court's findings of fact, opinion and recommendation, the individual memorandum of the presiding member, the statement of exceptions to the said findings and opinion by the applicant; the reply to said statement by the Judge Advocate of the court and his assistant's brief this day submitted by counsel for Rear Admiral Sampson, traversing the presiding member's view as to who was in command at the battle of Santiago. And after careful consideration the findings of fact and the opinion of the full court are approved.

As to the points on which the presiding member differs from the majority of the court—the opinion of the majority is approved. As to the further expressions of his views by the same member with regard to the questions of command on the morning of July 3, 1898, and of the title to credit for the annular victory, the conduct of the court in making no finding and rendering no opinion on these questions is approved—indeed it could with propriety take no other course, evidence on these questions having been excluded by the court.

The department approves the recommendation of the court that no further proceedings be held in the case of Rear Admiral Sampson, traversing the presiding member's view as to who was in command at the battle of Santiago. And after careful consideration the findings of fact and the opinion of the full court are approved.

JOHN D. LONG,
Secretary of the Navy.

TO SAMPSON'S ATTORNEYS.

The text of the secretary's letter to

Admiral Sampson's attorneys and the counsel for Admiral Schley follows:

"Very respectfully,
"JOHN D. LONG,
"Secretary."
Messrs. Stetson and Theall, Johnson building, No. 33, Broad street, New York.

TO SCHLEY.

"Navy Department, Washington, Dec. 21, 1901.—Sir:—Referring to the department's letter of the 13th inst., you are advised that action today has been taken upon the findings, opinion and recommendations of the court of inquiry in the case of Rear Admiral Schley, and that the question of command was excluded from consideration by the court, the department will take no action upon the brief filed by you in behalf of Rear Admiral Wm. T. Sampson. Very respectfully,
"JOHN D. LONG,
"Secretary."
Messrs. Stetson and Theall, Johnson building, No. 33, Broad street, New York.

REAR ADMIRAL SCHLEY'S VIEW.

"Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley, U. S. N., retired, The Richmond, Washington, D. C."

ANOTHER EXPLOSION IN PITTSBURG

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—In an explosion at Singer-Nickles west end plant of the Crucible Steel Company of America, seven were scalded, one badly cut and twenty or thirty others slightly burned. At 6:55 o'clock two of a battery of five boilers used to operate the sheet mill, exploded with terrific force. Scalding water played havoc among the workmen, who had just started in for the day, while pieces of the boilers caused great destruction to the mill property.

Of the seven men scalded, two it is said, will die.

The injured at the hospitals are: Charles Miller, engineer, badly scalded about the head, face and chest; William George, aged 45, married, a roller, scalded about head, face and chest; William Reed, roller, scalded about face, head and shoulders; Ford Reed, scalded about face and hands; William Sharp, scalded about face and arms; John Brown, one of the roll crew, scalded about face, head and arms; Boyd Johnson, engineer, scalded about face and shoulders.

The cause of the explosion is attributed to frozen pipes which supplied the two boilers of the five with water.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

New York, Dec. 21.—At a recent meeting of the members of the West End Presbyterian church, it was decided to indorse and work for the proposed amendment to the constitution so that polygamy may be made impossible in the United States.

Rev. N. E. Clemenson of Logan, Utah, was the principal speaker. He told of polygamy as he had seen it on his own street, and how "Mormons" were still living with many wives, contrary to their pledges when Utah was admitted into statehood. He thought the dangers in Idaho greater than in Utah, where, and they live openly with their wives under the system they call "polygamy."

Mrs. W. P. White, who for some years has been doing missionary and educational work among the "Mormons," told how her school house had been attacked and wrecked by a mob. She declared that the "Mormons" church had political control of seven western states. Mrs. White also said that under their marvelous system of colonizing doubtful states, the "Mormons" before long would control thirteen states, and it would then be impossible to kill polygamy without civil war.

THE ROOSEVELT DOCTRINE.

The Pan American Congress May Act Upon It.
New York, Dec. 21.—According to the Guatemala correspondent of the Her-

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