

### ED S. SNEEGROVE SHOTS HIMSELF

Cashier and Bookkeeper for Utah Association of Credit Men Commits Suicide.

### HE BLOWS OUT HIS BRAINS.

Because He Brooded Over Fact That He Was \$700 Short In Accounts.

Books Straight—He Owed Money to Three of the Officials of The Association.

Because of despondency over financial troubles, Ed S. Sneegrove, aged 55 years, cashier and bookkeeper for the Utah Association of Credit Men, committed suicide at 8:10 this morning in the office of the association, 217 Commercial club building, by firing a bullet through his brain from a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver. He died instantly.

Sneegrove entered the main office about 8 o'clock, walked into a private office, locked the door, scribbled a short note to Manager H. Van Dam, Jr., sat in a chair near a front window and, plunging the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth, pulled the trigger. The bullet crashed through Sneegrove's brain and imbedded itself in the wall.

The shot was heard by two office boys and a stenographer. They tried to enter the room but found the door locked. Manager Van Dam and John C. Critchlow and President Parsons of the association were quickly summoned and the door leading from the hall into the office was opened. Half reclining in a chair near the window was the body of Sneegrove. The revolver had fallen to the floor and on the rich carpet was a pool of blood. The unfortunate man's brains and blood was scattered over the chair and wall.

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Upon Mr. Van Dam was the painful duty to notify Mrs. Sneegrove at her home, 277 East 1st South street. Mrs. Sneegrove has been in poor health for many months and the blow to her was most severe one. She was notified as gently as possible, but was distressed with grief over the tragic fate of her husband. They had no children.

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### WAS DEAD GIRL JENNIE OLSEN?

Coroner Issues Death Certificate And Turns Body Over to Brother and Sister.

### MANY PEOPLE HAVE DOUBTS.

Seven Unidentified Bodies Dug Up on the Guinness Farm Buried in The Potter's Field.

Laporte, Ind., May 19.—The issuing of a death certificate for Jennie Olsen and the turning over of the body by Coroner Mack to the relatives in Chicago puts the official stamp of identification upon one of the bodies found on the Guinness farm regarding which there has been much controversy. Although identified by her brother and sister, many refuse to believe that the girl was dead, for the reason that Mrs. Guinness had made it a point to inform a number of persons that Jennie had gone to Los Angeles to attend school and had arranged little incidents that would help to make this point strong with people who might be inquisitive. In the course of the investigation that was carried on with reference to the reports that the girl had actually been sent away and was not among the dead in the little graveyard, a letter was received saying that a girl answering her description had been seen in a convent near Los Angeles. This story was believed by some for a time but the fact that she was found with a bullet in her mouth, pulled the trigger. The bullet crashed through Sneegrove's brain and imbedded itself in the wall.

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### WARRANT FOR GIRL FINANCIER

Miss A. L. Skelly, President of Am. Steel Car Co., Charged With Confidence Game.

### SIZE OF DEALINGS UNKNOWN

Chicago's Ex-Millionaire Counselman, J. M. Armstrong, at Beck And Call of Woman.

Chicago, May 19.—The Inter-Ocean today says: A warrant for the arrest of Miss A. L. Skelly, president of the American Steel Car company, charging operation of a confidence game, was issued from Judge W. N. Gemmill's municipal court yesterday, following a preliminary hearing of a case of the state against John M. Armstrong, former millionaire members of the city council and partner in the firm of Armstrong & Egan, architects, on the same charge.

Armstrong was at the back and call of Chief of Detectives P. D. O'Brien. Miss Skelly could not be found at her office and her home was found bolted, with blinds drawn.

Opening of the preliminary hearing against John M. Armstrong before Judge Gemmill at which testimony was introduced implicating the head of the Steel Car company's attorneys in the case believe reveals a gigantic conspiracy to defraud.

Testimony yesterday indicated that Armstrong was at the back and call of the young woman promoter. Whether her operations are of extensive scope or were confined to her connection with the alleged fraudulent operation in securing \$5,000 from Charles H. Joy, president of the Holcomb Automatic Engine company, will be revealed, it is said, in the continuation of the Armstrong hearing.

The American Steel Car company, of which Miss Skelly is president, is incorporated and chartered under the laws of South Dakota. It is represented to be capitalizing at \$10,000,000, backed by eastern capitalists.

Operations of the big concern were disclosed two weeks ago, when Charles H. Joy filed a suit against a confidence game against John M. Armstrong. Armstrong was secretly placed under arrest his bail being fixed at \$25,000.

Two days after his arrest bond was provided by friends of Miss Skelly. In charges against Armstrong he was accused of procuring \$5,000 from Joy through the alleged confidence game.

Preliminary hearing to determine whether she should be held to the grand jury was begun yesterday. Charles H. Joy testified that in October, 1906, he loaned Mr. Armstrong \$5,000, that he accepted Mr. Armstrong's note for the amount, and took as collateral \$5,000 in shares of stock in the American Steel Car company, an organization represented by Joy to be promoting the manufacture and sale of a new steel freight car.

Joy testified that the note was payable in 30 days. At the end of the period the time was extended. This lasted for a year, and upon failure to receive dividends Joy testified he began an investigation of the steel car proposition.

He claims it was represented to him that financial stringency and a halt in railway construction gave the \$10,000,000 concern a setback. He says the way to recover his money. The matter was allowed to drag on for a year. Three weeks ago he determined to file charges of fraud.

### BRYAN PLEASED WITH RESULTS IN ALABAMA.

Philadelphia, May 19.—William Jennings Bryan, who last night delivered an address before the Pennsylvania peace conference in session in this city when asked today his views concerning the outcome of the primaries held in Alabama yesterday where he secured an apparent victory for the Democrats at the Denver convention, said: "Alabama was claimed by the opposition and while the vote is not a surprise to me, it attracts attention, because the returns answered the misrepresentations which have been sent out. The primary system enables the voters to express themselves. In this respect our Democrats in the west have had an advantage over the Democrats of some of the eastern states where the method of selecting delegates does not give the rank and file of the party such complete control."

Continuing Mr. Bryan said: "I appreciate very much the fight that has been made by my friends in Pennsylvania and in Alabama for in Alabama they had the steel trust to fight and in Pennsylvania they had not only the steel trust but several other enemies."

In fact I do not know of any other state in which our people had so much to overcome as they had in Pennsylvania. The vote yesterday answered the misrepresentations that the eastern papers had made in regard to the sentiment in Pennsylvania and the same sentiment in the west.

Mr. Bryan addressed the Methodist general conference in Baltimore this afternoon.

JOHNSON CLOSE SECOND. Montgomery, Ala., May 19.—The returns from the state Democratic primaries continue to come in slowly today. Montgomery has received 11 out of her 22 precincts and other cities are similarly slow. At noon today the indications were that W. J. Bryan had carried the state though Gov. Johnson is giving him a close race.

The Johnson forces piled up a large vote in southern Alabama and they carried perhaps a half dozen counties, but not enough to endorse the Minnesota governor.

The returns from country districts indicates a Bryan victory."

### OLIVE BRANCH OR WAR CLUB, WHICH?

Railroads May Decide to Consider Freight Rate Increase Before Deciding.

### ANOTHER CONFERENCE DUE.

"Raise in Shipping Charges or Cut in Wages" is Threat of Carrying Corporations.

Chicago, May 19.—A joint conference between the commercial and industrial interests of the country and the railroads of the east to consider the whole question of advanced freight rates from all points of view, is assured. That this conference probably will lead to submitting the issue either to President Roosevelt, the interstate commerce commission, or an impartial board of arbitration for a final decision, also is likely, according to the opinions of railroad men expressed yesterday.

MAY DESIRE PEACE. Apparently the olive branch of peace rather than the war club, either of which alternatives was presented by the shipping interests in the session of a conference with all phases of the problem, it is probable that a contingent reduction of wages will be considered if the issue is left for arbitration.

While it is probable the necessity of the railroads for more revenue either through advanced freight rates or reduced employee wages, will be considered in a conference with all phases of the problem, it is probable that a contingent reduction of wages will be considered if the issue is left for arbitration.

Whether an advance in rates is just and reasonable. The threat of reduced wages is regarded by manufacturers and shippers as a measure more easily threatened than put into effect.

### OFFICERS INJURED BY BOLD ROBBERS

In Escape from Bountiful They Run Over Deputy Sheriff Brown.

First Rob Bountiful Store While Clerk is on Lower Floor They Filled With Articles Seized at Their Leisure.

A telephone message received this afternoon by Chief of Police Pitt to the effect that the Bountiful Co-op had been robbed, and that the thieves fled towards this city after running down a deputy sheriff. Soon the patrol wagon was dashing in the direction of the Warm Springs with the horses on a gallop.

It was shortly before 1 o'clock that two men drove in front of the Davis store in a buggy. Entering the place they asked for the clothing department and were directed upstairs. No clerk is regularly in that part of the store, but purchased some necessities before any one was on hand to wait on the customers. Then it was found that the men did not want anything in particular, but purchased some necessities before any one was on hand to wait on the customers. Then it was found that the men did not want anything in particular, but purchased some necessities before any one was on hand to wait on the customers.

The men's actions excited suspicion and it was soon discovered that a number of articles were missing. Officers were at once notified, and Sheriff Burroughs and Detective Brown started in pursuit of the thieves, who had escaped in a yellow wheeled buggy. Brown overtook the men and rounded them up, but was prevented from overriding and left bruised by the roadside. Several shots fired from the revolver did not have the effect of stopping the fugitives. Word was sent to the Salt Lake police and a few of the "finest" went in the direction of the Warm Springs, to intercept the men. At a late hour word had been received from the posse that went out from either end of the line.

### DEATH OF DEL WILSON

Well Known Merchant Victim of Cancer of Long Standing.

Delancy Wilson, for 25 years a wholesale and retail liquor merchant in this city, died at 3 o'clock a. m. today of cancer as an end of an illness of more than four years, the last three months having been almost bedridden. He was affected with cancer of the face and although every remedy known to medical science had been tried, to cure it was impossible. Mr. Wilson is survived by Mrs. Rose Manning Wilson and five children, including Mrs. Dorothy Rose. All are living at 364 East First South street, the family residence for many years.

In the conduct of his business, Mr. Wilson won much respect. He conducted an establishment at 55 East Second South and prided himself on the good business activity in this city dates back 22 years. Mr. Wilson was born in Chicago July 4, 1852. He came to Utah 26 years ago. He was married Christmas day of 1882 to Rose Manning. He was one of the charter members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, being the first to hold office as worthy president in the order. He had been an officer of the local lodge of the order until about five months ago and maintained his membership up to the time of his death this morning. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

### ABOLISHMENT OF THE SWEAT SHOP

Serious Experiment Being Made in Paris by Establishing Workshop Apartment Building.

### PROMISES GREAT SUCCESS.

Occupants May Labor and Live Under Most Hygienic Conditions at a Minimum Cost.

Paris, May 19.—The abolishment of the "sweat shop" conditions which the employment of many French working people is the object of a serious experiment which has just been essayed in Paris in the form of the establishment of a workshop apartment building where workmen may both labor and live under the most modern and hygienic conditions at a minimum cost. The experiment is the undertaking of the Societe Philanthropique and was made possible by a bequest of Mlle. Marie Souvestre, after whom the building is named. The building contains 48 workshops and apartments and the price per year for trade "combinations" range from \$100 to \$145. In the basement are baths and on the seventh floor arrangements for washing and drying the family linen. Electric power is supplied at a minimum cost from a central plant. And workmen using the lighter form of machinery can install it themselves in the building. In fact, 12 families have already done so, finding it more agreeable and healthful substitute for their former dark and ill-ventilated shops.

### FLED FROM THE PLAGUE TO FIND DEATH IN NORTH

New York, May 19.—Fleeing from plague-stricken Venezuela, Eduardo De Erazo, a butler, died in a fashionable New York hotel early today through taking what he believed to be a harmless medicine. His wife, who also took some of the medicine, is in a hospital.

Mr. De Erazo sent out to have a prescription for a tonic compounded at a nearby drug store.

An investigation showed that the prescription called for arsenic. At the drug store bottles containing arsenic and atropine are kept side by side in a center of San Francisco and the wrong bottle in filling the prescription.

### CORTELYOU APPOINTS FERGUSON

Washington, May 19.—Frank E. Ferguson of Hagerstown, Md., was today appointed to determine the value of engraving and printing by Secy. Cortelyou. Mr. Ferguson has been connected with the bureau for 30 years.

### NEWS OF THE FLEET.

Los Angeles, May 19.—The United Wireless Telegraph office in this city was communicated with the flagship Connecticut of the Atlantic fleet at midnight last night. The fleet was 165 miles north of San Francisco and steaming at 14 knots in heavy seas.

### ARCHBP. BOURGADE TO BE BURIED IN SANTA FE

Chicago, May 19.—Archbishop Peter Bourgade of Santa Fe, N. M., who died Sunday at Mercy hospital, will be laid to rest in the southwestern city, which was the center of his labor for a quarter of a century. Funeral services were held today at the Cathedral of the Holy Name. Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Bourgade.

Rev. B. S. Maloney and Rev. J. C. Gillen will accompany Archbishop Bourgade's body to Santa Fe.

### JULES LEFEBVRE PRIZE.

Paris, Friday, May 8.—Jules Lefebvre, the artist, is anxious that the prize he has offered to American students consisting of a year's tuition at the Julian academy under himself, and Robert Fleuret and a silver medal shall be more generally known. He is writing students in America. Hitherto the competition has been confined to the students of the academy at San Francisco.

### A SWINDLER OF WOMEN.

Chicago, May 19.—John Hamilton, who claimed to have been a lieutenant of infantry in the U. S. army, was arrested here today on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. He is charged with the abduction of a woman, where he is said to have obtained money from various women by means of advertisements inserted in the newspapers. Hamilton was caught through letters he had written to his bride of one month, who is said to be the daughter of a prominent business man in Cincinnati.

### WHAT HE IS WANTED FOR.

Cincinnati, May 19.—The arrest of "Lieut." John Hamilton at Chicago today was of a warrant issued in this city on Sunday on complaint of Mrs. Dena Schwab, of McKim Avenue, the allegation being that Hamilton had robbed her of \$500 at the Munro cafe. Mrs. Hamilton, who was Miss Blanch Bradley before her marriage, had been detained by the police, but was later released. The identification of Hamilton was by means of a picture in her possession.

### MAE WOOD TESTIFIES IN HER DIVORCE SUIT

New York, May 19.—Mae C. Wood, continued her testimony today in her suit for absolute divorce from U. S. Senator Thomas C. Platt, to whom she was married in this city in 1893. Mr. Stanchfield of counsel for Platt, continued his cross examination of Miss Wood, questioning her about a release which was of a warrant issued in this city on Sunday on complaint of Mrs. Dena Schwab, of McKim Avenue, the allegation being that Hamilton had robbed her of \$500 at the Munro cafe. Mrs. Hamilton, who was Miss Blanch Bradley before her marriage, had been detained by the police, but was later released. The identification of Hamilton was by means of a picture in her possession.

Miss Wood declared yesterday that this release was signed under duress, but she said she accepted some of the money. Although Miss Wood signed the release, she declared in an accompanying affidavit that she gave the alleged Platt letters to Hummel as her attorney, she denied today that she retained Hummel as her counsel and declared that she could have obtained \$50,000 for letters. Miss Wood said today that she was paid \$15,000 for the letters. She did not know where the money came from, she said.

### JENNIE BLUNT WANTED TO DIE

Girl Sentenced to Four Years' Imprisonment for Shooting C. M. Sanford. Attempts Suicide.

### FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN CELL.

Had Tongue from Open Gas Jet in Her Mouth—Physician's Prompt Work Saved Her.

New York, May 19.—Jennie Blunt, the young woman who yesterday was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary by Judge Dike in Brooklyn for shooting Charles M. Sanford, a lawyer, came very near cheating the law today. She was found unconscious in her cell from inhaling gas. Her life was saved by prompt action of a physician.

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### MAJ. CHAS. P. GEORGE.

Popular Officer to be Court-Martialed But Charges Not Known.

Des Moines, Ia., May 19.—Although it is not yet known on what specific charge he is to be tried, the personnel of the court-martial to try Maj. Charles P. George, one of the most popular officers in the service, and a veteran of 25 years in the army, has been announced at Fort Totten.

Maj. George is at present the commanding officer of the local army reserve station. He is a native of New Hampshire, and was graduated from the United States naval academy at Annapolis in 1887. He was promoted to second lieutenant in the Sixteenth Infantry.

### ARCHBISHOP HORSTMANN.

Distinguished Catholic Prelate Buried With Pomp and Ceremony.

Cleveland, O., May 19.—With all the pomp and ceremony of the Roman Catholic church, the body of Right Rev. Dominus P. Horstmann was placed in the tomb today.

Two archbishops and 12 bishops were present to do honor to their former brother in the episcopate. More than 300 priests and 10,000 people were present for a posthumous requiem mass was celebrated by Archbishop Moeller of Cincinnati.

Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, a lifelong friend of Bishop Horstmann, delivered the funeral sermon.

The body of Bishop Horstmann will rest in a brick-faced tomb beside those of Bishop Gilmore and Bishop Rappe.

### ELECTRIC BOAT CO.

Charlton, Ia., May 18.—It has just been disclosed that the two or three years preceding his suicide, the late Cashier P. R. Crocker of the defunct First National bank paid more than a half million dollars to one firm of Chicago, the Electric Boat company, for building operations. The greater part of this was during the last few days of his life when he poured money into the stock market for speculation at the rate of \$30,000 to \$40,000 daily in the hope of saving himself.

### COTTON EXCHANGE MANAGERS BEFORE GRAND JURY

New York, May 19.—The members of the board of managers of the New York Cotton exchange who were in office about a year ago were summoned to the federal court today, presumably in connection with the charges that the revision of cotton grading last year resulted in large profits to members of the New York exchange.

### RAILS SPREAD.

Columbus, O., May 19.—Norfolk & Western passenger train on the branch line between Sardonia and Hillsboro was wrecked today by the spreading of rails at a point called Sand Bar, two miles west of here. There was but one coach on the train in which were riding 15 or 20 people, of whom 10 or 12 were more or less painfully injured, when the coach turned over.

### SENTENCED TOMORROW.

New York, May 19.—Criminal charges against certain members of the firm of T. A. McIntyre & Co., stock brokers, who gave to Mercer and Middlesex counties the decision of Coroner Chas. E. Moke of the latter county, to the effect that Miss Bertha Vanderbilt, the assistant in the library of Princeton university, whose body was found in the Raritan canal yesterday, had been accidentally drowned, is certain a new interest in the case.

### DYNAMITE USED IN STREET CAR STRIKE

Placed Under Superior Avenue, Cleveland. Car and Trucks Were Wrecked.

### CAR FULL OF PASSENGERS.

Caused Panic Among Them But Fortunately No One Was Hurt.

Cleveland, May 19.—The trucks of a Superior avenue car were wrecked this morning and the car windows broken by the explosion of dynamite or giant powder placed on the tracks. The car was filled with passengers and a panic ensued but no one was hurt.

A conference between President A. B. Dupont of the traction company and the state board of arbitration began at noon. It also was attended by Henry Thomas, president of the local traction union council.

It was reported that the union might concede the one point asked by the company; that the men return to work as "new" men.

### METHODIST CONSOLIDATION CHANCES VERY GOOD

Pittsburg, May 19.—The special committee from the M. E. conference that met here yesterday with overtures to the Methodist Protestant general conference to return to the parent body were so well pleased with the results of their mission that before leaving they announced that upon their return to Baltimore the Methodist Episcopal conference would act upon a proposition to send an overture requesting union to the general conference of the United Brethren church which meets in Canton, Ohio, next May.

United Brethren church, who is here in the interest of the union of that denomination and the Methodist protestant and the Congregational churches, said the action of the Methodist Episcopal conference would have no effect toward retarding the latter union which has been under consideration several years.

### APPROPRIATION FOR THE FEDERAL BUILDING

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., May 19.—The public buildings committee of the senate last night considered the omnibus public buildings bill and added \$6,000,000 to the estimate of the house bill which was for \$25,000,000. The total of \$31,000,000 for enlarging the federal building at Salt Lake was included, as well as \$20,000 for the building at Park City.

### ELECTRIC LIGHT ASS'N.

Thirty-First Annual Convention in Session in Chicago.

Chicago, May 19.—The thirty-first annual convention of the National Electric Light association was opened here last night by President Dudley Farrand of Newark, N. J.

Fifteen hundred delegates have arrived to attend the convention. They come from all over the United States and represent every branch of the electric power industry.

Among those who will discuss various phases of the industry are Geo. H. Seely, W. V. Freeman of Brooklyn, Comerford Martin of New York, Geo. H. Lukes of Chicago, Prof. A. E. Kennelly, and Prof. S. E. Whitling of Harvard university, Paul Spencer of Philadelphia and H. M. Edwards of New York.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEIVING BODY OF GOV. CLINTON

New York, May 19.—Arrangements for the reception of the body of Gov. Clinton, the first executive of the state of New York, have been perfected. The body will arrive in Jersey City from Washington at midnight on May 27, and on the following morning will be transferred to the city by the United States gunboat, Mohawk. Here the body will be received by an escort composed of United States soldiers and marines, the Old Guard and various patriotic organizations. The national guard will not be asked to parade because of the demands made upon it by the Memorial day exercises and the summer maneuvers. The coffin will be brought to the governor's room in the city hall and will there lie in state.

On May 29, the body will be borne to Kingston, N. Y., the governor's birthplace, by a United States gunboat, escorted by a flotilla of small war craft. On Memorial day David E. Hill will deliver an oration commemorating the achievements of the first governor. The final interment will, however, be postponed until Monday, June 1, and will form part of the exercises connected with the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the city of Kingston.

### BERTHA VANDERBILT.

Much Disatisfaction With Coroner's Decision