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## A MYSTERIOUS CASE

### New York Man Found Dead in a New Haven Home.

### BULLET WOUND IN T. E. HEAD

### Abigail Missing and No One Seems to Know Who Fired Shot—Interested in Estate.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 4.—Charles A. Edwards, secretary of the General Chemical Company, New York, and whose home was in that city, was found lying with a bullet hole in his head at the residence of his mother-in-law, the late Mrs. Abigail Hiller, yesterday morning, between 8 and 9 o'clock. He died an hour later.

His brother-in-law and two aged female servants were the only persons in the house Tuesday night. Deputy Coroner Philip Pond last night after several hours investigation of the circumstances surrounding the case, said that he could not make up his mind whether or not murder had been done.

Up to the present time no weapon has been found, so far as the coroner, the police and the medical examinees have been informed.

There has been considerable discussion in the Hiller family over the distribution of the estate valued at from \$25,000 to \$100,000 left by Mrs. Hiller, who died in November last, aged over 80 years. No will up to the present time has been discovered.

### Arrested Monday Night.

Mr. Edwards was about 62 years of age. He came to this city from New York last Monday night, going to the Hiller home. He was there met by his brother-in-law, Judge Charles A. Hiller of Selma, Kansas, who has been in this city since November, 1904, having come here because of the feeble condition of his mother. Another brother, former Alderman A. Masey Hiller of this city, also met Mr. Edwards soon after he arrived in this city. Mr. Edwards's purpose in coming to New Haven was to look after the financial interests of his wife in the estate of her mother.

He retired upon after 11 o'clock. Judge Hiller retired soon after. The two servants were in bed at that time.

According to his statement to the coroner, Judge Hiller went to Mr. Edwards's room to call him about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. He found Mr. Edwards apparently in deep sleep. He decided not to disturb him. Again at 9 o'clock he went a second time to Mr. Edwards's apartment. Going to his bedside, Judge Hiller tried to arouse Mr. Edwards and being unable to do so and fearing that there was something the matter with him he summoned physicians. Mr. Edwards was breathing very heavily and the doctors tried by hypodermic injections to arouse him, but Mr. Edwards died within half an hour.

### Bullet Wound Found.

When the doctors were satisfied that Mr. Edwards was dead they turned the body over and for the first time the wound which was directly under the lobe of the left ear was seen.

A handkerchief was found rolled up into a wand and directly under the wound, evidently placed there to stop the flow of blood. According to the doctors, it was a wound that caused an internal hemorrhage rather than an external one.

Coroner Pond, several detectives and Medical Examiner Bartlett began an investigation within an hour after the man died. One of the first steps was to try and find the weapon with which the deed was done. Up to a late hour last night no revolver or gun of any description could be found.

Judge Hiller denied any knowledge of Mr. Edwards's movements after he retired Tuesday night, and the two servants were closely questioned. Margaret Reynolds, the cook, stated that she had found the rear cellar door open on Sunday yesterday morning and that the gas was burning in the dining room, which is in the basement.

### Several Theories Advanced.

Various theories were advanced to account for the death of Mr. Edwards. One was that in a fit of despondency over family troubles he had committed suicide and that Judge Hiller on discovering this had in the first moments of excitement, hidden the weapon, hoping thereby to save the family the disgrace and publicity attendant upon the truth coming out.

Since the death of Mr. Edwards, however, it has leaked out that for several weeks members of the family have been searching for a missing will, which it was alleged could not be found. This had caused considerable hard feeling in the family.

### COBONER IS AT WORK

But There Are no New Developments in Mysterious New Haven Case.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 4.—Until the autopsy is held upon the body of Charles A. Edwards, the New York business man who was fatally shot in a mysterious manner while the guest of his brother-in-law, Charles A. Hiller, on College street, early yesterday, no special developments are looked for in this singular case. The autopsy is expected

## TO DETERMINE BEYOND QUESTION THE FACT OF SUICIDE OR MURDER, AND IN CASE THE LATTER IS POINTED TO, THE POLICE WILL PROCEED TO RUN DOWN SOME CLUES WHICH THEY POSSESS BUT WHICH DO NOT AT PRESENT OFFER MUCH PROMISE OF A RESULT.

Medical Examiner Bartlett, who will conduct the autopsy, will be assisted by several prominent surgeons of the city. When Dr. Benjamin H. Cheney was called yesterday he located the bullet in the lower section of the brain. The bullet has not been removed.

After the autopsy Coroner Mix is expected to reopen the inquest, which was held for many hours last night by his deputy, Philip Pond, and on instructions to be received then the police will resume their work. Over might there were no clues brought to light by the detectives. That the bullet was fired at close range is indicated by the statement of Dr. Cheney that the lobe of the ear was black with powder stains around the wound. He found no stains on Mr. Edwards's finger.

Mr. Edwards's death has caused a greater stir in the university section of the city than any incident in many years. It seems to be generally known that there were disagreements between Mrs. Edwards and her brothers, Charles A. and Masey Hiller, over the settlement of the estate of their mother, Mrs. Abigail Hiller, who died six weeks ago.

Mr. Edwards recently consulted counsel preliminary to what was expected to be a contest in the courts over the division of the estate, which is said to be worth \$100,000.

Half the world wonders how the other half lives. Those who use Bucklin's Arnica Salve never wonder if it will cure Cuts, Wounds, Burns, Sores and all Skin eruptions; they know it will. Mrs. Grant-Smy, 1130 E. Reynolds St., Springfield, Ill., says: "I regard it one of the absolute necessities of housekeeping."

Guaranteed by A. L. Smith, druggist, 25c.

### DR. E. F. BUTTERFIELD

Of Syracuse, N. Y., Who Visits Auburn in Fire Weeks at Avery House, Has the Reputation as Being One Among the Greatest Living Specialists in Treating Chronic Diseases.

First, he has had more practical experience than any other practicing physician in the United States, which is a great lever in treating diseases. He studies the cause and needs of the sick in every form that it presents itself. He studies the condition not only from the physical standpoint, but a mental and spiritual standpoint.

"He seldom makes any mistakes in the cause and cure of your disease. Call and have a chat with the doctor. It will do you good and his cheerfulness will help make you well and happy."

There was a recent case to cure yet it was done.—Charles A. Elmer, Fort Byron, N. Y.

Here is another, Mrs. Ann Slover, Oswego, N. Y.

Doctor's next visit to Auburn is on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1906, at Avery House.

### SAYS PRACTICE IS WRONG.

Quarles Will Know All the Facts Before Granting Injunctions.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 4.—Judge Joseph V. Quarles of the United States District court for the eastern district of Wisconsin, yesterday announced his belief that the practice of granting restraining orders, which in effect are temporary injunctions, on ex parte statements is all wrong.

"Hereafter I shall not grant any restraining orders which act as temporary injunctions until I have called in both sides and come into possession of all the facts," said Judge Quarles to lawyers gathered in his court room. The declaration was not delivered as a formal opinion, but was brought out through informal conversation between the court and the attorneys.

For a mild, easy action of the bowels, a single dose of Doan's Regulets is enough. Treatment cures habitual constipation. 25 cents a box.

### BUSINESS FAILURES LESS.

Interesting Statistics Gleaned From Dun's Annual.

New York, Jan. 4.—Commercial failures in the United States in 1905, according to Dun's annual report of failures, were 11,520 in number, with assets of \$57,826,098, and liabilities of \$102,676,112, a most striking improvement compared with the 12,139 failures in 1904, when assets were \$34,438,076 and liabilities \$144,302,211. In every comparison the figures for 1905 are more satisfactory than those for the previous year. Thus, in manufacturing operations there were 2,725 failures, against 2,843, while liabilities were \$44,252,629, against \$52,950,473; trading failures numbered 8,475, against 8,998, and liabilities were \$44,254,592, compared with \$64,429,344.

Other commercial failures, such as brokerage, real estate, insurance, etc., not properly included in the two principal divisions, were 319 in number and \$8,659,046 in amount, against 453 failures in 1904, when the liabilities were \$26,322,194. This is the most striking decrease in amount of liabilities, and is partly due to the Baltimore fire in the previous year, although the decreases were also large in other sections of the country. Notably New York, Massachusetts and Illinois. In all, 73 suspensions of banks and other fiduciary institutions with an aggregate defaulted indebtedness of \$20,237,155, against 93 in the previous year for \$23,158,811.

## FOG IN NEW YORK

### Many Boats Astray and Several Accidents Resulted.

### NUMEROUS NARROW ESCAPES

### Two Ferry Boats in Collision and One Man Was Fatally Injured.

New York, Jan. 4.—Scores of tug and steamers were astray in a dense fog which enveloped New York harbor, Hudson river and East river for over an hour today. One wreck, a collision in which one man was fatally injured, and several smaller accidents were reported. Fully half the ferry lines stopped running for about an hour. Thousands of persons living in New Jersey, Long Island and Staten Island were delayed from entering Manhattan to attend their business and many of those ferryboats which did venture to penetrate the white veil hiding Manhattan arrived at the docks with stories of hairbreadth escapes.

On Homer Shoal a tugboat was sunk and the life savers went to the rescue of her crew, who sought refuge on one of a string of rafts which she had in tow.

The Erie railroad passenger ferryboat Passaic was run down in Hudson river by the ferryboat Binghamton of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad. The Passaic's side was crushed in so badly that the water of the men's cabin fell partially into this room. One bulkhead was also crushed in. Nicholas Carlo, a deckhand, was fatally injured and Thomas F. Piper, a passenger, was slightly hurt. Fortunately the Passaic was carrying very few passengers.

The Binghamton backed away to the fog, leaving the Passaic helpless and trying with one paddle wheel crushed. For a time the ferry boat seemed to be in such danger of sinking that the lifeboats were lowered, ready to be thrown overboard.

Carlo was put on one of the tugs and sent ashore to the hospital. He was seated with his back to the outer wall in the men's cabin, being thrown completely across the room by the shock of the collision.

The municipal ferryboat Queens, running to Staten Island, wandered out of her course and sighted the shore of Governor's Island within 15 feet of her paddle wheel. While in the midst of this dangerous passage the passengers on the Queens were thrown into a panic by a booming whistle which bore directly down upon their sides and by the sight of the ferryboat Bronx, which came into view steaming past a few feet farther out in the channel.

The Wall street ferryboats were stopped for an hour. The Long Island City street lines and the ferry to Thirty-ninth street, Brooklyn, also stopped running almost as long and the Brooklyn bridge, compelled to carry most of the overflow crowd, was jammed.

### PRESIDENT TOO BUSY.

Obligated to Refuse to Receive a Delegation of Negroes Yesterday.

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Roosevelt yesterday turned down a delegation of negroes, refusing to see them. The delegation, consisting of Rev. J. S. Corrothers, pastor of a local Methodist church, Rev. J. C. Scott, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, and Prof. W. H. Hart of the law department of Howard university, called at the White House for the purpose of inviting the President to deliver an address before a convention of negroes from all sections of the country to be held here January 24, for the purpose of considering the question of negro suffrage.

The President declined to see the delegation on the ground that he was too busy. This is the first time that President Roosevelt has declined to see a delegation of negroes. The negro ministers were very reluctant when they left and declined to make any comment, but they were greatly chagrined and bitterly disappointed.

### HIS DOG DIDN'T KNOW HIM.

Relative of Croker Got a Shave and Now He Is Sorry.

Montclair, N. J., Jan. 4.—Edward Croker, a relative of the former head of Tammany Hall, and a resident of Montclair, was the possessor of one of the finest beards and heads of hair in the Orange mountains until New Year's day. On that day he took the advice of numerous small boys to "get your hair cut," and in addition had his whiskers shaved off.

Croker also was a dog, and the latter, it seems, didn't recognize him when he came home whiskerless. At any rate, after the shave, the first in many years, when Croker got home his wife answered the bell, and when he tried to enter she shut the door in his face.

Then he went around the back way. The dog was chained near the stoop and growled at his approach. He stooped over to pat the animal and was immediately sorry, for the dog seized him by the hand and bit him severely.

The dog might have torn him to pieces had not help arrived. Neighbors beat the brute off with clubs. The attending physician has advised Croker either to let his whiskers grow or else sell the dog.

## GUILD IS INAUGURATED.

### Massachusetts' Governor Scores New York Insurance Companies.

### COMMANDER OF MORALES' FORCES

### Among the Dead—Many Fell on Both Sides.

Cape Haytien, Haiti, Jan. 4.—Following the attack made January 2 on Puerto Plata, on the northern coast of San Domingo, by General Demetrio Rodriguez, commanding the troops of the fugitive president, General Morales, which resulted in the repulse of the Morales forces by the Caceres garrison, after sharp fighting the Caceres troops, commanded by General Caceres, attacked the Morales troops yesterday in their position outside Puerto Plata.

Stubborn fighting followed, during which many men were killed or wounded on both sides, resulting in the defeat of the Morales forces, who were dispersed by the Caceres troops.

Among the killed was General Demetrio Rodriguez, former governor of Monte Cristi, who, as reported in Monte Cristi, had announced that if his attack on Puerto Plata was successful he would proclaim himself a candidate for the presidency of San Domingo.

The streets of Puerto Plata are almost deserted, the stores are closed and business is at a standstill.

The Dominican exiles, who have been authorized by the Morales party to return to Santo Domingo, are landing at Monte Cristi not far from Puerto Plata.

### CHORUS ON A STRIKE.

Conried's Singers Refused to Appear in Production of Faust.

New York, Jan. 4.—Herr Conried had considerable trouble last night with the initial production of Faust in the Metropolitan Opera house with Mme. Emma in all her glory and Conried Curuso in the title role, owing to the strike of Local 13 of the Actors' Union. At the end of the first scene Herr Conried appeared and read a long type written statement in which he told the audience that local No. 14 of the union had directed his chorus to strike and they refused to go on.

He intimated that he was in favor of raising the salary of the chorus, but not in any such way. He then announced that the performance would go on without any chorus.

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## REBEL TROOPS FLED

### San Domingo Government Forces Won Signal Victory.

### GENERAL RODRIGUEZ KILLED

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### WANTS LAW AMENDED.

Talk Believes Retired Officers Should Get Expenses for Militia Inspections.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The secretary of war today sent to the speaker of the House a letter asking that Congress so amend the law prohibiting retired officers above the grade of major receiving any pay or allowances beyond their full retired pay as to permit retired officers performing militia inspections under the orders of the War department to obtain mileage for the reimbursement of their traveling expenses. The comptroller of the treasury rendered an opinion that mileage is an allowance, within the meaning of the act of Congress prohibiting allowances to these officers, whereby the department does not regard mileage as an allowance, properly so called, but merely a reimbursement of money expended from the pay of an officer in meeting his traveling expenses.

"By reason of the comptroller's decision," says the secretary, "the department has been deprived of the services of retired officers in making inspections under the militia law, as it would be manifestly unjust to require these officers to pay their traveling expenses out of their own pockets, and, as matters stand, there is no way in which they could be reimbursed."

New Jersey's Revenues.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 4.—New Jersey state revenues for 1905 for the incorporation of new companies exceeded those from the same source for 1904 by upward of \$100,000.

There was an increase for the year of \$283 in the number of companies chartered.

The books of the secretary of the state's office show that at the close of business on Saturday 1,192 com-

## A FIGHT AT RIGA

### Armed Workmen in a Clash With the Military.

### MANY KILLED AND WOUNDED

### Revolutionists Seized Factory and Murdered Several Before Troops Arrived.

Riga, Livonia, Russia, Tuesday, Jan. 4.—About 5,000 armed workmen before daylight this morning invaded and took possession of the Provodnik rubber factory and the military as this message is forwarded is bombarding the factory.

The revolutionists killed the policemen who were guarding the building and a detachment crept into an adjoining structure where a patrol of dragoons was asleep and murdered eight dragoons and six stablemen and wounded 11 others.

One man managed to escape and gave the alarm to the troops, two regiments of which, with artillery and six quick firing guns, arrived at the scene by daylight. In the meantime the revolutionists had thrown up barricades and a terrific fire was opened by the troops upon these defenses and on the factory.

In the midst of the confusion existing as this dispatch is written it is impossible to ascertain the number of killed or wounded, but many must have been killed and over 100 wounded have already been carried to the hospitals.

The soldiers are almost insane with fury.

The territory in which the factory is located has been picketed, off by guards who threaten to kill any person approaching. The communication is a narrow escape. It is said that a great number of workmen were killed and many were fired upon before he had an opportunity to explain.

### WORKMEN SURRENDERED.

Prisoners at Riga Will Be Tried by Court Martial.

London, Jan. 4.—A special dispatch from Copenhagen today says that the workmen who seized the Provodnik rubber factory at Riga Tuesday surrendered and delivered up their leaders to the commander of the troops. The prisoners will be tried by court martial.

Heavy, impure blood causes head aches, nausea, indigestion. Thin Men makes you weak, pale, sickly. Burdock Blood Bitters makes the blood rich, red, pure.

### NO PASSES ON PENNSYLVANIA.

Even President Casatt's Son Pays for His Ticket.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—Further grudge against the Pennsylvania railroad is determined to carry out its order abolishing all forms of free transportation was given yesterday, when Robert Kelso Casatt, president of the Keystone Coal Company, purchased commutation tickets for himself and family between Rosemont and this city. Although a son of the railroad's president and head of a concern closely allied with the Pennsylvania, he is treated like all others who formerly enjoyed the pass privilege.

So effective has the anti-pass rule been on the main line of the Pennsylvania that the officers are considering the advisability of taking a coach on two or three trains operating between this city and Pittsburgh. This is made possible by the falling off in the number of passengers having free transportation.

Officers of express companies, whose duties do not require them to travel, have been included in the general anti-pass order. Officials of elevator and steamship companies, who previously held annual passes, have been included in the list of persons deprived of these favors.

### Beats the Music Cure.

"To keep the body in trim," writes Mrs. Mary Brown, 20 Lafayette place, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. "I take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are the most reliable and pleasant laxative I have found." Best for the Stomach, Liver and Bowels. Guaranteed by A. L. Smith, druggist, 25c.

### Artist Well Dead.

London, Jan. 4.—Harrison W. Welfr, the artist, author and journalist, died today. He was born in Lewes, Sussex, May 5, 1824.

"Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is the best remedy for that often fatal disease—croup. Has been used with success in our family for eight years."—Mrs. L. Whiteacre, Buffalo, N. Y.

### LA FOLLETTE SWORN IN.

Former Governor of Wisconsin Takes Seat in the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Robert M. La Follette, former governor of the State of Wisconsin, was today sworn as Senator representing that State.