

Philadelphia Merchant Dies of Self Inflicted Wounds.

HIS FAMILY WAS AT DEATHBED

New York, April 23.—The body of Benedict Gimbel, the Philadelphia merchant, who cut his throat and wrists soon after he had been arrested on serious charges, and who died in St. Mary's hospital, Hoboken, was taken to Philadelphia. The coroner was called to the hospital, but as the case was plain a certificate of death giving suicide as the cause was given and the body turned over to the family.

He died in the arms of his devoted wife, who had been at his bedside ever since the day he was found in the little room in the Palace Hotel with his windpipe partially severed by a jagged piece of broken water pitcher, and the blood flowing from a cut artery in the wrist.

Charles and Isaac Gimbel, brothers, were also in attendance at the last, and there was an affecting scene when Benedict Gimbel at last succumbed to the exhaustion caused by the great loss of blood.

When the dying man finally fell back on his pillow and breathed his last, Mrs. Gimbel swooned and was carried from the death chamber by her brothers-in-law. So prostrated was she by the sudden collapse of her husband after a day of varying hopes and fears that her relatives took her to Philadelphia, where she was placed in charge of physicians.

That the mental strain under which Mr. Gimbel labored because of his arrest was one of the important contributing causes of his failure to recover from his wound is the opinion of Dr. Jariat, the family physician, who came from Philadelphia to attend him. It was only by the constant use of stimulants that the patient was kept alive Sunday, the doctor said. Mr. Gimbel's evident desire to die even after the arrival of the members of his family, who vainly did their best to encourage him to live and fight for his liberty also greatly operated to the disadvantage of the doctors who were striving to save his life.

Mrs. Gimbel had rooms at the hospital, where she could be called at a moment's notice, and was almost constantly at his bedside endeavoring to overcome his desire to be relieved of his troubles by death.

Members of the family had strong hopes that, if Mr. Gimbel recovered, the charges against him could be overcome by the plea of insanity, and they had engaged Mr. Shields, of Philadelphia, to assist Daniel O'Reilly, of this city, as counsel to fight the case. They had planned to send Mr. Gimbel to an asylum if they were successful in court.

[Benedict Gimbel was a member of the firm of Gimbel Brothers, of Philadelphia, which is a corporation managed by seven brothers, deceased being the youngest of the number and owning a small minority block of the stock. They operate one of the largest department stores in the United States.]

KILLED BY FLOBERT RIFLE

Boy Accidentally Shot By Lad While Shooting at a Mark. Scranton, Pa., April 22.—Eugene McGowan, aged 12 years, died at the home of his widowed mother in Honesdale from a bullet wound inflicted by a flobert rifle in the hands of Edward Dolmetach, aged 13 years, of this city, who was on a visit to his grandmother in Honesdale. The boys were shooting at a mark on a barn door in the Dolmetach yard. McGowan happened to be in the rear of the barn while young Dolmetach was shooting. A bullet went through a crack in the barn door, deflected slightly, passed through a seven-eighths inch board and entered McGowan's side, penetrating the liver. He died in five hours.

SUES THE POPE

Heirs of Father Massarenti Claim Part of His Fortune. Rome, April 20.—The heirs of the late Father Marcello Massarenti have brought a law suit against the pope, serving papers upon Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, as his representative. They claim part of his fortune, most of which was derived from the sale of his famous art collection to an American.

Kansas Fruit Crop Destroyed.

Kansas City, April 22.—That 95 per cent. of the peach and apple crop was destroyed by recent cold weather is the opinion of the members of the Missouri Valley Horticultural Society, which met here. The fruit growers who attended the meeting submitted plums and pears are almost a total loss. There will be an 80 per cent. crop of berries. Only 15 per cent. of the grapes were destroyed.

His Heart Torn Out On Track.

Altoona, Pa., April 22.—Torn from his body by the wheels of an engine, the heart of Francisco Imbrenda was thrown 10 feet and lay quivering on the tracks for several minutes in sight of his fellow employees. Imbrenda was run down by a fast engine.

Four Children Cremated.

Fulton, Ky., April 23.—Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Hodad, a Greek merchant, were cremated in a fire which destroyed their residence. Mr. and Mrs. Hodad were badly burned and the latter may not recover.

WAS NOT THE MARVIN BOY

Although Lad at Gloversville, N. Y., Greatly Resembled Him. Gloversville, N. Y., April 22.—Myles Standish, a nephew of Dr. H. M. Marvin, of Dover, Del., father of Horace Marvin, Jr., the kidnapped child, arrived in Gloversville to see the child held here on suspicion that he is the kidnapped Marvin boy.

Mr. Standish went at once to the place where the boy was stopping with the woman alleged to be the wife of Al H. Allen, the suspected kidnapper and saw the child. He made a minute examination of the lad, romped and played with him for half an hour before he became thoroughly convinced that the boy was not Horace Marvin, and so announced himself to Chief Smith, who accompanied him. He acknowledged that the resemblance was striking, but when he came to examine the boy closely there were many points of difference. The boy's face is elongated, while that of the Marvin boy was round. The latter had a scar over his right eye from a cut. The boy here has a scar over his right eye, but it was from a burn. The boy held by the local police has hair several shades darker than Horace Marvin's, and the latter's teeth were regular and in fine condition, while the boy he came here to identify has irregular and poor teeth. The Marvin boy was not ticklish, while the boy claimed to belong to the Allens is extremely so.

LIQUOR CRUSADE IN ATLANTIC

Several Saloonkeepers Arrested For Violating Sunday Law. Atlantic City, N. J., April 23.—A crusade against Sunday liquor selling was opened here when one councilman and a number of other liquor sellers were arrested, charged with violating the liquor law. They were arraigned before Magistrate Hughes and held under \$400 bail for the grand jury, which sits in May. Those arrested were Councilman John Donnelly, Pauline H. Grieb, Annie Horton, Hotel Carlsbad, Louis Weinsaft, Sarah Kelly and James J. Flanagan. It was stated that about 40 more warrants will be issued, which will take in every saloon in the city and reach every hotel and cafe. The crusade is the outcome of a fight made by the Royal Arch Liquor League against a \$500 license fee proposed by council.

TROLLEYS MAY HAUL FREIGHT

The Governor of Pennsylvania Signs the Bill. Harrisburg, Pa., April 23.—The McClain-Homsher trolley freight bill was signed by Governor Stuart. It extends to trolley companies heretofore or hereafter to be incorporated, whether surface, underground or elevated, the right to do an express and light freight business. The authorities of any city, borough or township through which the trolley line runs may regulate the business and the rates to be charged, such regulation to be subject to revision by the common pleas court of the county in which the regulation is made.

BODY OF MISSING BOY FOUND

Tamaqua, Pa., Lad, Reported Kidnaped, Died of Hunger On Mountain. Tamaqua, Pa., April 22.—The body of John Sobel, aged 6 years, who disappeared from Hauto a week ago, and who was thought to have been kidnapped, was found lying beside a mine breach on the Lansford mountain. The condition of the child's body indicates that he had been dead at least four days, and it is believed that he wandered away and died of hunger and exhaustion. It was at first reported that he had been enticed away by a strange man.

Killed Herself Before Children.

Altoona, Pa., April 23.—In the presence of her three small children, Mrs. Margaret Fiske shot herself through the heart at her home in Bellwood. The husband, who is employed as a track hand on the Pennsylvania railroad, attributed the deed to melancholia. Some of the neighbors have raised the suspicion that there may have been foul play. The coroner is investigating the case.

Thrown and Trampled By Horse.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 22.—E. P. Lord, general manager of the H. K. Porter Locomotive Works, while riding a spirited horse across country, was thrown and trampled upon by the horse at Sewickley, a suburb of this city, and is in the Mercy hospital here in a very critical condition. Mr. Lord's body is badly lacerated and he is internally injured.

Steel Orders For Next Year.

Pittsburg, April 18.—The United States Steel corporation, according to the Iron Age, opened its books for rails for 1908 delivery, no change in price being made. It is understood that a number of the railroads desired to secure deliveries for 1908 and that in the aggregate inquiries in hand foot up to about 250,000 tons.

Founder of Temperance Union Dead.

Dunkirk, N. Y., April 22.—Mrs. Esther McNeil, the founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and first president of the organization, died at her home in Fredonia. She was born at Carlisle, N. Y., 94 years ago, and was widely known throughout the United States as a temperance worker.

Preferred Death to Blindness.

Allentown, Pa., April 23.—Fearing that he would become blind Moses Rehrig, a well known resident of Lehighton, committed suicide by hanging. Mr. Rehrig was 71 years of age and was a Civil War veteran, having been confined in Andersonville prison for two months.

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A Sculptor's Boyhood.

One of the memorable exhibits in the art building at the Chicago Fair was the head of a wrinkled old woman carved out of a birch block by the loving hand of her grandson, Anders Zorn. Zorn is now recognized as one of the world's great artists. He paints and etches now more than he carves, and when he had an exhibition of his work in Paris last summer crowds of people went to gaze and admire. The artist told a friend how his career began. He was a peasant lad tending his father's flocks when he began to amuse himself by carving with his knife images of the animals in his care. He says: "To make my sculptures more lifelike I used to imitate antique statuary by stoning my work. My palette was the palm of my hand, and I made a mixture of bilberry juice and certain coloring substances obtained from little wood flowers. The first work I sold represented an enraged cow! I received generous payment for it, in the shape of a son and a little white loaf, from one of my friends, a shepherd. Even that day when the Duchesse d'Osmana commissioned me to paint her portrait, my joy was not greater than when I received that son and that little white loaf! I often return

to look at my great woods and my dear Dalecarlian peasants in their fine, striking costumes; and when I am among them—ever in their eyes the little shepherd boy of other days—I spend the happiest hours of my life. It was during one of those trips that I carved, in birchwood, as formerly, the bust of my old grandmother."

A woman who has mislaid her hat has been known to look for it in her purse, among other impossible places. If women realized that much of the medical treatment received from local practitioners was an effort only to locate disease, and a search for it in most unlikely and impossible places, they would place a higher value on the opinion of a specialist like Dr. Pierce. His wide experience in the treatment and cure of more than half a million women enables him to promptly locate the disease by its symptoms. For all diseases of the delicate womanly organs there is no medicine so sure to heal as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter, free of charge. All correspondence strictly private. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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